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# Getting Twitterpated about IPAC Canada (and I'm not talking about social media)

This is a time of remarkable progress for IPAC Canada — unprecedented growth in reputation, national leadership in infection prevention and control, and a new level of excellence in service to its members and the public-at-large. I celebrate with you the incredible progress we've made thus far. Our current 2016–2018 strategic plan has provided us with focus and inspiration, continuing to open a world of possibilities for IPAC Canada. As we reach the end of this plan, we must consider our endeavors, reflect on our achievements, and refine our efforts to build on our momentum in the years ahead.

In this inspiring moment, IPAC Canada has launched an extensive effort to establish a strategic plan for the next three years that supports the mission, vision, and values espoused by our organization. This work will result in the 2019–2021 Strategic Plan. This is a time of enormous opportunity for IPAC Canada.

We've started a strategic planning process to shape a new detailed path to guide IPAC Canada for the next three years. In conjunction with external consultants, the following key steps were identified:

- Initial meeting with Executive Director and Board
- Review results of mega survey
- Design and deploy brief member survey to inform strategic plan
- 'Key informant' interviews
- Two-day strategic planning workshop
- Draft strategic plan
- Full-day Board action planning session

Substantial movement has occurred in implementing several goals outlined in our previous strategic plan, providing a firm foundation for future growth and development in raising our leadership profile, recalibrating our product mix, growing our capacity, and partner linkages. I need to now engage all of you in shaping the future directions for IPAC Canada over the next three years.

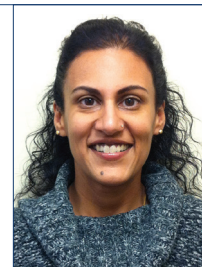
Every IPAC Canada member has a voice in the process to produce the next plan; I ask you to use that voice. I am grateful to everyone who has, and will, make meaningful contributions to developing the plan. We should all have a sense of ownership in this plan. It's essential we do; it will need us all to work and be innovative together to continue to achieve our ambitious goals. The plan is not the responsibility of the Board; as with IP&C, it is everyone's responsibility. And just as importantly, you don't get to complain if you don't contribute.

IPAC Canada is on an exciting trajectory; let us not fall short. We must respond to the challenges we face and the opportunities we have before us. We must hold ourselves accountable, and honour our shared commitment. We need to build on the many successes and good work already ongoing within IPAC Canada. Building on what is thriving, identifying areas for improvement, and focusing efforts to address those areas will ensure ongoing sustainability and even growth, and ultimately, excellence in all we do.

I want to thank all who have participated in the process to-date, and encourage participation from others to this effort as we work to achieve our aspirations. 🌸

"A dream written down with a date becomes a goal. A goal broken down into steps becomes a plan. A plan backed by action makes your dreams come true."

– Greg S. Reid



Molly Blake, BN, MHS, GNC(C), CIC

Présidente, PCI Canada

# Un printemps tout gazouillant pour PCI Canada (et je ne parle pas de réseau social)

**P** PCI Canada vit de grands progrès : une réputation qui croît à la vitesse grand V, un leadership national en matière de prévention et de contrôle des infections et un nouveau degré d'excellence au service des membres et du grand public. Je célèbre avec vous les progrès fabuleux que nous avons accomplis à ce jour. Notre plan stratégique actuel (2016–2018), doté d'objectifs précis, nous a inspirés et continue de nous ouvrir un monde de possibilités. Puisqu'il arrive à son terme, il est temps de revenir sur nos démarches, de réfléchir à nos accomplissements et de raffiner nos efforts pour tirer le meilleur parti de ce bel élan dans les années à venir.

L'époque est stimulante, et PCI Canada déploie déjà de grands efforts pour dresser le plan stratégique qui nous aidera, d'ici trois ans, à réaliser notre mission, concrétiser notre vision et donner corps à nos valeurs. L'aboutissement de ce travail sera le plan stratégique de 2019 à 2021. De nouvelles possibilités, très attrayantes, s'offrent à PCI Canada.

Le processus de planification a pour but de tracer dans les détails le chemin que suivra notre organisation d'ici trois ans. Avec le concours de conseillers externes, nous en avons établi les principaux jalons :

- réunion initiale avec la directrice générale et le conseil d'administration;
- examen des résultats du mégasondage;
- conception et envoi d'un bref sondage auprès des membres pour alimenter le plan stratégique;
- entrevues avec des « informateurs clés »;
- atelier de planification stratégique de deux jours;
- ébauche du plan stratégique;
- session d'une journée du CA pour établir un plan d'action.

Nous avons déjà atteint plusieurs objectifs du plan stratégique précédent, ce qui donne de solides assises à la croissance et aux mesures à venir, destinées à donner plus de visibilité encore à notre organisation, recalibrer nos produits, augmenter nos capacités et former de nouveaux partenariats. Je dois vous mobiliser tous dès maintenant pour déterminer l'orientation que suivra PCI Canada au cours des trois prochaines années.

Chaque membre de PCI Canada a son mot à dire dans l'élaboration du plan stratégique et je vous prie instamment de faire entendre votre voix. Je suis reconnaissante à toutes les personnes qui ont contribué et qui contribueront à la conception du plan. Nous devons tous en faire notre propre plan. Cette appropriation est essentielle. Il nous faut travailler et innover ensemble pour atteindre nos objectifs ambitieux. Le plan stratégique ne relève pas du conseil d'administration : tout comme la prévention et le contrôle des infections, il relève de chacun de nous. Ceux qui ne font rien n'ont pas le droit de se plaindre!

PCI Canada suit une trajectoire exaltante et il ne faut pas s'en détourner. Nous devons relever les défis et profiter de toutes les possibilités. Nous devons assumer nos responsabilités et honorer nos engagements. Nous devons tirer parti des nombreux succès et de l'excellent travail dont jouit déjà PCI Canada. C'est en profitant de ce qui nous réussit, en mettant au jour les points à améliorer et en concentrant nos efforts sur ces faiblesses que nous assurons notre avenir et notre croissance et que nous atteindrons l'excellence à tous égards.

Je tiens à remercier tous ceux qui ont participé au processus à ce jour et je tiens tout autant à encourager les autres à mettre la main à la pâte pour que PCI Canada comble nos aspirations à tous. 🍁

« Un rêve noté et marqué d'une date devient un objectif. Un objectif ventilé en étapes devient un plan. Un plan appuyé par une action concrète transforme les rêves en réalité. »

– Greg S. Reid



Gerry Hansen, BA

Executive Director, IPAC Canada

## Hill Day 2018\*

In April 2017, the Board of Directors and other leaders of the association participated in 'Hill Day 2017', during which they met with various Members of Parliament in Ottawa. Advocacy Hill Days are an effective way of communicating with the government, building relationships with Parliamentarians, and identifying issues facing Canadians and help find solutions to them. The added value of having real Canadians who are dealing with these issues on a daily basis speak with elected officials is incomparable with any other form of communication with government. As this was IPAC Canada's first Advocacy Hill Day, the number of meetings accepted by MPs, particularly by those on the Standing Committee on Health, is an excellent indicator of Parliament's interest in IPAC Canada's issues and of the fact that they want to engage with the organization.

The engagement and positive reactions from the Members, including poignant questions asked during meetings and offers to send letters to the Minister of Health, show how important this issue is to the government. In addition, the meeting with the Health Canada Advisor showed the willingness of the department as a whole to consult with outside experts on the issue and to cooperatively work to find solutions to problems.

Health Canada Senior Policy Advisor, Brian Kaufmann, was invested in the issue requesting more information, and indicating his desire to educate the caucus and host a more formal round table discussion bringing together different stakeholders to work together and map out solutions to AROs. This willingness was evidenced in November 2017, when Suzanne Rhodenizer Rose and Jennifer Happe of the IPAC Canada Board of Directors participated in an investigative panel at the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health with focus on AROs.

Now that the relationships between IPAC Canada and the government have been created, it is vital to continue to work to ensure their continuance. On May 3, 2018, the second Hill Day will be held in Ottawa to continue the conversation around AROs and the need for a national surveillance data repository. Continuing the momentum will further build the relationships started in 2017 as well as give the organization chances to create even more of these relationships. It would also work to increase awareness around IPAC Canada and its work, helping to make the organization the first resource people turn to for information on infection prevention and control.

\*With thanks to Impact Public Affairs, Ottawa 🍁

## 2018 Annual General Meeting

**NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED** that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Infection Prevention and Control Canada will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at the Kinnear Centre, Banff Centre for Arts &

Creativity, Banff, Alberta. Registration will open at 0630. IPAC Canada members must register and pick up a voting card before entering the AGM. The AGM will commence at 0730. Registration will close at 0730 and the doors will be closed.

After the doors are closed, attendees may enter the AGM but

may not vote unless registered. Members may vote on business arising at the AGM by proxy using Form #15 2018, which must be submitted to the IPAC Canada Secretary at the IPAC Canada conference office no later than Monday, May 28, 2018. The AGM agenda, rules of Order and Proxy Form #15 2018 have been posted to Headlines, [www.ipac-canada.org](http://www.ipac-canada.org).

Jennifer Happe, BSc, MSc  
Secretary, IPAC Canada 🍁

### Coming summer 2018: Industry Innovations – Where Product Innovation Meets Best Practices

A new semi-annual publication of White Papers will provide ICPs with vital, state-of-the-art information on the hottest technologies for the modern healthcare environment. Summer 2018 theme: Electronic Monitoring of Hand Hygiene Compliance. Winter 2018 theme: Touchless UV Disinfection 🍁

# 2018 Diversey Scholarship

Through the generous support of Diversey, Inc., 20 IPAC Canada members are supported to attend the 2018 annual conference in Banff. Recipients include members with novice, intermediate, and advanced expertise. IPAC Canada thanks Diversey, Inc. for the opportunity for selected candidates to attend the conference. Watch for an announcement of the opening of the 2019 Scholarship applications. Deadline date for 2019 scholarship application: **January 31, 2019.** \*



## 2018 Diversey Scholarship winners:

Susan Cooper, Kingston, ON	Allana Ivany, Halifax, NS
Melody Cordoviz, Edmonton, AB	Aboubacar Kadogo, Iqualuit, NU
Brenda Earles, St. John's, NL	Colette Ouellet, Ottawa, ON
Kathy Ellis, Yarmouth, NS	Erin Roberts, Edmonton, AB
Jennifer Ellison, Lethbridge, AB	Mark Scott, Grande Prairie, AB
May Griffiths-Turner, Burlington, ON	Sonalben Shah, Woodstock, ON
Stéphanie Guindon, Kapuskasing, ON	Dean Smith, Hammonds Plain, NS
Cathy Harlton-Strezov, Newmarket, ON	Paula Stagg, Corner Brook, NL
Bernice Heinrichs, Red Deer, AB	Lorinda Stuber, Red Deer, AB
Kim Hobbs, Woodstock, ON	Lisa Young, Mill Bay, BC

# 2018 Sage Products LLC (now part of Stryker) Scholarship

IPAC Canada and Sage Products LLC are very pleased to announce that the 2018 winner of the Sage International Attendee Scholarship is Dr. Mohammed M. Manga of Nigeria. Chosen from over 50 applicants, Dr. Manga is a clinical microbiologist with the Federal Teaching Hospital and Gombe State University in Lagos, Nigeria in the department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology. In the entire region, only his hospital has a functional infection control unit with Dr. Manga as the infection control doctor and clinical risk manager (CRM). He was a leader in the team that persuaded hospital management to create and support the infection control unit. A member of the project management team (PMT) for a project titled *Strengthening Systems Necessary for Improving Patient Safety and Prevention of Healthcare-associated Infections*, Dr. Manga's efforts facilitated the institutionalization of patient safety in FTH Gombe Nigeria. In his role as lead infection control professional, he initiates, supports, and supervises everything infection control including surveillance, outbreak investigation and control. Dr. Manga has presented several talks to different groups on IPC including conferences, groups of medical doctors, nurses, and students.

In his letter to the scholarship panel, Dr. Manga noted he is the first and currently the only clinical microbiologist in his hospital and the third practicing in the whole of northeastern Nigeria. Infections, especially hospital-acquired, have remained one of the greatest threats to patient safety and the leading cause of increased morbidity and mortality in Nigeria but most especially the northeast, which is the poorest region in the country. The challenges of insurgency have worsened the situation. It is difficult to practice with conscience as a clinical microbiologist without IPC. His interest



and choice of infection control started in his early days as a young resident doctor.

The content and context of the IPAC Canada conference is such that an ambitious and young progressive infection control practitioner from an underdeveloped country will gain maximally. He expects his teaching, research, and clinical duties will be greatly improved with this conference. Although he has participated in several local educational activities on infection control, there has been no exposure and/or experience from a well-developed setting. Dr. Manga has a dream of strengthening infection control in his hospital to make it one of the safest hospitals in Nigeria in terms of having the lowest figures of healthcare-associated infections in the entire country. He needs adequate knowledge of infection control to do that and is confident IPAC Canada will offer a good opportunity to expand his capabilities.

Dr. Manga hopes to expand his crusade on infection control by making it attractive to all neighbouring hospitals through advocacy and use of convincing advantages from the experiences of his hospital. Dr. Manga intends to share the data on IPC from my hospital with other hospitals in Nigeria through the platform of the Nigeria Infection Control Association (NICA) and other bodies including IPAC Canada if given the opportunity for global coverage.

IPAC Canada congratulates Dr. Manga on his prestigious win and looks forward to sharing ideas with him at the IPAC Canada 2018 conference in Banff. \*

# Anne Bialachowski Named Honourary Member

PAC Canada is pleased to bestow Honourary Membership on Anne Bialachowski, RN, BN, MS, CIC. Since joining IPAC Canada in 1998, Anne has been an extraordinary asset to our association in many roles. Her service to the association and colleagues has been inspiring and continues to this day.

Anne has been deeply involved in her home chapter IPAC Central Southern Chapter (previously known as IPAC HANDIC), serving in key positions of Treasurer, Education Coordinator, President-elect and President between 1999 and 2007. In 2010, Anne became President of the (then) Community and Hospital Infection Control Association – Canada. During her tenure she represented the organization with the Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases in the development of what became the first ‘Hill Day’, cemented an excellent working relationship with the Public Health Agency of Canada, and forged collegial relationships with many external partners and organizations.

Anne has authored several journal articles and provided abstracts for oral presentations at a variety of conferences. She was a co-author of a series of articles for the *Canadian Journal of Infection Control*, introducing and outlining the utility of the Infection Control Audit Toolkit. Having been intimately involved in the development of the Toolkit, she was well placed to share the work broadly with membership through these user-oriented articles.

Anne has devoted time to the national conference Scientific Program Committee for the 2012, 2015 and 2016 national conferences. At the same time, she was a member of the APIC Core Competencies Committee and began her work with the Endorsement Review Committee. Not one to rest on her laurels, Anne followed these activities by becoming a developer of the Mentor Program for IPAC Canada and a developer and Chair of the Learning Repository Depository.

As a testament to the respect that she garners in her professional life, Anne was appointed in 2003 to the Ontario SARS Scientific Committee by the Chief Medical Officer of Health in Ontario. She was a Network Coordinator and developed a Regional Infection Control Network in Central South Ontario and spent four years building that program while participating in numerous regional committees and providing invaluable consultation across the network.

In her professional life, Anne is the Manager of Infection Prevention and Control at St. Joseph’s Healthcare in Hamilton. Among numerous efforts, she has been involved in initiatives intended to reduce catheter association urinary tract infections, sepsis and central line blood stream infections. She oversaw the construction of a new Mental Health Hospital as well as a new Surgical Centre. She was instrumental in ensuring appropriate IPAC standards were met in the remediation of a major flood that impacted several areas of her hospital and has developed a formal IPAC rotation program for Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology residents, nursing students and advanced degree candidates.

Anne continues her work as the IPAC Canada representative on the CSA Perioperative Safety Committee and just completed her fourth term on the Ontario Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee.

In the words of one of her nominators: *In our professional lives, we seldom have opportunities to recognize the work of exemplary colleagues. Anne is a natural leader with great charisma who turned her professional path to the world of infection prevention and control and we are so much richer for her contributions... This is a person who possesses unusual intelligence, confidence, professional commitment and razor-sharp wit.*

Anne is an exemplary professional and an extraordinary member of IPAC Canada. Recognition of Anne’s contributions will take place at the Opening Ceremonies, Sunday, May 27. 🌸



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# 2018 Moira Walker Memorial Award for International Service Awarded to **Barbara Catt and Zahir Hirji** for their Project: **Building Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Capacity in Kenya**

Their journey began with a trip by the Infection Control Practitioner (ICP), Loyce Khungi at the Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH) in Nairobi, Kenya. Loyce was coming to Toronto and had registered for the in-class Centennial introductory IPAC course. As faculty within the course, the Nursing Administrator of AKUH, requested Zahir to 'watch over' Loyce. This created a relationship with the hospital and a request for IPAC support in 2012. The purpose of the trip was to work with the IPAC Department to ensure they would be ready for an Accreditation Survey by the Joint Commission.

During a mock survey, IPAC was identified as a gap. After a successful two-week visit that involved:

- basic infection control training for 30% of the nursing staff
- education sessions with the surgical units and ICU
- meeting with all departments who liaised/collaborated with that IPAC
- a very eye-opening visit to the kitchen

The two-week visit resulted in the hospital accreditation, which was in 2013.

The trip in 2012 highlighted the need for IPAC resources in Kenya. By 2016 the Director of Nursing at AKUH-Nairobi moved to the Aga Khan School of Nursing where she was able to secure the opportunity to offer a basic IPAC course. Together with the assistance of the AKUH Medical Director with IPAC, the local ICP, Loyce, Barb and Zahir developed the program content for a basic course. The course was offered in two modules of three weeks.

Barb and Zahir went to teach the second module. They taught for two weeks with the students getting a third week with the Medical Director and the local ICP. Topics covered included a review of materials covered in module 1 like standard precautions and transmission-based precautions, hand hygiene, personal protective equipment, outbreak management, microbiology, surveillance and epidemiology. It was important to review the original material to ensure maximum learning for the students.

The students reported their projects completed during the time between module 1 and module 2. Additional material included a review of the literature, device related infections, surgical site infections, leadership and patient safety. The program included opportunities for tours of different areas of AKUH-Nairobi to enhance the students' learning.



Barb and Zahir secured their own funding for one flight with the gracious support of vendor partners and their local chapter IPAC-GTA. IPAC- GTA also provided 'swag' that Barb and Zahir were able to distribute to the students.

In total, there were 16 nurses from across Kenya plus one student, who travelled 24 hours by bus from the boarder of Uganda to learn about infection control. Each nurse participant has been identified as the ICP within their local organization. Many of the students' projects consisted of getting 24 hours of running water to the hospital.

Barb and Zahir have stated: "We hope our short time with the students has increased their confidence, knowledge and skills as we continue to work with AKUH and the AK School of Nursing."

The Moira Walker Award will be presented at the Opening Ceremonies, Sunday, May 27. Barb and Zahir will present on the initiative that resulted in their award at the Breakfast of Champions, Tuesday, May 29, Banff.

The Moira Walker Memorial Award for International Service is sponsored by Sage Products LLC (now a part of Stryker). 🌸



# IPAC Canada Chapter News

## An update from IPAC – SWO

In an on-going attempt to ensure our agenda is pertinent to numerous health care settings (acute care, long-term care, public health, pre-hospital, and community settings) IPAC SWO planned what turned out to be a very successful Education Day/Chapter Meeting on November 17, 2017 entitled 'IPAC Beyond Borders.'

- Patricia Simone, London Health Science Centre: Polio Immunization project in India
- Cassandra Brubacher, Middlesex-London Health Unit: TB in Nunavut
- Madeleine Ashcroft, Public Health Ontario: Ebola Relief and Beyond
- Jo-Anne McConnell, Grey Bruce Health Services (ret): Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Saudi Arabia 2014

Presenters not only shared their IPAC-related work experiences but also their personal growth in volunteering. It quickly became a lesson on the human spirit and the immense challenges that are faced beyond our borders.

In light of the increasing local activity with respect to iGAS disease and influenza outbreaks, our February 23, 2018 webinar education offering/Chapter Meeting had Dr. Allison McGeer, Professor in the Departments of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology and Public Health Sciences, University of Toronto and Director of Infection Control at Mount Sinai Hospital speak. She presented the current outbreak activity for Ontario along with an analysis of past outbreak trending data. It was highly informative presentation to a wide-reaching audience in attendance via Adobe webinar.

IPAC SWO is partnering with the local Public Health Ontario Regional Office (IPAC West) for two upcoming spring workshops. 'Cracking the IPAC Code' took place on Friday, April 27 in London ON and welcomed Barbara Catt, IPAC Canada President-Elect in attendance. A second workshop focuses on IPAC in the Community Health Setting, and will be called 'IPAC 101.' We will share more on these ventures in Fall 2018.



## IPAC Manitoba

IPAC MB reconnected after a summer break on September 11, 2017 with an in-person meeting. The education session for the meeting focused on *Candida auris* with a summary of a recent case in Winnipeg.

On October 30, 2017, we hosted a member education day coupled with the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The education speakers provided great information on the following topics:

- Highlights of the New PIDAC: Best Practices for Environmental Cleaning – Mark Heller
  - Advice on Living and Working Well – Catheryn Martens
  - Infection Control during Construction/Renovation projects – Shelly Rempel/Kevin Davis
  - Overview of the MB Mumps Outbreak – Dr. Richard Rusk
- The AGM followed with good discussions and positions being filled for 2018.

We started the New Year meeting on January 8, 2018 with a focus on how to improve the membership of our chapter. The education session for the meeting was a presentation by Jim Gauthier on Floors: Clean, Sanitize or Disinfect?

The IPAC MB Annual Education Conference is being planned for June 22, 2018.

Submitted by: Shelly Rempel RN, BN, CIC  
– IPAC MB President



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# Memorandum To IPAC Canada Members

## Re: Elections To Board Of Directors

The following candidates have been nominated for positions open on the Board of Directors in 2018. Additional nominations may be presented by not less than two IPAC Canada members at the Annual General Meeting (**Wednesday, May 30, 2018, Banff**). Additional nominees must be present to confirm their willingness to be

Treasurer (three-year term) Michael Rotstein,  
RN, BScN, MHSc, CIC, CHE  
St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto

### CANDIDATE PROFILES



**MICHAEL ROTSTEIN, RN, BScN, MHSc, CIC, CHE** has over 18 years of clinical and administrative healthcare experience. After completing his nursing diploma and his post-RN degree at Ryerson he began his SickKids career of almost 14 years on a medicine unit as a staff nurse. He also worked in the emergency department, ambulatory diabetes program, and as a clinical response nurse. He was then elected to the position of Chair of the Registered Nurses' Council. During his tenure in this role, he implemented the "80/20" model of nursing governance, facilitated the rollout of a large benefit program change, and developed a two-day leadership workshop for frontline nurses. In 2009 he became an Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) with primary responsibility for the Emergency Department, the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, the Heart Centre, as well as several ambulatory and patient support areas. He was also responsible for consulting on all construction and renovation projects in the hospital. Michael completed his Master of Health Science, Administration Program at the University of Toronto in June 2013 and at the same time became a Certified Health Executive with the Canadian College of Health Leaders. He is also certified in infection control. In May 2013 Michael moved to Mackenzie Health to take on a new management role of the IPAC program. Since April 2016, Michael has been at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto as the IPAC, Medical Device Reprocessing Department, and Eye Clinic manager. Michael was elected as the National Treasurer on the Board of Directors Executive of IPAC Canada in June 2015.

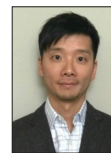
**PHILOSOPHY:** It is an honour to have my name put forward for re-election to the IPAC Canada Board of Directors in the capacity of Treasurer. Since starting this position, I have become more and more comfortable with the operations of the organization and have had the pleasure of working with Gerry and the Board to ensure that a fiscal lens is placed on decision-making conversations. My experience on the board has confirmed that the vision and mission of IPAC Canada are well aligned with my own. The principles of support, standardization, and promotion provide an important framework for development and dissemination of key infection and resources that assist members

nominated, or have provided a written confirmation to the nominator(s).

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada) has put forth the following candidates for positions open as of May 30, 2018:

Director (three-year term) Joseph Kim, MD, FRCPC  
(Physician) Rockyview General Hospital,  
Calgary

nationally and internationally. I believe a clear vision – not only for the organization, but for the individual chapter that each member is able to identify with – is integral to maintaining quality decision-making that is consistent and transparent. I'm excited for the upcoming strategy planning session in June and I look forward to the opportunity for reelection for a second term.



**JOSEPH KIM, MD, FRCPC** is the IPC medical lead at a tertiary care center, Rockyview General Hospital, Calgary. Dr. Kim's responsibility is to provide medical consultation and support for the IPC team. He also works within the provincial and zonal capacity, specifically in areas of policy and standards development, stakeholder engagement, research initiatives, and in various working groups where medical expertise is required. In his clinical role, Dr. Kim is an adult infectious diseases consultant. Dr. Kim is the physician representative on the 2018 Scientific Program Committee.

**PHILOSOPHY:** The core of what we do in infection prevention and control is ensuring patient safety and quality of care. The role of IPAC in healthcare is becoming more integral as we move further into the era of evolving antibiotic resistance and complex medical care. IPAC teams at various levels should be at the forefront of patient advocacy, peer education, and healthcare research. Issues in healthcare systems can be challenging often requiring engagement from competing stakeholders and at these points of divergence, we should bridge the gap and provide leadership. Our involvement should be embedded in sound scientific evidence as well as pragmatic application. I believe the role of the medical lead in any IPAC team is to provide leadership and expertise within a collaborative environment. Learnings and differing perspectives from peers are critical in strengthening the IPAC community.

Position descriptions (Section 2 Board of Directors, Policy) and nomination forms (Form 3 and 3C) may be obtained from the Membership Services Office ([info@ipac-canada.org](mailto:info@ipac-canada.org)) or are available in the Members Area of the IPAC Canada website (Policies and Forms).

Jennifer Happe, IPAC Canada Secretary  
Chair, Nominations Committee

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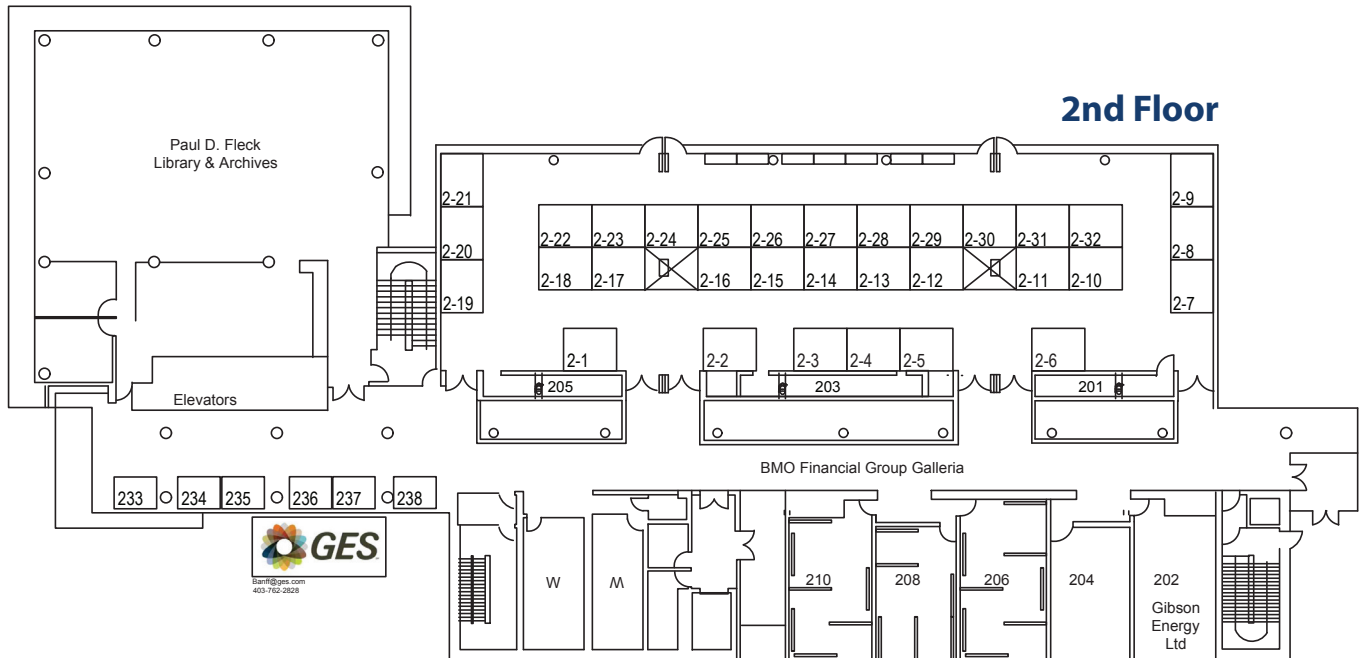


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