

IPAC BC Annual Report

2018 Executive

President: Kelly Dillon

President-elect: Jacqueline Hlagi

Secretary: Baljinder Sidhu

Treasurer: Kam Riarh,

Membership Director/Webmaster: Noorsallah Esmail

2019 Executive

President: Jacqueline Hlagi

President-elect: Amira Imamovic Buljubasic,

Secretary: Baljinder Sidhu

Treasurer: Kam Riarh,

Membership Director/Webmaster: Noorsallah Esmail

Number of Members: 195

Geographic Area Served:

British Columbia and the Yukon

Membership

Members come from a variety of professional fields, including, Infection Prevention and Control representation from all 6 health authorities including Providence Health Care, Industry Representation, the Good Samaritan Society, and Yale town House Society. There is representation from Acute Care, Residential Care and Mental Health and Substance Use programs. There is representation from Epidemiology, Medical Microbiologists and Health Canada - First Nations & Inuit Health nursing, epidemiology, medical, and industry, working in acute, long-term, community, outpatient, prehospital care and industry.

Meetings

All meetings take the form of education and general business meeting, in person or via skype.

- **February** – education provided by Coleen Reiswig and Kelly Dillon- BC Wildfires & Infection Control – Interior Health Coleen Reiswig & Kelly Dillon followed by general business meeting
- **April** – education provided by AMG Medical-IC Action Pack: Disinfection & Prevention, followed by business meeting
- **June** – education provided by Medline-protective Apparel, followed by General meeting.
- September. General meeting
- **November:** (annual general meeting) education provided by: Choice Probiotics/Chemac Industries, followed by general meeting. This was our AGM and therefore included the executive positions election process. Voting for the President Elect.

Highlights

- Three education scholarships supported IPAC BC members in attending the National IPAC Canada Conference and the annual IPAC BC education day.
 - Mary McNaughton and Lisa Young, Bal Sidhu -IPAC BC Education Scholarships
 - Annie She - Moira Walker Award-to attend the Asia-Pacific Congress of clinical microbiology and infection Control
- The Chapter supported the 2018 President to attend the National IPAC Canada Conference
- The IPAC-BC education day was in Kelowna BC - “Where Infections Need Elimination (W.I.N.E.) was a great success. Attended by 55 members and guests- Attendees appreciated the networking opportunities, discussions with industry vendors and a variety of educational presentations.

- IPAC BC members continue to represent the profession, the chapter and the national organization at all levels and at all opportunities.
- IPAC-BC Members have been very active in IPAC and Quality Initiatives this year-
 - Tara Donovan PICNet director
 - Bal Sidhu –is the acute care representative in the national IPAC Canada conference planning committee. Bal attended 2018 Hill day in Ottawa to discuss with officials the global threat of AROs and the need for a national surveillance data repository on AROs and HAIs.
 - Kelly Dillon: participated in the 2 full day strategic planning with IPAC Canada
 - Jacqueline Hlagi, Membership Core Committee chair, participated in the 2 full day strategic planning with IPAC

Jacqueline Hlagi/ Bal Sidhu
IPAC-BC Chapter President-elect 2018



IPAC-NA Infection Prevention and Control Northern Alberta
A Chapter of Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) - Canada

Current Year's Executive 2018

President: Denise Sorel, BScN, RN, CIC
President-elect: Yvette Gable, RN
Secretary: Erin Roberts, RN, BScN, CIC
Treasurer: Ravneet Sandhu, BSc, BEH, CPHI (C)
Education Chair: Mandeep Atwal, BSc, BEH, CPHI (C)
Webmaster: Sara Gallinger, RN, BScN
Past President: Tiffany Herrick, RN, BScN

Next Year's Executive 2019

President: Yvette Gable, RN
President-elect: Jennifer Parsonage, RN, BScN, CIC
Secretary: Brenda Jenkins, BScN, RN, CIC
Treasurer: Crystelle Ong, MLT, BSc (MLS)
Education Chair: Mandeep Atwal, BSc, BEH, CPHI (C)
Webmaster: Sara Gallinger, RN, BScN
Past President: Denise Sorel, BScN, RN, CIC

Number of Members: 81 (as of end Dec)

Geographic Area Served: Northern and North Central Alberta from the NWT border to Red Deer.

Meetings

Six chapter meetings and four executive meetings were held.

Chapter meetings included a one-hour education presentation followed by a one-hour meeting.

Executive meetings were one hour.

The education provided included:

January: "Key Criteria for an Ideal Disinfectant" by Gord Platt, AHS Specialist, Western Canada Diversey.

March: "CHEEP/CHEER Project Experience" by Susan Jacka, Covenant Health IPC

April: "Orange is the New Black: Inmates & IPC" by Mandeep Atwal, Alberta Health Services, IPC

June: Conference Poster Summaries, Luncheon, Paint Event.

September: "IPAC Week Ideas" by Jennifer Parsonage, Alberta Health Services IPC

November: "IPC and Connect Care" by Samantha Woolsey, Alberta Health Services IPC

Highlights

Many Chapter members attended the National Conference in Banff and a significant number presented oral and poster presentations. NA chapter members Erin Roberts, Melody Cordoviz and Mark Scott won Diversey scholarships.

Our chapter continues to promote and recognize certification. This year, a free gift (CBIC CIC patch) was given to each member who held or achieved their CIC in 2018. 29 patches were gifted. This initiative was funded by a chapter member, not from chapter funds.

Our chapter offers reimbursement of \$400 for successful completion of CIC and one member applied through the education fund.



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A new format was used this year to increase communication with members who use the distance connection (Skype). The meeting content was imbedded in a PPT to provide visuals for each agenda item.

A new meeting component was added this year, called “Member Profile”, where one member would present about 5 minutes of info to introduce themselves to the chapter in the following format: about me; about my work; one of the challenges in my job; one of my work successes; one thing surprising about my job; and advice I would give if you asked me. This section of the meeting was well received and will continue in 2019.

Starting in 2018, a “Committee and Interest Group Rep News” summary was created and shared in June and December. Chapter reps were invited to summarize their meeting outcomes and involvement in their respective groups. This info was inserted into a “news” template where all current news and names of the chapter representatives can be found. This format for sharing news was well received and will continue in 2019.

We are planning a one-day IPAC Education Day in Sept 2019 in Edmonton.

Submitted by: Denise Sorel on behalf of the IPAC Northern Alberta Chapter. Jan 16, 2019



IPAC-Southern Alberta Chapter 2018 Annual Report

Current Year's Executive -2018

President: Kim Houde –IPC –Peter Lougheed Centre (PLC)

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Heather MacLaurin, IPC- Community

Treasurer: Kris Cannon- IPC-FMC

Education Coordinator: Jason Morris, IPC- Rural

Seminar/Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant

Webmaster: Dione Kolodka, IPC- PLC

Past President: Grant Moir- IPC- EMS

Number of Members:

Jan 2019 - 81 members

Geographic Area Served:

South and South/Central Alberta (AB). Our borders extend from Red Deer (north) to the AB/USA border (south); then from the BC/AB (west) to the AB/SK (East) borders.

Membership:

IPAC-Southern Alberta (IPAC-SA) membership consists of the following demographics:

- Infection Prevention and Control professionals from acute care hospital sites, assisted/supportive living sites, urban and rural community sites and pre-hospital care.
- Representatives from industry, environmental services, medical device reprocessing, educational institutions, private consultants, dental offices and individuals with an interest in Infection Control

Meetings

A summary of frequency of Chapter meetings, format, guest speakers throughout the year

There were 9 meetings held during 2018. 3- in person meetings and 6 -LYNC meetings. All meetings included 2 components: An education session & business meeting* as per standard agenda *Included round table for sharing strategies, concerns & networking.

Education and Guest speakers: Jan to Dec, 2018

FEBRUARY 2018- CHELSEA BARLOW- DIRTT (DOING IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME)

MARCH 2018- "HEIDI HO & SARAH BAWA- PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS- ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH- "IN THE FIELD EXPERIENCES"

MAY 2018- SARAH YUSUF BAWA -"ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH- BED BUGS IN SOCIAL CARE FACILITIES-

JUNE 2018- MONICA GOTTSCHLING- OSTOMY, SKIN AND WOUND CONSULTANT EDUCATOR- ISFL – "WOUND ASSESSMENT OF ACUTE & CHRONIC WOUNDS"

SEPTEMBER 2018- "INFLUENZA SEASON-2016-2017- "WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE?"- IPAC-SA MEMBERS

OCTOBER 2018- "JENNIFER ELLISON- IPC-SURVEILLANCE & STANDARDS- "LEARNINGS FROM THE IPAC CANADA CONFERENCE & A BRIEF POSTER PRESENTATION"

NOVEMBER 2018- DIONE KOLODKA- AHS-IPC-"SURFING THE IPAC-SA WEBSITE" & CORRINNE PIDHORNEY/MICHELLE PLATT- AHS-IPC- "AAMDRT 2018 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW"

DECEMBER 2018-JIM GAUTHIER- SENIOR CLINICAL ADVISOR-IPC-"CLEANING ONCE A DAY IS NOT ENOUGH"

Highlights in alphabetical order- January to December- 2018, Including IPAC National Conference in Banff in May of 2018

- Alison Devine- Co-Author of a poster presented at the National Conference in Banff on “ Evaluating the Use of a Toolkit to Guide Frontline Healthcare Providers in Using Standardized Guidelines when caring for Patients with Clostridium Difficile Infection”, One of the authors on posters presented at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff-“ Practice reviews- Partnerships for Patient Safety-Central Zone Infection Control Program”
- Annie Fong- A member of IPAC-SA planning committee for fundraising for IPAC National. Presented a poster at the IPAC National Conference on “ A Surgical Site Infection Prevention Bundle for Cerebrospinal Fluid Shunt Insertions and Revisions Towards Infection Reduction and Cost Avoidance”
- Ashley Shackelford- Obtained her CIC
- Bernice Heinrichs- Received the 2018 Diversey Education Scholarship to attend the National Conference. Presented a Poster at IPAC National on “Updating the Alberta Health Services Infection Prevention & Control Manual
- Betty Soanes - One of the authors on posters presented at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff-“ Practice reviews- Partnerships for Patient Safety-Central Zone Infection Control Program”
- Dione Kolodka- Volunteer coordinator for the IPAC Canada Conference, helped out with the fun run, invited presenter with Ghazwan on IPC in SIM, attended meeting of Standards and Guidelines, helped out with the chapter raffle. Member of IPAC-SA Executive
- Gwyneth Meyers- Received the CJIC 2018 Editorial Award for 3 papers published in 2018. “An exploration of IPAC educational intervention research: What do we mean by education?” (CJIC, summer 2018); “Design-Based Research: Introducing an innovative research methodology to infection prevention and control” (CJIC, fall 2018) ; “Understanding infection control professionals’ educational practice: There is more to it than meets the eye” (CJIC, winter 2018) . Scientific Chair of the 2018 IPAC Canada National Conference held in Banff, Member of the IPAC Canada Core Education Committee , Presented IPAC Webinar Nov 22, 2018 Writing Abstracts: Tips and Tricks, Co-authored the articles in the IPAC Newsletter “Your Education Matters”: You can Lead Them to Water, But Can you Make Them Drink: Motivating Learners Spring Ed. Do Educational Theories Matter Summer Ed., Had a series of 4 papers accepted for publication in CJIC (2 were published in Summer and Fall 2018 and 2 will be published Winter and Spring 2019), Was a finalist for the 2018 Canadian Association for Graduate Studies Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Calgary’s nominee for the Humanity and Social Sciences category. The dissertation was entitled *Building Educational Practice and Culture in Infection Prevention and Control: A Design-Based Research Study*
- Heather Gagnon- Presented a poster prepared by the AHS-IPC Hand Hygiene Program entitled “Hand Hygiene Compliance Reviews by Site Based Reviewers”. Attended IPAC 2018-NEC
- Heather MacLaurin- member of IPAC Canada Membership Core Committee & Member of IPAC-SA Executive
- Heidi O’Grady- member of the IPAC Canada Education Core Committee, gave a webinar on “The Art of Giving and Receiving Feedback”, Had 2 posters at the IPAC-Canada Banff Conference- One of the authors on: “Revisiting the Systematic Reviews on Preoperative Bathing with Chlorhexidine with a Focus on Clean Surgeries Demonstrates a Reduction in Surgical Site Infections” , and co-author of “Root Cause Analysis and Suggested Corrective Actions for Increased Peripheral Line Infections on a Medical/Surgical Unit”. Presented at the Infusion Nursing Standards Conference Calgary, March 8 2018 “PVADs in the Zone”
- IPAC-SA hosted the National Conference in Banff and many of our IPAC –SA members attended.
- Jason Morris- Led the Community team in Calgary Zone in the making of the Community Poster- “Oh the Places You Will Go” & presented it at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff. Member of IPAC-SA Executive
- Jenean Johnson- One of the authors on posters presented at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff- “Improving the Antibiotic-resistant Organism Risk-Assessment and Screening Process”

- Jennifer Ellison- Volunteered at National Conference at Run for IFIC, IPAC Booth & Door Greeter, Posters at the IPAC National Conference: Author- “Updating the Alberta Health Services Infection Prevention and Control Orientation Manual”, First Author: “ In the Clear: An Evaluation Of a Provincial IPC Protocol to Clear Patients of Their ARO Active Status/Remove Their ARO Flag in Clinical Information Systems”, Author-“Adverse Outcomes following Clostridium Difficile Infection in Continuing care Facilities Across Alberta Health Services”, First Author on “ Preliminary Findings of the 2017 Alberta Acute Care Point Prevalence Survey”, Author on “Hand Hygiene Compliance Reviews by Site Based Reviewers”,
- Jennifer Happe- Appointed Membership Director on the Board in May 2018, Chair of the Surveillance and Applied Epidemiology Group, worked on the CNAPP group on their 2019 PP protocol and tools for AC in northern and rural parts of Canada in 2018 and ran a pilot with the new protocol at RDRH in Dec 2018, worked on the PHAC group on their 2019 PP protocol and tools for LTC in Canada 2018. One of the authors on posters presented at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff-“ ESBL-Continuing Care Surveillance Project-Central Zone Infection Control Program”, “ Improving the Antibiotic-resistant Organism Risk-Assessment and Screening Process”,
- Jennifer McMullen- One of the authors on posters presented at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff-“Improving the Antibiotic-resistant Organism Risk-Assessment and Screening Process”
- Joyce Erebor- Presented an Oral Presentation at IPAC National on Hand Hygiene Review: Behavioral Modification to Improve Compliance and Facilitate Cultural Shift”. Also won an award for the “Best-First Time Abstract Award” for this Presentation.
- Kaethel Decker- Obtained her CIC.
- Karen Cargill- member of the IPAC 2018 Conference Scientific Committee, Passed CIC exam
- Kim Houde- President of the IPAC-SA Chapter hosted a 35th Anniversary party for the Chapter in Dec.
- Kris Cannon- Part of the Organizing Committee for IPAC-Canada Banff Meet & Greet & member of IPAC – SA Executive
- Leeanne VanRootselar- First Author to the Poster Presentation at IPAC National Conference: “Working Together: A Successful Multidisciplinary Team Approach in Hospital Construction and Renovation”
- Linda Kamhuka- Contributing Author to the Poster Presentation at IPAC National Conference: “Working Together: A Successful Multidisciplinary Team Approach in Hospital Construction and Renovation”
- Lisa Acorn- co- author on a poster presented at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff-“Walking Infection Prevention and Control Orientation- A Change of Pace”
- Lori Stuber- Chair of IPAC-CHIG, Presented a poster at IPAC National, Received the 2018 Diversey Education Scholarship, One of the authors on posters presented at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff-“Improving the Antibiotic-resistant Organism Risk-Assessment and Screening Process”
- Mary LeBlanc – IPAC-SA Honorary member – won an award at the National Conference for her long term commitment/contributions to IPAC
- Michelle Platt-Part of the Organizing Committee for IPAC-Canada Banff Meet & Greet
- Nana Asante- One of the authors on posters presented at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff-“Improving the Antibiotic-resistant Organism Risk-Assessment and Screening Process”
- Nancy Alfieri - received recognition at the IPAC National Conference for her longstanding contributions to IP&C.
- Natasha Usher-Hameluck- One of the authors on a poster presented at the IPAC- Canada Conference in Banff-“ ESBL-Continuing Care Surveillance Project-Central Zone Infection Control Program”, co-author of poster-“Walking Infection Prevention and Control Orientation- A Change of Pace”
- Roberta McCombie- IPAC Oncology Group Chair, Banff Conference IFIC Run Co-Coordinator, Banff Conference invited speaker and attendee- Presented on “Green Roofs, Courtyards and Living Walls for a New Oncology Facility: Cultivating Well- Being or Propagating Microbes”. This Presentation was also presented for the SASKPIC Annual Education Conference in Regina, Sask.

SASKATCHEWAN PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL (IPAC SASKPIC)

2019 Executive

President: Sherry Engel, RN, BSN, CIC

President-Elect: Lesley McLean, MSc. CIC

Secretary: Melayna Fusick RN, BSN, BCOMM

Treasurer/Membership Coordinator: Alyssa Baade, BSc MLT CIC

Education and Programs Coordinator: Cheyanne Roth, RD BSc (Nutr)

Webmaster: Gwen Cerkowniak RN BSN CIC

Past President: Karrie Yausie BA BScOT CIC

2020 Executive

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Webmaster: Gwen Cerkowniak RN BSN CIC

Past President: Karrie Yausie BA BScOT CIC

Number of Members: 74 members - 26 with CIC designation

Geographic Area Served: The Province of Saskatchewan

Membership: Our membership includes people from every area of healthcare and service.

Meetings

Two general meetings were held on April 11th and September 28th (AGM in Regina).

The chapter held seven executive meetings by teleconference to discuss:

- IPAC SASKPIC spring and fall conferences - AGM held in Regina (September)
- IPAC SASKPIC Budget
- IPAC SASKPIC Membership Recruitment
- Scholarship awards for SASKPIC members to attend IPAC-Canada conference in Charlottetown

Highlights

2018 Fall Conference September 28th – IPAC from A to Z : (Presentation slides now posted on Chapter Website)

- [Your Friends in the Lab](#): how microbiology can help in the fight against AMR (**Dr. Jessica Minion**)
- [As the Hospital Turns](#) - the Continuing Saga of Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection (**Terry Shaw and Corey Weisgerber**)
- [The Patient has What?](#) Zoonotic Diseases: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly (**Dr. Meredith Faires**)
- [EMS: IPAC](#) in the former Saskatoon Health Region (**Erika Stebbings and Sherri Julé**)

2018 Spring Session: April 11th - Antimicrobial Stewardship - Justin Kosar, BSc. BSP

<https://ipac-canada.adobeconnect.com/pcwgg2pwi04r/>

Sherry Engel, BA BSN ICP CIC, SASKPIC President



Manitoba Chapter Annual Report

2018 Executive

President: Shelly Rempel RN, BN, CIC

President-elect: Vacant

Past President: Jennifer Regier RN, MSN, CIC

Secretary: Preston Cameron MLT

Treasurer: Lori Fleetwood RN, BN

Education Co-Chairs: Brenda Dyck RN, BN; Gord Platt BA; Megan Sodomsky BSc; Rhea Shymko RN, BN

2019 Executive

President: Shelly Rempel RN, BN, CIC

President-elect: Myrna Dyck, RN, BN, BSc, MSc

Past President: Vacant

Secretary: Barbara Olson

Treasurer: Lori Fleetwood RN, BN

Education Chair: Davenna Conrod, RN, BN, GNC(C)

Number of Members: 41

Geographic Area Served: Manitoba

Membership

Membership includes representatives from acute care, long term care, public health, mental health, dentistry, laboratory technicians and healthcare industry

Meetings

The chapter meets every other month with the exception of the summer months. Chapter meetings are held in person with a teleconference option. Meetings start with a 60-minute education session followed by a 75-minute meeting that includes journal club and roundtable discussion.

Highlights

The chapter hosted another successful annual education conference in June 2018 attended by healthcare providers and support staff from across the province with representation in each sector. The chapter also provided a member education day coupled with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November 2018. Four IPAC MB members attended the 2018 IPAC Canada National Conference in Banff.

Membership recruitment has been one of our goals for 2018. A decision was made at the end of 2017 – Any new/returning members from October 2017 to June 2018 would receive their second year of IPAC membership free! We were pleased to award 4 new members and 2 returning members at the conference! A decision was made to continue the free second year membership for new members from January to June 2019. At the end of 2018, a survey was sent out to all IPAC MB members to look at preference for day/time of chapter meetings and what would entice members to attend meetings (if not already attending). Several of the objectives to meet the chapter's strategic goals/objectives are no longer attainable due to lack of human resources and decreased membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Rempel

IPAC Northwestern Ontario

Executive 2018

President: Hilary McIver, RN, HBSCHN, MA (Retired as of September 2018)
Amanda Brizard, RN, CIC (President as of September 2018)

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Karen Battigelli, RN PSCN

Treasurer: Diana Gowanlock, RN BSCN CIC

Executive 2019

President: Amanda Brizard, RN, CIC

President-elect: Vacant

Secretary: Janet Paulson, BScN, RN, IIWCC

Treasurer: Katherine Bell, MSc

Number of Members: 28

Geographic Area Served:

Northwestern Ontario (IPAC NWO) covers a large geographic area with most of the members residing in areas approximately 4- 8 hours' driving distance or further. We cover the area the size of France.

Members are able to attend the meetings generally by teleconference.

Membership

The chapter has a diverse group of health care providers from long-term care, public health, rehabilitation to acute care settings. All have chief responsibility in providing and ensuring infection prevention and control is practiced within their institutions.

Meetings:

In the past the chapter has met twice a year. These meetings consisted of an education period followed by relevant business to the chapter. Members located remotely are provided with access to teleconference in order to participate in these meetings. This year there will be two education session held, one in the spring and one in the fall. These will be held in a teleconference format and members will be provided with an opportunity to hear from two speakers that have been secured by the president on relevant educational topics within Infection Control. The chapter will then meet twice this year to review and discuss chapter business.

Highlights:

During 2018 the chapter did not meet for their regular two meetings nor was there any education provided due to the preparation of Hilary McIver's retirement and the changeover of the president role.

Amanda Brizard, RN, CIC
Chapter President

IPAC Simcoe Muskoka Chapter

2018 Executive

President: Sean Brown

President-elect: Vacant

Past President: Jodi-Marie Black

Secretary: Deb Paton

Treasurer: Amanda Sturgeon

Education Coordinator: Jenee Wallace

Webmaster: Heidi Pitfield (ad-hoc)

2019 Executive

President: Vacant

President-elect: Vacant

Past President: Sean Brown

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Amanda Sturgeon

Education Coordinator: Vacant

Webmaster: Heidi Pitfield (ad-hoc)

Number of Members: 31

Geographic Area Served: The region of Simcoe Muskoka which combines Simcoe County and the Muskokas (also nicknamed “cottage country”) and a portion of Grey County. Both are part of the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) which contains a population of just under half a million residents.

Organizations providing health care in the North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN include: 7 hospitals, 21 LTC homes, 3 Community Health Centres, 23 various Community Health Services and 7 Community Mental Health facilities.

Membership

IPAC-SM membership is primarily a mix of acute care IPAC practitioners and Public Health Unit staff (nurses and PHIs). We have a few industry members. We have struggled to recruit members from LTC and community health care providers.

Meetings

Typically the Executive meetings are held once a quarter in January, April, July and October with Chapter meetings happening roughly one month later each quarter in February, May, August and November. Chapter meetings usually involve an education session provided via webinar. Both Chapter and Executive meetings occur virtually (webinar/teleconference) given the geographical area covered by the chapter.

Highlights

No special events or education days were held in 2018.

IPAC HUPIC

2018 Executive

President: Adel Coulter RPN CIC
President-elect: vacant
Secretary: Laura Farrell
Treasurer: Christina Milani CIC

2019 Executive

President: Adel Coulter RPN CIC
President-elect: vacant
Secretary: Laura Farrell
Treasurer: Christina Milani CIC

Number of members: 17

Geographic Area Served: Grey, Bruce and Huron area.

Membership is comprised of long term care, hospitals, Public Health Ontario IPAC West, and industry.

Meetings

We hold regular chapter meetings.

We did not have any formal guest speakers this year. Alternately we have local ICPs present information. 'IPAC 101 for Community Health Care Settings' – September 26, 2018

IPAC PANA Chapter Annual Report 2018

2018 IPAC PANA Executive

President: Debbie Valickis RN, BScN, CIC
President-elect: Michelle Vadori-Cina RN, CIC
Secretary: Kanwal Sekhon, RN, BScN
Treasurer: Anne Augustin MLT, CIC
Webmaster: Meghan Davies RN, BScN, CIC
Education Facilitator/Lead: Maryam Khan, BSc

2019 Executive

President: Meghan Davies RN, BScN, CIC
President-elect: vacant
Secretary: Acting - Anne Augustin MLT, CIC
Treasurer: Anne Augustin MLT, CIC
Education Lead: Cailin Banks, RN, BScN, MScN, CIC
Past President and Webmaster: Debbie Valickis RN, BScN

Number of Members: 40

Geographic Area Served: Peel and Neighboring areas – Mississauga, Brampton, Orangeville, Caledon, Halton

Membership

Membership of IPAC PANA remains fairly constant. Our members are primarily nurses, medical laboratory technologists, public health nurse/inspectors, epidemiologists and dental workers working in a wide array of settings from emergency services, long term care, acute care, dental, community, public health and industry.

Meetings

Our chapter met five times this year. Our meetings focused on education and a very condensed business portion. We had a variety of excellent educational presentations/activities including:

- A reprocessing tour of Peel Memorial Hospital reprocessing department
- Outbreak and overflow presentation by Jackie Nugent, Trillium Health Care Partners
- IPAC teaching strategies presentation by our industry member, Jim Gauthier
- UTI program presentation by Jill Richmond Public Health Ontario and learnings from Kelly McKenna at the Davis Centre, a Peel LTCH who participated in the pilot of the UTI program
- CPE presentations by Public Health Ontario, Peel Public Health and William Osler Health System

Highlights

2018 was another great year for IPAC PANA and its members. The 2018 Ecolab IPAC Poster theme “IPAC: No Borders” was given by our member Alexis Silverman. Our chapter received an award for most increased membership along with our sister chapter CSO. Three of our members attended the IPAC Canada conference in Banff. Anne Augustin was a member of the 2018 conference planning committee. Michelle Vadori-Cina gave an excellent presentation on the pre-conference day “Read, Interpret and Follow the Instructions of Disinfectant Labels”. Debbie Valickis was able to attend the 2-day IPAC Canada’s Strategic Planning Sessions to chapter president funding. As well, our chapter donated towards the IFIC run.

Memorable Chapter Highlights:

- The IPAC PANA Lindsay Gembicki Memorial Fund was established this year in memory of our dear member Lindsay Gembicki. Lindsay served on our Executive team as secretary and was instrumental to many chapter events prior to her illness and passing. Lindsay had achieved her CIC months prior to her illness, and we wanted to establish this memorial fund to honor her enthusiasm and dedication to infection prevention and control. This fund provides financial support to IPAC PANA members to obtain their CIC or SARE. In 2018, member Meghan Davies was supported through this fund.

- Two members obtained their CICs this year: Meghan Davies and Michelle Vadori-Cina
- Four members completed their SAREs: Cailin Banks, Melissa Miller, Lucia Salagean and Alexis Silverman
- Two facilities were supported with IPAC week funding: Peel Public Health and Tall Pines Long Term Care Home
- Our 3rd annual Summer Social was successfully attended. Jim Gauthier's presentation of "Teacher, Teacher, can you Teach Me" was well received and enjoyed.
- Our November Evening Event CPE Local and Provincial Perspectives included presentations by member Monali Varia, Peel Public Health, member Rajni Pantelidis and Kim Baker, William Osler and member Madeleine Ashcroft, Public Health Ontario was also well attended and received.

Our members are active in many ways. We have a strong engaged executive team. Our member engagement initiative to grow our chapter (Strategic plan 3.1.2) by reaching out to new/returning members has been successful. We would also like to spotlight our Anne Augustin who serves as our Regional Council Representative. Anne's expertise in reprocessing most recently has been demonstrated in an IPAC Canada webinar "The Tooth about Reprocessing in Dental Settings" on November 8, 2018. Anne serves as an active member of the Reprocessing Interest Group of IPAC Canada that published an important position statement on Reprocessing of Critical Foot Care Devices. Anne has contributed so many ways to our chapter and IPAC Canada.

We hope to continue and build our member engagement to make 2019 another successful year in our little chapter!



IPAC Central South Ontario Chapter Annual Report

Current Year's Executive

President: Shelley Schmidt RN, BScN

President Elect: (January to October 2018) Wendy James, RN, BScN, MHS, CIC

Secretary: Tanya Denich BSc MSc CIC

Treasurer: Connie Gittens Webber BSc, MLT, ART, CIC

Next Year's Executive (2019)

President: Shelley Schmidt RN, BScN

President Elect: (February 2019-December 31, 2019) Tricia Hutton, RN, CIC

Secretary: Tanya Denich BSc MSc CIC

Treasurer: Connie Gittens Webber BSc, MLT, ART, CIC

Number of Members: 192

Geographic Area Served: Central South Ontario (Hamilton, Halton, Burlington, Cambridge, Fergus, Guelph, Brantford, St. Catharine's, Niagara, and Haldimand-Norfolk)

IPAC CSO offers face-to face meetings with an educational component to meet the educational needs of our members. Our meetings provide a forum for networking, education and collaboration. Our meetings usually occur on the third Friday of February, April, June, September and December. Meetings are a full day with the morning devoted to chapter business, updates and a question and answer period. Lunch is used for networking and/or working group meeting. The afternoon portion of the meeting includes an educational component provided by an invited guest or chapter member.

On April 12th 2018, we held another successful 22nd Annual IPAC CSO Chapter Education Day- "It's a Team Thing" with approximately 240 Public Health, acute care, and long term care providers in attendance. Presentations included the topics of Group A Streptococcus, CPE, an interactive game of Jeopardy and Infection control scenarios, IPAC lapses in the community setting, Environmental cleaning and disinfection, and Feces management.

In collaboration with PHO IPAC Central West, a Certification in Infection Control (CIC) Community of Practice was held on May 24th and subsequently an 8 session (June to October 2018) Preparatory Series was developed at the beginning of 2018. Several IPAC CSO members volunteered and facilitated sessions.

In collaboration with PHO IPAC Central West a 2 day CSA workshop on Infection Prevention and Control and Construction Renovation Maintenance and Design was held on June 28 and 29th, 2018 for approximately 13 participants.

A summer meeting was held in June and at our September meeting an education session using Adobe Connect on Environmental Cleaning by Terrence Shaw and Corey Weisgerber from Saskatchewan Health Services was provided.

At our November meeting an education session using Adobe Connect on Siri, am I sick? was provided by Natasha Salt. We also distributed the funds delegated and supported by receipts for IPAC week. We celebrated the chapter success with a Holiday celebration event.

We continue to have decreased meeting attendance. Attendance at each meeting: Feb meeting (15), June meeting (21), September (23), November (14). The executive and the committee as a whole have discussed several strategies to improve engagement and attendance. Following IPAC CSO education day in April of 2019, we will be focusing on engagement strategies and meeting attendance.

We continued our financial support for Chapter members to attend conferences and financially assisted Chapter members to recognize and celebrate IPAC week within their organizations.

Our Chapter was pleased to provide monetary donations to the following in 2018- IFIC Scholarship fund; IPAC Canada Presidents fund; United Nations Foundation Bed Net campaign; Good Shepherd Ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Schmidt

Shelley Schmidt
President IPAC CSO

IPAC GTA Annual Report

2018 Executive

President: Rohit Garg MBBS, MPH, CIC
President-elect: Kamyab Ghatan, MD, CIC
Past-president: Eva Skiba RN, BScN, CIC, GNC
Secretary: Melissa Avanness BSc, CIC
Treasurer: Kornelija Delibasic MSc, BAsC CPHI (C), CIC
Marketing Chair: Murtuza Diwan MSc CIC
Networking Co-Chair: Heather Candon MSc, CIC
Networking Co-Chair: Katherine Perkin BSc, CIC
Webmaster: Murtuza Diwan MSc CIC
Education Committee Chair: Kishori Naik BSc, CIC

2019 Executive

President: Kamyab Ghatan, MD, CIC
President-elect: Melissa Avanness BSc, CIC
Past-president: Rohit Garg MBBS, MPH, CIC
Secretary: Amber Linkenheld-Struk BA, MLT, CIC
Treasurer: Kornelija Delibasic MSc, BAsC CPHI (C), CIC
Marketing Chair: Murtuza Diwan MSc CIC
Networking Co-Chair: Heather Candon MSc, CIC
Networking Co-Chair: Alice Silva MPH, CIC
Co-Webmaster: Murtuza Diwan MSc CIC
Co-Webmaster: Stefanie Siau Bsc
Education Committee Chair: Alex Kusiewicz MSc-ID, CPHI(C), CIC

Number of Members: 293 in Dec 2018 (increase of 6 members since 2017). We continue to welcome new members in our chapter over last few years while retaining existing members.

Geographic Area Served

Our membership primarily serves the Great Toronto Area in Ontario- Our area is primarily bounded by Mississauga (West), Barrie (North), Oshawa (East), although we do have some members from further away and some members who are also members of other IPAC-Canada chapters.

Membership

Our membership comes from a diverse background with both varied professional designations as well as work and practice settings with representation from across the continuum of the healthcare system (acute care, long-term care, complex continuing care, mental health, provincial government, public health, private industry, correctional services and community organizations).

Meetings

All meetings had networking opportunity and non-members were encouraged to attend one meeting in order to experience the value of shared learning and networking that IPAC GTA offers. Each meeting starts with acknowledging new members and recognizing members who volunteer their time in various committees and projects.

January 12, 2018: Strategic Planning meeting to review 2017 and plan for 2018 activities and goals with focus on alignment with IPAC-Canada's strategic plan.

February 15, 2018: Cancelled due to unavoidable absence of key executives.

April 16, 2018: Key topics included: Endoscope reprocessing by Sunnybrook Hospital, social media by Helen Evans (Manager social media t IPAC Canada), new electronic triage system by Mackenzie health, medical device reprocessing and audits by Holland Bloorview Healthcare. Public Health updates were provided.

June 22, 2018- We had summer barbeque that each year members look forward to. Members shared experiences from IPAC Canada conference and other IPAC conferences/interest group updates. This provided plenty of opportunity to network where members share their professional development experience and IPAC challenges at work.

Oct 2, 2018- *Annual Education Day*: 215 members, 17 Vendors, 10 Speakers participated and it was very well received as reflected in survey. Topics were interesting to all healthcare sectors, covered emerging issues in IPAC, and rapid fire presentations by various healthcare facilities. Members were given 20% discount compared to previous years.

Nov 2018- *Winter Holiday Meeting*- Judy Croon, a renowned motivational speaker and comedian was keynote speaker. ID Physician from a large community hospital presented on their experience with managing iGAS outbreak. Recipients of IPAC Week funding presented on their IPAC activities and inspired audience. Newly nominated executives announced and elected for 2019.

IPAC GTA CHAT sessions continue to be well attended. IPAC Chat sessions continue to provide networking opportunities and discuss IPAC challenges

IPAC Chat Sessions were held on following dates (1 hour facilitated teleconference/online networking sessions):

Mar 14, 2018

May 9, 2018

Jul 18, 2018

Sept 12, 2018- Hot topics from the 2018 IPAC Canada, SHEA and APIC conferences!

Nov 14, 2018 - Special topic on science behind Fabrics in healthcare

Networking committee published two e-newsletters in 2018 showcasing success of members and CIC certifications.

Highlights

-In second consecutive year IPAC-GTA received CIC Chapter Achievement award. All the award money (\$750) was passed on to the members who have passed their first CIC exam! Inspired from this success IPAC GTA repeated a study group in 2018 fall. 30 members benefited from attending these and 7 successfully wrote CIC within 3 weeks of conclusion of this group. Neighboring chapter's members also participated in this study.

-Participation in our meetings varied from 60-90 members and 5-8 non-members which is an increase of 20% from last year. Participation at Annual Education Day has grown significantly within last two years crossing 215 attendees.

-Being the largest chapter in IPAC Canada, there was a significant presence of IPAC GTA members at the national IPAC Canada Annual conference in Banff mostly presenting their work but some for professional development.

-Four members including Chapter President were provided with Conference funding. Additionally two members were funded to attend APIC conference in USA.

-Four members were provided funds to support IPAC week activities at their healthcare facilities.

-IPAC GTA continues to collaborate with other chapters across the country opening up its meetings and resources to other chapters across the country.

- Due to growing needs for meetings and educational sessions, IPAC GTA have subscribed to GoTo webinar platform that allows us to broaden our outreach to not only distant members but also members of other chapters.

IPAC SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

2018 Executive:

President:	Cheryl Tung, BAsC,CPHI(C)
President-elect:	Francine Paquette, BAsC,CPHI(C),CIC
Secretary:	Elaine Reddick, MPA,CIC,CPHI(C)
Treasurer:	Sonalben Shah, MSc.,CIC
Education Co-Chairs:	Kim Hobbs, BScN,CIC; Dori Taylor, RN,BScN,CIC,CCHN(C)
Knowledge Transfer:	Eleanor Paget, RN, BScN,CIC
Non-Acute Care:	Cara-Lee Coghill, RN, MScN,CCHN(C)

2019 Executive:

President:	Francine Paquette, BAsC,CPHI(C),CIC
President-elect:	Dori Taylor, RN,BScN,CIC,CCHN(C)
Past-President:	Cheryl Tung, BAsC,CPHI(C)
Secretary:	Robyn Latendresse, RN,BScN
Treasurer:	Sonalben Shah, MSc.,CIC
Education Co-Chairs:	Kim Hobbs, BScN,CIC; Lindsay Samoila BScN,RN,CIC
Knowledge Transfer:	Eleanor Paget, RN, BScN,CIC
Non-Acute Care:	Cara-Lee Coghill, RN, MScN,CCHN(C)

IPAC-SWO (Southwestern Ontario) is comprised of 123 Individual and 19 Institutional Memberships from Southwestern Ontario which includes Windsor, Sarnia, London and part of Waterloo-Wellington area. There is representation from acute care, long-term care, public health, government, community care and pre-hospital.

The focus of the education committee in 2018 was to design and offer non-sector specific education, in order to better promote the events across the health care sectors and disciplines. In support of this direction, the chapter offered two education sessions entitled *"IPAC 101 for Clinical Office Settings"*. This was the chapter's first attempt at this type of targeted education to nontraditional healthcare sector groups and the majority of attendees were not IPAC Canada members.

In April 2018, the Chapter hosted a full day, highly successful workshop, with sponsorship from Diversey. The workshop was titled *"Cracking the IPAC Code"* and there were 201 participants and 23 vendors. We offered a paid registration to the 2019 IPAC National Conference in Quebec City as an attendance Grand Prize. The winner, who was not a member of IPAC Canada, was invited to the November chapter meeting as a guest.

In addition, the chapter held four Chapter meetings with an educational component. Two meetings were offered by webinar and two were held in person.

1. February: Dr. Allison McGeer, Mount Sinai on *"iGAS and Influenza"*
2. June: Dr. Elizabeth Rae, Toronto Public Health on *"TB across Healthcare"*
3. September: Dr. Elsayed, LHSC and Dr. Schwartz, PHO on ASP: *"Mirror mirror on the wall, do I need antibiotics at all?"*
4. November: Henrietta van Hulle, PSHSA, on *"What's new in Occupational Health and Safety"* and Kasey Gambeta, PHO on *"CPE: The bacteria that eats borders for breakfast"*.

Our Chapter continues to include vendors at our Chapter Meetings with this revenue used for additional member funding for the IPAC Canada National Conference.

Highlights:

- We provided financial support to five chapter members to attend the Banff National Conference.
- Brenda Prouse was presented the 3M-sponsored “Betty Bannerman Award of Excellence” for her dedication to IPAC and the IPAC SWO Chapter.
- For a second consecutive year, we held a very successful Chapter Conference in London Ontario with 201 participants in attendance. The event was extremely well received by participants and was financially successful.
- We held two “IPAC 101” Education Evenings specifically for the clinical office setting – one in London and one in Windsor.
- For the second year, IPAC SWO has collaborated with Public Health Ontario to offer a CIC Prep Series.
- Three chapter members became new CICs.

Cheryl Tung
Chapter President

IPAC OTTAWA REGION

2018 Executive positions:

- President: Jo-Anne Janigan RN BScN CIC
- Past President: Sam MacFarlane RN CIC
- Treasurer: Claude Bussiere RN
- Secretary: Shelley Hudson RN BScN

2019 Executive positions:

- President: Jo-Anne Janigan RN BScN CIC
- President elect: Ryan MacDougall Btech(EH) MPH CPHI(C)
- Treasurer: Claude Bussiere RN
- Secretary: Shelley Hudson RN BScN

Our membership has been keeping steady at around 90 members. Our caption area is Ottawa, Cornwall, Hawkesbury and surrounding area. We are a very diverse group with members from long term care, midwives, acute care, military, community care, Public Health Ontario, Ottawa Public Health, Public Health Agency of Canada and pre-hospital care.

This year we had 5 membership meetings. With our final meeting in December. The meeting is a time for member to network and find out all the various activity going on in IPAC Canada. Our meetings always have an education component with a variety of topic that can appeal to all our members from different IPAC backgrounds.

Guest speakers:

- February- Community Paramedics-Influenza Surge and Epidemiology Update
- April- Understanding hand hygiene compliance: A theory based approach of behavior change
- June- Members presented highlights from the IPAC Canada Banff conference
- September- Auditing in the OR
- December- How to start a quality improvement project

We were very pleased to have won the Chapter achievement award last year.

This year we had a very successful evening conference called "IPAC toolbox for clinical offices". The conference target audience was clinical offices and community health units. We had 105 attendees and the post evaluation forms had all very positive response.

IPAC CENTRAL EAST ONTARIO

2018 Executive

President: Margaret Cameron, MLT, BHA, CQM/OE, CIC
President-elect: Vacant
Secretary: Laura Golloher
Treasurer: Sharon Connell, RN, CIC

2019 Executive

President: Margaret Cameron, MLT, BHA, CQM/OE, CIC
President-elect: Vacant
Secretary: Laura Golloher
Treasurer: Sharon Connell, RN, CIC

Number of Members: 40 members (December 18, 2018)

Geographic Area Served: Our boundaries include Northumberland and Pine Ridge Districts, east to Peterborough, west to Durham Region and north as far as the Haliburton Highlands and all areas within.

Meetings

IPAC CEO met once per quarter, all meetings comprise of two components IPAC chapter business and an education session

- March via Ontario Telehealth Network. Education sessions included:
 - Sustaining Stewardship Support in the ICU: Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial Stewardship Weekly Rounds (Margaret Cameron)
 - Collaborating Through Crisis: Influenza A Outbreak (Susan Day, PRHC and Brittany Colarossi, Peterborough Public Health)
- June in-person meeting Lindsay. Education session: shared learning from IPAC Canada and APIC conferences (Andrew Park, Margaret Cameron, Laura Golloher and Susan Day)
- September Pub-nite in-person meeting in Peterborough. Bill Murray was invited to celebrate our Chapter's 20th Anniversary with us but unfortunately did not appear. In his absence, a presentation was provided on What Bill Murray Can Teach us About Infection Prevention and Control (Margaret Cameron)
- December via Ontario Telehealth Network. Education session on IPAC Statistics (Heather Candon)

Highlights

- In effort to make innovative use of technology to engage and educate members our Chapter used the Ontario Telehealth Network (OTN) to create a weblink so that members who do not have OTN connections and are not able to travel to the site for the meetings could also participate. This worked well for the March meeting but unfortunately was unsuccessful for the December meeting due to technological issues from a recent OTN upgrade.
- Provided financial support to two CEO Chapter members to attend the IPAC Canada Conference in Banff
- Achieved one of three highest increases in membership for 2017-2018 and was awarded a complimentary membership which was drawn at 20th anniversary celebration and garnered a new member to our chapter
- Central East Ontario Chapter partnered with Public Health Ontario to provide an Education Day *Crisis Alert – IPAC Needed*
 - When Fire Breaks out in a Hospital – How Does IPAC Respond (Janessa McGuire)
 - Adventures in Dialysis – From Drain Disaster to Redesign to a Spike in CLIs and Response (Andrew Park)
 - IPAC Lapse – Hepatitis B Outbreak Involving Blood Glucose Meter Testing (Dr. Herveen Sachdeva and Cecilia Alterman)
 - IPAC Lapse – Investigation at Oral's Surgeon (Marianne Rock)
 - IPAC Risk Assessment; A New Perspective: Things Are Not Always What They Seem (Greg Bruce)
 - Flood “Calming the Panic” – IPAC Role During a Flood in a Healthcare Facility (Jim Gauthier)
 - How Prepared Are We? Conducting an Organizational Risk Assessment (Sandra Callery)
 - IPAC in Every Corner – Challenges and Opportunities in Various Settings (David Ryding)
- 2 members successfully recertified their CIC

RENFREW COUNTY

2018 Executive

President: Melissa Botz

President-elect: Teri Wellon

Secretary: Helen Esilman

Treasurer: Kari Park

Number of Members: 20

Geographic Area Served: Renfrew County

Membership

5 regional Hospitals,

Several Long term care facilities

Retirement residents

Public Health

Paramedics

Meetings

Usually held one/quarter

We would review all the IPAC committee groups, followed by local issues and then an education session.

Initiatives Related to the IPAC Canada 2016-2018 Strategic Plan

- 1. Goal One: We had an open house to invited all local retirement residence, dental clinics, paramedics and personal service setting. We gained one membership through this open house with paramedics.*
- 2. Goal Two: Community Education day- Event was organized but with vendors, food, and speaker- unfortunately not enough participation so the event was cancelled.*
- 3. Goal Three: After review of our capacity it was decided that we were going to end our IPAC chapter and amalgamate with IPAC Ottawa, to ensure that we received benefits from our chapter membership.*

Highlights

It is unfortunate that we had to disband IPAC Renfrew County chapter, but with limited resources and lack of participation from our chapter members it was not realistic to maintain this chapter. We realized to get the most benefit from our membership we required outside support. We were lucky enough to be involved with the Ottawa Region chapter, and they helped us to amalgamate with them and ensure better resources for our group.

IPAC NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO

2018 Executive

President: Vicky Willet

President-elect: Lise Runciman

Secretary: Stephanie Guindon

Treasurer: Lori Kraft

2019 Executive

President: Lise Runciman

President-elect: Jeffrey Eruvwetaghware

Secretary: Stephanie Guindon

Treasurer: Lori Kraft

Number of Members: 46

Geographic Area Served:

Northeastern Ontario is Ontario's second largest region in terms of land area. It spans 44% of the province's total geography, yet comprises only 4% of its population. The region is home to 4 cities where population exceeds 40,000: Greater Sudbury, Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay. However, more than half of Northeastern Ontario residents live in smaller centers.

Membership

IPAC NEO members represent a variety of practice settings: acute and long term care, community and public health, first response, government and industry. The executive met monthly in order to discuss planning of meeting and chapter business. The chapter continues to struggle with declining membership.

Meetings

This year the chapter had several new executive members who have brought renewed enthusiasm to the chapter. The chapter hosted 2 meetings provided by a variety of options including in person at designated host simultaneously with webinar /teleconference. Each meeting offers an education component followed by chapter business and networking. The April meeting included 2 education offerings,

“Can that be Flashed? A Process Improvement Initiative for Cranial Bone Flaps with Positive Bacterial Cultures.” Presenter: Brenda Dewar, R.N., CIC as well as **“Revisiting Staph Bacteremia at HSN”.**

The September meeting included the education session **“New National Standard for Canadian Medical Device Reprocessing CAN/CSA Z314-18” Presenter:** Colleen Landers,R.N., MDRT.

At this meeting the chapter's 10 year anniversary was celebrated with acknowledgement of the founding Chapter President, Isabelle Guerreiro, who participated via teleconference.. Members who were not able to attend were sent a small Tim Horton s gift card in recognition of the 10 year anniversary and support of the Chapter.

In addition, this fall, in order to align with IPAC Canada's goal to strengthen relationships with industry, the chapter decided to further encourage vendor participation in chapter events. Designated chapter meeting time is now offered to vendors to present on a product related to IPAC. Our first participant was AMG Medical in the September meeting.

Finally, IPAC NEO is the host chapter for the 2019 Ecolab Poster Contest. After soliciting member participation, the theme for the 2019 contest was submitted: “Infection Prevention and Control in Every Season...”

This encompasses the idea that even though seasons change, IPAC should always be in the forefront. Our focus may change, depending on the season but our IPAC best practices need to be maintained year round. It reminds us that nothing is forever, seasons are always changing and IPAC practice is always evolving.

IPAC Eastern Ontario Annual Report - Submitted by Debbie McIntyre, Chapter President 2018

2018 Executive:

President: Debbie McIntyre RN, BScN, CIC

Past-President: David Ryding, BHSc, BAsC, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC

Secretary: Ryan MacDougall, MPH, CPHI(C), CIC

Treasurer: Nadia Weese, RN, BScN, CIC

Membership: Dawn Clare, RN, BScN

Education: Vanessa Solow, RN, BScN

Novice ICP: Rachel Makin

2019 Executive:

President: Debbie McIntyre, RN, BScN, CIC

President Elect: Nadia Weese RN, BScN, CIC

Secretary: Ryan MacDougall, MPH, CPHI(C), CIC

Treasurer: Nadia Weese, RN, BScN, CIC

Membership: Dawn Clare, RN, BScN

Education: David Ryding, BHSc, BAsC, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC

Novice ICP: Krista Cassidy, MLT

Number of Members: 60

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: Members include physicians, nurses, medical laboratory technologists, public health inspectors and industry members from various sectors (e.g., acute care, long-term care, mental health, community care, home care, and prehospital care).

Meetings: The chapter held two full-day meetings (June and November) and two half-day meetings (February and April) Meetings were held in-person, by videoconference, by teleconference, and by webcast from Kingston, Ontario. On September 18, 2018 IPAC Canada Eastern Ontario Chapter in partnership with Public Health Ontario, hosted an education event at the Italo-Canadian Club in Kingston. The event was titled Complex Issues, Local Solutions. Topics included Carbapenemase-Producing *Enterobacteriaceae* (CPE) & *Candida auris* presented by *Dr. Allison McGeer, Mt. Sinai and Dr. Gary Garber, Public Health Ontario* Finding the Right Mix of CPE Best Practice and Patient Focused Care *Dorianne Chesterton, Quinte Health Care*, Environmental Cleaning Best Practices Update *Catherine Richard, Public Health Ontario, Debbie McIntyre, LGLDHU* Putting Sharps Injury Prevention Back on the Radar *Dr. Andrea Chaplin, Public Health Ontario* Practical Guide to Change Management via Creative Engagement *Barley Chironda, Clorox*

Highlights:

- More than 50 % of our membership are active and attend our chapter meeting in person or via webinar.
- 9 members attended the national conference in Banff
- We partnered with Public Health Ontario and hosted a CIC prep course to support our members. We also opened up the study group to other neighbouring chapters.
- One newly certified CIC, total of 22 of our members are CIC certified.
- Paid for Jacob Nkwan Gobte's IPAC Canada and APIC memberships through the Cameroon Twining Project.
- IPAC Eastern Ontario achieved a membership increase of 16% in 2017-2018.

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Current Year's Executive:

President: Frédérica Gaspard
Past president: Guylaine Morin
President –elect: Vacant
Treasurer/membership: Susan Rachel
Education: Adila Zahir,
Webmaster: Chudney Pierre-Louis / Sabine Cainer
Standards and Guidelines : France Nadon

Next Year 's Executive

President: Frédérica Gaspard
Past president: Guylaine Morin
President-elect: Vacant
Treasurer /membership: Susan Rachel
Secretary: Marie Claude Pelletier
Education: Adila Zahir,
Webmaster: Chudney Pierre-Louis / Sabine Cainer
Standards and Guidelines: France Nadon

Number of Members: 41

Geographic Area Served: The chapter represent the Province of Québec but most of the members are in the Montreal region, Montérégie and Laval.

Memberships: Most of the members come from Infection Prevention and Control domain, nurses or physicians and work in hospitals, rehabilitation and Long term care facilities. Most of the institutions have been merged into integrated centers, CIUSSS (Centre intégré universitaire de santé et services sociaux) and CISSS (Centre intégré de santé et services sociaux). Most of the members work in English-speaking institutions.

Meetings: The executive tried on various occasions to meet or to have a teleconference but was able to have two teleconferences only this year. The executive tried to reorganize itself to be more functional. Most of the members of the executives had no experience before and are still in a learning curve. They had difficulties combining a demanding job and volunteer work.

Highlights:

The challenges remain the language barrier, the increase of membership fees not supported anymore by most of the institutions and the accredited webinars already offered online by our local public health and other public agencies.

Executif actuel:

Présidente:Frédérica Gaspard
Présidente sortante: Guylaine Morin
Vice-président: Vacant
Trésorière/adhésion : Vacant (itérim Frédérica Gaspard)
Secrétaire : Vacant
Responsable éducation: Vacant (intérim Guylaine Morin)
Site web: Vacant
Responsable standards& lignes directrices: Vacant

Exécutif pour la prochaine année (depuis le 1^{er} décembre 2017) :

Présidente: Frédérica Gaspard

Vice-présidente : Lara Maalouf

Trésorière/adhésion : Susan Rachel

Secrétaire : Marie Claude Pelletier

Nombre de Membres: 47

Région géographique desservie: La section de PCI Montréal représente la province du Québec, mais la plupart des membres sont concentrés dans la grande région de Montréal, Laval et Montérégie.

Adhésion: La majorité de nos membres œuvre dans le domaine de la prévention et du contrôle des infections soit, à titre d'infirmière ou de médecins dans des hôpitaux, centres de réadaptation ou de soins de longue durée. La plupart des institutions ont été regroupées en centres intégrées, CIUSSS (Centre intégré universitaire de santé et services sociaux) and CISSS (Centre intégré de santé et services sociaux). La plupart des membres travaille dans des installations anglophones.

Réunion: L'exécutif a eu trois téléconférences afin d'essayer de stimuler les activités de la section. En raison de la réorganisation du système de santé, beaucoup de challenges et de barrières ont empêché l'exécutif de pouvoir atteindre totalement ses objectifs pour l'année.

Points saillants :

Des membres de PCI Montréal participe toujours activement à différents comités provinciaux dont la table nationale de PCI et le comité CINQ.

La section se rencontra en décembre pour son assemblée générale au cours de laquelle le nom de la section fut changé pour IPAC-PQ et un nouvel exécutif fut formé. Nous avons élu une vice-présidente, une trésorière /responsable adhésion, une secrétaire, une responsable site web et une responsable pour standards& lignes directrices. Nous avons aussi eu deux présentations cette journée-là, l'une sur le nouveau cadre de référence en PCI du ministère de la santé, présenté par Madeleine Tremblay qui vient de quitter sa position en PCI au ministère pour prendre sa retraite et l'autre sur « la salle d'opération hybride : un défi pour la PCI » par notre collègue du Centre Universitaire de Santé McGill, Ramona Rodriguez.

Les défis auxquels la section doit faire face sont la barrière de la langue, l'augmentation de la cotisation pour l'adhésion à IPAC Canada car elle n'est plus remboursée par la majorité de nos institutions et les webinaires accrédités offerts par la Santé publique locale et autres agences publiques.

IPAC Nova Scotia Annual Report

Current Year's Executive

President: Daphne Murray RN CIC

President-elect: Sheila Lee RN CIC

Secretary: Suzanne Hennessey RN

Treasurer: Tanya MacNeil RN CIC

Next Year's Executive

President: Sheila Lee RN CIC

President-elect: Kathy Ellis RN CIC

Secretary: Lori Beth Scopie MLT CIC

Treasurer: Danielle Henri RN

Number of Members: 70

Geographic Area Served: Nova Scotia

Membership

IPAC Nova Scotia has a diversified membership; from architect, nursing, lab, education and environmental services. The membership's area of responsibility: healthcare facility design, acute care, long term care, community care and leadership. We have certainly dropped membership numbers in the last four years

Meetings

IPAC NS meets at a minimum five times per year. We meet in person and skype

Education provided at each session, with a special education held outside of our regular meeting; Ultrasound Transducer probes (Jan 2018).

Highlights

1. IPAC Nova Scotia has provided mentorship to a couple of folks who have successfully passed their certification.
2. Fall Educational Symposium: The 20th Annual Education Symposium **"Think Local for a Global Impact"** was held on October 19th 2018 in Dartmouth, NS! The day was packed full with wonderful speakers and topics alike. From back to basics in IPAC to respiratory illness to pressure sores and foot care, the 93 attendees went away feeling refreshed and well informed! The trade show component was also very successful with 20 vendors. A "Pick your Prize Raffle" was held, IPAC NS was able to give back and donated the funds raised to Webber Training.
3. Our webmaster has been busy developing and increasing the optimization of our website. All requests or submissions for funding, bursary applications etc are all

completed electronically. This change in practice has truly helped modernize our process.

4. Our webmaster also worked hard all winter to develop an online process for voting procedures and IPAC NS has successfully implemented our very first online voting! This was a successful venture and not possible without our webmaster. In addition, our past president collaborated in this process as well.
5. CIC: continues to provide and match folks who are studying or wanting to start the process of obtaining their CIC. Currently one person has successfully obtained their CIC and two other folks are currently being mentored
6. The utilization of technology for our meetings is currently growing, and recently our membership voted to approve the purchase of enhanced technology to improve online meetings for our membership. The trial of this technology will start in February 2019
7. IPAC NS sponsored a one day strategic event for executive. Membership recruitment is certainly top of the list of priorities.

Respectfully submitted
Daphne Murray
President IPAC NS



New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island Chapter Annual Report

Current Year's Executive 2018-2019

President: Marcus MacDonald

President-elect: vacant

Secretary: Kellie McLean RN BN

Treasurer: Tara Ferguson RN BScN

Next Year's Executive 2019-2020

President: Marcus MacDonald

President-elect: Tara Ferguson RN BScN

Secretary: Liza Townshend RN

Treasurer: Chris Cohoon RN BN

Number of Members: 49

Geographic Area Served: New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island

Membership

Includes members from industry, corrections, EMS and ICPs from long-term care, acute care, home care and community hospitals.

Meetings

There were two chapter meetings in 2018, May (Teleconference) and November (Education Day/Business Meeting). Several Executive Meetings and a joined Executive Meeting between NB, PEI, NS & NFLD to review the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan Highlights. Guest - both were via teleconference.

Highlights

The highlight of 2018 was our Education Day on Nov 7th. Two presentations were provided, CSA Z8000-18 with Gordon Burrill and CSA Z314-18 with Merlee Steele-Rodway. NB, PEI, NS and NFLD Executive have agreed to work together on continued Education Projects and share ideas and resources moving forward as a Regionalized IPAC group for Atlantic Canada.



IPAC NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Executive (2018)

President: Brenda Earles RN BN CIC
President-elect: Paula Stagg RN BN MN CIC
Secretary: Betty Ann Elford RN,
Treasurer: Tracey Hunt RN CIC
Novice Member: Brenda Chaulk Furlong RN BN GNC
Web Master: Mark Graham RN BN CIC

Executive (2019)

President: Paula Stagg RN BN MN CIC
President-elect: Betty Ann Elford RN,
Secretary: Erin Tizzard RN BN MER
Treasurer: Krista Walsh RN BN
Novice Member: Brenda Jones RN BN COHS
Webmaster: Mark Graham RN BN CIC

Number of Members: 38

Geographic Area Served: Province of NL

Membership

Membership consists of Infection Prevention and Control Practitioners from the four NL Regional Health Care Authorities (RHAs). As well we have members from RHA management, Memorial University, Department of Health and independent Practitioners.

Meetings and Highlights.

IPAC-NL is a small but active chapter! Six members attend this year's IPAC Canada conference and limited financial assistance was provided to several members. One member was part of the Scientific Planning Committee, two were Sealed Air Diversey Scholarship recipients, one a presenter and one a vendor. In September several members attended the national CHES conference which this year was heavily focused on IPAC issues. We currently have a member on the reviewing committee for HH module for IPAC Canada.

IPAC-NL monthly meetings resumed monthly after the summer in September using the Adobe Platform to communicate to our large geographic region. Twenty minutes of each meeting is devoted to an educational presentation. IPAC-NL held its 6th Provincial Education Day "Beyond Boundaries" on Oct 23rd via Webinar, this year adding the IPAC experience from the indigenous perspective for the first time. Our Facebook page is a big hit with our members.

CIC Certification is strongly encouraged and again this year we have newly certified members. This year Dr. Donna .Moralejo received the ARNNL Award for Excellence in Nursing Research and Brenda Earles received the Senate 150 Anniversary Medal for volunteer humanitarian work with Team Broken Earth. Two of our RHAs received accreditation with IPAC being cited as a program strength and contributing to organizational excellence. Hand Hygiene rates are monitored provincially and continue to improve.

PIC-NL (consisting of IPAC-NL members) was successful in obtaining approval for a face to face meeting in November. This committee is responsible for developing guidance documents for our members.