



2010 National Education Conference Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver May 29-June 3, 2010

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 2010 National Education Conference of the Community and Hospital Infection Association-Canada (CHICA-Canada). The 2010 conference will take place at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre (May 29-June 3, 2010).

The theme of the conference is "Golden Opportunities – Soaring to New Heights". In 2010, Vancouver will host the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, bringing together the best athletes from around the world to compete with and challenge each other. The excellence and skills shown by these top competitors encourage less experienced athletes to strive to achieve new heights in their athletic performance. Similarly, at its annual conference, CHICA-Canada draws together the best in Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) to share knowledge, research and best practices.

Infection Prevention and Control is in a race against numerous issues: antibiotic resistant organisms, emerging and re-emerging pathogens, the health issues of an aging population, and new technologies that complement, yet challenge, knowledge and skills. Individuals deserve the best care across the spectrum of all health care settings. ICPs need to understand these professional challenges and apply the best solutions that will result in better health care for Canadians.

This meeting will bring together an anticipated 750 Infection Prevention and Control Professionals, Infectious Diseases Physicians, Medical Microbiologists and other professions concerned with infection prevention and control in a setting that will provide shared information on current education and research. You can view the 2010 Preliminary Program on our website www.chica.org. The registration brochure and updated session information will be posted in December 2009.

Ample opportunity will be provided for industry to display and discuss their latest products and services. Opportunities to mingle with conference attendees have been built into the agenda of the conference. An Exhibitors Information and Exhibitor Registration package will be available on our website in October 2009.

We respectfully ask you to review the enclosed documents describing the guidance for and benefits of commercial sponsorship. We sincerely look forward to your attendance and financial sponsorship of this conference that will exemplify the best in infection prevention and control practices. With your support, the conference will attain significant milestones to serve the needs of our members and the public.

We look forward to your involvement and support of the conference.

Sincerely yours,

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