

IPAC Eastern Ontario 2014 Annual Report

2014 Executive:

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New ICP: Kerri-Anne Wilson RN, BScN, CIC

Number of Members: **77 paid members**
 5 honorary chapter members
 2 honorary IPAC Canada members
 23 members have CIC

Geographic Area Served: Eastern Ontario, bordered by Trenton in the west, Cardinal in the east, North Bay in the North, the St. Lawrence River on the south and including Cameroon West Africa.

Membership

Our membership includes physicians, nurses, medical laboratory technologists, public health inspectors and industry members from all health care sectors - acute care, long-term care, mental health, community care, home care, prehospital care, military bases and correctional facilities.

Meetings

The chapter had two full-day meetings (June and November) and three half-day meetings (February, April, September). Meetings were held in Kingston, Ontario. Videoconferencing is provided for our meetings. Education is an important component of all chapter meetings. Education included presentations by Craig Lawrie from the Ministry of Labour, Sue Cooper (*Principles of Reprocessing*), Debbie Sikora (*Public Health Ontario Laboratories*) and Darlene Campbell (*Ebola, the KGH Experience*).

Highlights

In April one of our members, Susan Cooper, received an honorary life membership to IPAC-EO for her long service and dedication to the chapter. In June, a very successful Boot Camp was held. The chapter library was disbanded in September, as the need for books, journals and paper resources has dwindled in this electronic age. Items will be sent to our colleagues in Cameroon. Our members raised funds for the Cameroon Twinning Project by selling African artifacts at the Boot Camp and at the IPAC Canada conference in Halifax. Proceeds will be used to send PPE to Cameroon in the spring of 2015, to assist with their Ebola preparations.

Submitted by Shirley McDonald, Chapter President 2014