

CHICA-BC

2008 Executive

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2009 Executive

Many thanks to Mary McNaughton who is leaving the executive after three years of leadership.

President: Coleen Reiswig RN BSN CIC
President Elect: Robyn Hunter RN BSN

Geographic Area Served:

All of British Columbia, with the exception of Vancouver Island, which is a separate chapter.

Membership:

As of December 2008, CHICA-BC had 137 members.

Meetings:

One of our main goals for 2008 was to increase the participation of, and services to, members outside the Lower Mainland of Vancouver. A number of approaches helped in this regard:

- Although all meetings have been available by teleconference for some time, we continued to try to improve on the effectiveness of this strategy.
- Three business meetings were held in conjunction with other educational opportunities, attended by many out of town members.
- Two executive members were recruited from the Interior Health Authority.
- The annual Education Day was organized and hosted by members from the Interior Health Authority in Kelowna.

In total six CHICA-BC meetings were held, all with a business and an education component.

1. February 6 – held at CHICA-Canada’s “MRSA Roadshow”
2. March 26 – Gerry Hansen presented “2010 National Conference Planning”
3. May 9 – held at PICNet’s Educational Conference “Building Bridges Between Occupational Health, Public Health, and Infection Prevention and Control”
4. June 25 – Ms. Sydney Scharf presented “An ICP’s Experience in South Africa”
5. September 25 – held at CHICA-BC’s Education Day “Emerging Issues in Infection Control in British Columbia”
6. November 26 – Ms. Linda Kingsbury presented “Reprocessing Policy, Guidelines and Audit Overview”

Highlights:

Our Fall Education Day was successfully held in Kelowna with over 70 attendees from across the continuum of care. Speakers included Ms. Judy Mori (IP&C), Dr. Edith Blondel-Hill (Medical Microbiology/Infectious Disease), Ms. Julie Hamilton RN, Dr. Dwight Ferris (Infectious Disease Consultant), and Dr. Paul Hasselback (Medical Health Officer). Many thanks to all who contributed their expertise, and congratulations to the members who organized the meeting.

Finally, early this year we received the exciting news that Vancouver will host CHICA Canada’s 2010 National Education Conference. CHICA-BC members are starting to organize for this event, and are looking forward to the 2009 conference in Newfoundland, and welcoming everyone here in 2010.

Gail Busto RN BSc CIC
Chapter President