

CHICA-SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

EXECUTIVE 2007

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Geographic Area Served: Kitchener to Windsor, Goderich to Lake Erie

Membership: 134 members

MEETINGS AND HIGHLIGHTS

CHICA Chapter Southwestern Ontario (formerly the Southwestern Ontario Professionals in Infection Control) decided in 2007 to set up a strategic plan, which will hopefully move the chapter forward over the next four (4) years.

Highlights of the strategic plan include the following:

- Establish the chapter as leaders in Infection Prevention and Control with our internal and external stakeholders.
- Create recruitment strategies through contact with educational institutions and offer infection control expertise. A letter of invitation will be sent to their educators to attend a chapter meeting.
- Initiate contact with a local APIC chapter so as to provide a forum for information exchange and/or investigate the possibility for collaborative strategy development for common issues faced.
- Improve and maintain chapter web page on the CHICA website.
- Communicate urgent issues to the membership so that timely responses from the membership can be shared with CHICA – Canada for national input or intervention, or by the chapter as appropriate.
- Engage as appropriate in promoting or influencing key political decisions that impact on infection prevention and control.
- Support monetarily Third World Infection Control Initiatives as funds are available

Topics of our five (5) meetings included:

- ‘Panel discussion on the new PIDAC document on Antibiotic Resistant Organisms’
- ‘How to be effective when dealing with the media’ by Steve Andrusiak
- ‘Cleaning and disinfection across the spectrum of healthcare’ by Jimmy Trieu, Marg Valcour, Terry Robb
- ‘Management of C. difficile’ by Dr. Michael John
- ‘Infection Trends identified at the Public Health lab’ by Dr A. Chagla
- ‘Leadership Strategies for the Infection Control Practitioner’ by Mary Lou Card

Of final note was the recognition that not all members can attend meetings during inclement weather conditions. Therefore, the “winter chapter meeting” was held by video/teleconference with over seventy (70) members in attendance.

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