

## **DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

### **CHICA-Sponsored Basic Education IP&C Course**

This course had been previously offered through the University of Calgary. In May 2010, the Board approved a proposal to offer the course directly through CHICA-Canada, using an online platform. The format was revised into six distinct modules and a short practicum, which will be offered from September to June. The content was updated as per recommendations from the evaluation of the course that had been conducted in 2008-2009. Each module is led by an instructor and a discussion facilitator. A total of 40 students began the course in September 2010. It is anticipated that this format will continue, and that we will be recruiting additional instructors and discussion facilitators.

### **CHICA Endorsement of Education Courses for Novice ICPs**

The criteria for endorsing courses and the process for receiving endorsement were approved by the Board in May 2009. In 2010, three courses were reviewed and endorsed. The process has been working well. A list of all endorsed courses can be found on the CHICA website.

### **National Conference Planning**

The 2010 Vancouver conference was successful. Conference planning for the 2011 Toronto conference has been going well. The committee appointed for the 2012 conference met for the first time in November 2010. Overall, the national planning strategies, including continuity of members, summaries of topics, and a “parking lot”, are effective and will continue.

### **Education Committee**

Representatives from a number of chapters met at the Education Committee meeting in Vancouver in May. Some members for a core group were identified and two priorities were identified: a membership survey of learning priorities, and development of an orientation package for novice ICPs.

**Re: Member Learning Needs Assessment Survey:** One item listed in the Strategic Plan for Education is to conduct a membership survey of learning needs. In May 2010, a subcommittee of the CHICA Education Committee was formed to develop and conduct the survey. The survey questionnaire was developed over the summer and early fall, and the online survey itself was conducted in November 2010, closing November 19<sup>th</sup>.

There were 319 respondents. The subcommittee is now in the process of analyzing the results. Recommendations will be discussed with the Education Committee, and brought forward to the May Board meeting.

**Re: Orientation Package:** Marion Yetman and the PIC-NL group in Newfoundland and Labrador are developing an orientation package for Newfoundland/Labrador, have included representatives from two other provinces on the committee, and have consulted with other provinces. When their program has been developed, they will share it with the Education Committee, who will make recommendations re adapting it if necessary it so as to be relevant for all members who wish to use it.

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