

## IPAC Eastern Ontario 2015 Annual Report

### **2015 Executive:**

**President:** Shirley McDonald ART CIC  
**President-elect:** David Ryding BHS Sc BAsC CIPHI(C) MPH CIC  
**Secretary:** Leanna Gillan RN BScN  
**Treasurer:** Mary Anne Lupenette RN  
**Membership:** David Ryding BHS Sc BAsC CIPHI(C) MPH CIC  
**Education:** Amanda Knapp BAsC CIPHI(C) CIC  
**New ICP:** Kerri-Anne Wilson RN, BScN, CIC

### **2016 Executive:**

**President:** David Ryding BHS Sc BAsC CIPHI(C) MPH CIC  
**President-elect:** VACANT  
**Secretary:** Leanna Gillan RN BScN  
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**Membership:** David Ryding BHS Sc, BAsC, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC  
**New ICP:** Debbie McIntyre RN BScN

**Number of Members:** 79 paid members  
5 honorary chapter members  
2 honorary IPAC Canada members  
28 members have CIC

**Geographic Area Served:** Southeastern Ontario, bordered by Brighton in the west, Prescott in the east, Smiths Falls and Bancroft in the north, the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario 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 Ariella Zbar (*2014/15 Flu Season: Lessons Learned*), Barb Shea (*Experiences with Ebola*), Dr. Gary Garber (*How do you solve a problem like VRE?*), Jim Gauthier (*Construction Issues*) and Dr. Kieran Moore (*2015-2016 Influenza Season: Our Annual Epidemic*).

### **Highlights**

In 2015, our chapter sent a large amount of personal protective equipment and other supplies to our colleagues in West Africa to support our Cameroon Twinning Project in their preparations for Ebola virus. Chapter members Shirley McDonald and Sally MacInnis presented our twinning project in a session at the 2015 conference in Victoria. Also at the 2015 conference, IPAC-EO won the 3M chapter achievement award and one of our members, David Ryding, won the Ecolab Poster Contest for his winning poster "*Infection Prevention – Think Global, Act Local*". In addition, chapter member Sue Cooper chaired a CBIC Workshop at the conference. IPAC-EO won an award for the largest membership increase (15%), thanks to David Ryding's diligent efforts to recruit new members. In 2015 our chapter recognized our founding member, Carol Whyman, with the Carol Whyman Scholarship Award, presented annually to a member to assist with costs related with continuing education.

*Submitted by Shirley McDonald, Chapter President 2015*