

## **SURVEILLANCE AND APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY INTEREST GROUP (SAEIG)**

The SAEIG membership is currently sixty-six members. The group met at the 2010 CHICA-Canada national conference.

The present Executive Committee includes:

Co-Chair: Bronwen Edgar, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, ON (on maternity leave until January 2012)

Co-Chair: Myrna Dyck, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Winnipeg, MB

Secretary: Anne-Luise Winter, Infectious Diseases Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Toronto, ON

CJIC Liaison: Diane Wallace, Grand River Hospital Kitchener, ON

Due to the continued response and evaluation related to pandemic influenza H1N1, some activities related to CHICA members' epidemiology/surveillance needs survey were put on hold during 2010. Pending further consultation with core interest group members, this survey will again be reviewed and finalized during 2011. The focus of 2010 SAEIG activities included planning for a half day education session at the 2011 CHICA-Canada conference. The presentations within this session have been planned to be practical and highly interactive with the audience and will bring the practice of surveillance and the use of results right to ICPs at the bedside, in both acute and long term care settings. Topics that will be covered in this session include: introductory surveillance and epidemiology, benchmarking and performance measurement, using data to affect behaviour change and communicating data to achieve action. There will also be some time set aside to network and share tools.

*Myrna Dyck, Co-Chair*