

## **PRESIDENT**

Let me begin by offering my sincere thanks to the Board of Directors of CHICA-Canada for the support and friendship during this past year. Being President of CHICA-Canada has been a great honour for me and certainly one of the most significant highlights of my career in infection prevention and control.

To expand member services to meet the needs of CHICA-Canada membership the president participated in the following meetings:

- Chapter Presidents' teleclass in January
- Voices of CHICA teleconferences in February & September 2008
- Executive meetings June 27 and September 2
  
- Provided representation of CHICA-Canada at the Canadian Patient Safety Institute's Meetings
  - Represented CHICA-Canada at the Round Table on Patient Safety
    - Co-hosted by Canadian Council of Health Services Accreditation
    - Members included in Appendix A
      - Opportunity to present the CHICA-Canada' top three initiatives for patient safety (Appendix B)
  - Member of the Standardized Measures for Infection Control Working Group
    - Organized by CPSI & Accreditation Canada
    - Facilitated by the Public Health Agency of Canada
    - Purpose: to understand Healthcare Associated Infection Surveillance across Canada with an aim for consistency on surveillance definitions
      - Attended teleconferences to develop national definitions for surveillance for MRSA & CDI
      - Involved in the development & approval of surveillance definitions in December 2008
  - Member of the infection control subcommittee for the development of infection control stream of the CPSI's Pan-Canadian Patient Safety Learning Forum for April 2009
- Participation in the National Infectious Disease Day (NIDD) Coalition teleconferences during the summer & fall in preparation for NIDD October 23 (which was cancelled due to the fall election)
- Member of CHICA-Canada's National Education Scientific Committee
  - Representative of Public Health at 2009 Committee
  - Conference Chair for Vancouver 2010 Committee
  - Attended meetings and teleconferences for both
  
- CHICA-Canada's representative on the Certification in Infection Control Board (CBIC)
  - Attended meetings in February & September 2008
  - Presented on CHICA-Canada activities and feedback from members regarding the CIC exam
  - Meeting (teleconference) with CNA in December 2008 regarding CNA endorsement of the CIC for nurse members
    - Further follow-up ongoing

## **To expand CHICA-Canada's influence and profile nationally and internationally as a leader in infection prevention and control:**

- Attendance at the APIC Conference – Denver, Colorado – June 2008
  - Presentation to the APIC Board of Directors on the activities of CHICA- Canada
  - Meeting with the APIC President, APIC Executive Director, President of IPS from England to discuss common issues facing membership
  - Meeting with representatives of APIC, IPS re the dissolving of support for International Infection Control Committee I2C2
  - Meeting with APIC's Marketing Manager to explore mutually beneficial advertising strategies for CHICA-Canada & APIC
  - Represented CHICA-Canada at the awards luncheon, international best practices forum & the International Attendees Reception

- Attendance at the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) meeting in Santiago, Chile, October 14-18, 2008
  - Meeting with the IFIC Board & representatives of other infection control societies
    - Discussion on how member societies could facilitate increased awareness of IFIC activities
      - Acknowledgement of CHICA-Canada's support through the "Run for IFIC"
    - Displayed CHICA-Canada's posters which depicts the activities of CHICA-Canada
    - Meeting with Carol Goldman, CHICA-Canada's official representative to IFIC – Carol is an excellent ambassador for CHICA and is very actively involved with the IFIC organization as its secretary. She also did two presentations at the conference
    - Meeting with the President of the Australia Infection Control Association and with the Editor of the Australian infection control journal – Healthcare Infection
      - Recruited Dr. Elizabeth Henderson to serve on the Editorial Advisory Committee of their journal

**To develop an enhanced infrastructure required to support the strategic direction:**

- Participated in the review of candidates for the strategic planning process beginning in November 2008

**NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION (NACI)**

*Submitted by Suzanne Pelletier RN BScN CIC liaison member to the Committee.*

Suzanne Pelletier was appointed as CHICA-Canada representative on the NACI for a three year period beginning September 2008. NACI is a scientific advisory committee for the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), Immunization and Respiratory Infections Division. NACI meets three times per year. The October meeting was the first meeting of 2008 attended by the new CHICA-Canada liaison member. Discussions held during the October session focused on advisory statements to be published in 2009, including:

- Combination MMRV Vaccine Statement
- Herpes Zoster Vaccine Statement
- Conjugate Meningococcal Vaccines Statement
- Recommendations for the Management of Bat Exposures to Prevent Human Rabies Statement

Work of the committee on the Varicella Vaccine Two-dose Recommendations Statement is ongoing.

**INTERNATIONAL INFECTION CONTROL COUNCIL**

*Submitted by: Pat Piaskowski RN HBSN CIC and Sandra Callery RN MHS CIC*

The International Infection Control Council (IICC) originated in 1998 and over the past 10 years has had a rich history of collaboration on international infection prevention and control projects and development of resources for infection control professionals. These projects and publications include:

- 1998 Global Consensus Conference on Infection Control Issues related to Antibiotic Resistance with publication of over 70 recommendations
- 2002 Infection Control Toolkit for Pandemics and Disasters
- 2006 Infection Control Practices for Patients with Extended Spectrum Beta. Lactamase Enterobacteriaceae,
- 2007 Infection Control in Emergencies and Disaster (revision of 2002 document)
- Recommendations from successful August 2007 Consensus Conference on *C. difficile* hosted by the International Infection Control Council were published and presented at the 2008 CHICA Canada conference.

IICC also hosted a display table at the 2008 CHICA conference to display other previous works and products.

In 2008 the three organizations (CHICA-Canada, APIC and IPS (Infection Prevention Society/ formerly the Infection Control Nurses Association (ICNA)) reviewed their goals and objectives and decided to disband the IICC as of December 31, 2008.

With our past history of successful collaboration through the IICC the council has requested a meeting with the organizations to discuss ideas for future international collaboration.

### **CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE (CCAR)**

*The following update submitted by Nora Boyd RN MEd CIC*

The Canadian Committee on Antibiotic Resistance (CCAR) was formed in 1998 to coordinate Canadian efforts to control the development and spread of antimicrobial resistance. CCAR would not be able to lead in this area of Antibiotic Resistance were it not for the support of the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Accomplishments this year include:

- Infection Prevention and Control Best Practices for Long Term Care, Home and Community Care including Health Care Offices and Ambulatory Clinics published in 2007 was translated into French and posted on the CCAR web site: [www.ccar-ccra.org](http://www.ccar-ccra.org)
- A final curriculum for antimicrobial resistance for veterinary education
- Collaboration has begun between CCAR and AMMI on developing an antimicrobial resistance stewardship curriculum for medical education led by Dr. Jim Hutchison
- Updating the Susceptibility Testing Guide for microbiology labs is being done by Dr. Edith Blondell-Hill
- Infection Prevention and Control Best Practices for Veterinary Clinic and Companion Animal Hospitals is completed and on the CCAR website: [www.ccar-ccra.org](http://www.ccar-ccra.org)
- Participation in Safer Health Care Now Phase 2 Campaign specifically the MRSA Bundle
- Hiring of new executive director, September 2008: Margaret Litt who replaces Jane McIvor

The CCAR contract comes to an end in June 2009. CCAR is currently working with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to engineer a series of consultations with key stakeholders working in the field of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The aim of the consultations is to inform current and future discussions within the PHAC on future AMR governance models and key technical/scientific issues.

### **INFECTION CONTROL ONTARIO**

*The following report is submitted by Inez Landry, Chair, Infection Control Ontario 2009*

Infection Control Ontario (ICO) is an Allied Group Member of the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA). Much discussion has been generated about the role of this group since the Regional Infection Control Networks have been developed in Ontario.

#### **Active Members 2008**

CHICA – Eastern Ontario	Janet Allen/ Kathleen Poole
CHICA - HANDIC	Barb Shea, Past Chair,
CHICA – Northwestern Ontario	Nancy Robertson
CHICA – Northeastern Ontario	Isabelle Langman
CHICA – Ottawa Region	Inez Landry, Treasurer, Vice Chair
HUPIC	Nancy Brown
RCOPIC	Pat Ripmeester
SOPIC	Jo-Ann Vandierendonck
TPIC	Sharon O’Grady

Infection Control Ontario Terms of Reference are under review.

#### **Activities and Accomplishments in 2008**

- Inez Landry continues as ICO representative on the Joint OHA/OMA Communicable Diseases Surveillance Protocols Committee. These protocols are available at [www.oha.com](http://www.oha.com).

- ICO provided comments to Ministry of Health & LTC on draft documents on best practice for Hand Hygiene, Infection Best Practices for Infection Prevention and Control Programs in Ontario, In All Health Care Settings, Best Practices for Surveillance of Health Care-Associated Infections in Patient and Resident Populations
- Nancy Brown was on the planning committee for OHA Infection Prevention & Control education day in October 2008. Topics presented were: What's New in Infection Prevention and Control: Public Reporting the Next Frontier; Update from Ministry's Ontario Agency for Health Protection & Promotion; Public reporting in infection control indicators; Just Clean Your Hands Initiative: Next Steps, Expanding on the Just Clean Your Hands Initiative, what was learned from the sessions, Next steps: Patient Visitor: Your Healthcare Be Involved: Patient Education on Prevention of HAIs, Information on Launch of OHA/MOHLTC campaign aimed at educating patients on HAIs; Community Acquired MRSA: A Cause for Concern? Epidemiology for Ontario, Data collection and how to report...can we report? Lessons learned; One Hospital's Story: Accessing the True Losses of C difficile, Lessons learned, Screening and preventing C diff; Understanding the Fundamentals of Surveillance and Data Collection, The basics of surveillance, Enablers, Touch on the use of technology; Networking Luncheon/Round Table Discussion, Hot topics; Green Cleaning; Occupational Health & Safety and Infection Prevention and Control, Building a Relationship Between Infection Prevention and Control Departments and Senior Administration
- Inez Landry chaired the Infection Prevention and Control/ Occupational Health and Safety session at OHA HealthAchieve 2008. Topics presented were: Collaborative Programs Between Occupational Health and Safety and Infection Prevention and Control; Infection Control and the Pregnant Health Care Worker; Indoor Air Quality and Infection Prevention and Control; Province-wide survey of IPAC Resources commissioned by the RICNs.
- Kathleen Poole was welcomed as a new ICO member. Inez Landry is chair for 2009.

#### **APIC TEXT COMMITTEE**

*The following update submitted by Linda Adam RN BScN CIC*

The 2004 edition of the APIC text is now five years old. The APIC text committee re-convened in August, 2008. All chapters are being reviewed and updated as needed. The 2009 edition of the text will be available for purchase at the 2009 APIC education conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in June. As with the previous edition, the text consists of two volumes: basic practice elements, and advanced practice elements. A third volume will contain the table of contents, the list of authors and reviewers, and the CD edition of the text.

*Marion Yetman RN BN MN CIC  
President 2008*

Appendix A  
 Member organizations of the CPSI Round Table

National Organizations		Provincial Representatives
Canadian Nurses Association	Canadian Home Care Association	Group Vigilance - Quebec
Canadian healthcare Association	Canadian Medical Association	Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety
Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations	Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists	Ontario Hospital Association
Canadian Pharmacists Association	Health Council of Canada	Provincial Health Quality Council, Saskatchewan
Canadian Nurses Protective Society	Health Reciprocal of Canada	Ontario Health Quality Council
Canadian Medical Proactive Association	Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada	Nova Scotia Department of Health
CHICA Canada		

Appendix B

Top three current organizational safety initiatives and progress to date

Initiative	Progress to date
<p>1. The power of one!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A CHICA-Canada grant of \$50,000 towards research in <i>Clostridium difficile</i> that will provide new knowledge in the practice of Infection Prevention and Control</li> <li>▪ A challenge to the Federal, provincial and territorial governments of Canada to match \$1 for every Canadian for a research fund aimed at the prevention, control and eradication of <i>Clostridium difficile</i></li> <li>▪ A 2008 poster contest for CHICA-Canada members with the theme: The Power of One! Your role in Infection Control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applications have been received and are under evaluation. Fund allocation(s) will be made by the Board in November 2008.</li> <li>▪ The challenge to government has been published. Meetings with the Minister of Health were postponed because of elections. An introduction of CHICA-Canada to the new Minister of Health will be made and the challenge re-issued.</li> <li>▪ Call for submissions sent to CHICA-Canada members. Winning poster to be launched at 2009 conference in St. John's.</li> </ul>
<p>2. National Infectious Diseases Day (NIDD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Partnership with the Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases (CFID), the Association of Medical Microbiologists and Infectious Diseases Canada (AMMI), the Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, (CACMID) and Industry with a goal of reducing MRSA and <i>Clostridium difficile</i> by 50%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Development of a position paper on reducing Healthcare Associated infections</li> <li>▪ Informing members re NIDD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ September -Teleconference with members - information regarding NIDD provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speaker -Dr. Raphael Saginur</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Information in CJIC re position paper</li> <li>○ October 2008 – preparation of a communication package for members of the partner organizations to provide key messages to candidates during the October 2008 federal election</li> <li>○ Position paper available on <a href="http://www.nidd.ca">www.nidd.ca</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Congratulatory communication with new Minister of Health will introduce the coalition. Further communication will re-distribute the position paper. Further meetings of the coalition are scheduled for late 2008 to determine the next steps.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Education of Infection Control Practitioners Basic Infection Prevention and Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Delivery of CHICA-Canada course through the University of Calgary</li> <li>▪ Endorsement of similar courses taught through Queens University and Centennial College</li> <li>▪ Initiative to deliver the CHICA-Canada course through other universities and colleges both in person and on-line</li> </ul> <p>Participation in the <b>Canadian Patient Safety Institute Pan-Canadian Patient Safety Learning Forum April 2009</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CHICA-Canada's Distance Education Coordinator responsible for the review, revision and delivery of the CHICA-Canada course curriculum through the curriculum advisory committee</li> <li>▪ Member of the planning committee for the Infection Control stream</li> </ul>