

## **CHICA- EASTERN ONTARIO (CHICA-EO)**

### **2009 Executive**

President: Bonnie Carter, RN  
Past President: Kathleen Poole MN CIC  
President Elect: Melanie Barbacsy PHI BSc CIC  
Treasurer/ Membership: Dana Anderson RN CIC  
Secretary: Shirley McDonald ART CIC

### **2010 Executive**

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**Geographic Area Served:** Eastern Ontario from Trenton to Brockville, Lake Ontario north to Bancroft

**Membership:** 2009 membership increased again to 77 members, plus four Honourary life members.

### **Meetings / Education:**

CHICA-EO meets five times annually, and this year sponsored a special summer social meeting. Most meetings are held at the Mental Health Site of Providence Care in Kingston in a room that enables members in remote areas to link via both videoconference and teleconference. All meetings consist of a business portion including round table discussion, as well as an education session organized by our education chair Paul Webber. Topics presented in 2009 included:

- February 19: The Cost and Control of Foodborne Illness, Keith Warriner
- April 22: Provision of Medical Care in Africa: Rewards and Challenges. Dr. Andrew Simor shared his expertise on this fascinating topic
- June 17: Current Issues in Disinfection of Environmental Surfaces in Healthcare Settings, Syed A. Sattar PhD. This meeting was jointly sponsored by CHICA EO and CIPP (Community Infection Prevention Partners) of the KFL&A Public Health. Additionally there were five other groups joining in via videoconferencing: Sudbury, Timmins, Sault Area, Services de santé de Chapleau and Temiskaming.
- July 17: The Summer Social was held at the home of Shirley MacDonald. Attendance was down and the chapter conducted a survey of members to identify the feasibility of continuing this annual event. Results were overwhelmingly to continue a social/educational event annually for the chapter.
- An education subcommittee was formed to prepare for a Trade Show in the spring of 2010
- September 15: Infection Control in the Personal Services Settings. Lindsay Nicholson from Kingston Frontenac Lennox & Addington Public Health presented a fresh and informative session on practices and what to look for at spas and piercing facilities.
- November 18: WHO recommendations on Infection Prevention and Control Measures in Healthcare for Pandemic Influenza (H1N1) 2009, A timely video education session by Carmem Lucia Pessoe-Silva, MD PhD, World Health Organization.

**Highlights:**

This was another very active year for our chapter. Some of the highlights include:

- As above, our chapter once again successfully co-hosted an infection education session with our area public health office, which invited a broader audience to come and learn.
- Policies updated in 2009 in the manual and on the CHICA-EO website include: job descriptions for all executive positions, the library and travel expenses.
- Dr. Dick Zoutman MD retired from the CHICA-Canada Board at the end of 2008 after completing four terms (12 years) as Physician Director. Dr. Zoutman received CHICA Canada Honorary Lifetime Membership in 2009 and CHICA - Eastern Ontario acknowledges our chapter members accomplishments.
- CHICA-Canada Conference Scientific Planning Committee: Jim Gauthier continues to serve, and will be chair for the 2010 CHICA annual conference in Vancouver. Amanda Knapp is appointed for a two-year term representing community/public health.
- Susan Cooper is the Member At Large for the 2011 National Conference in Toronto
- Despite the untimely arrival of H1N1, seven chapter members attended the 2009 CHICA conference in St. John's Newfoundland. The president and president elect were unable to attend, however did participate in the presidents' meeting held by teleconference.
- CHICA-EO members continued to participate actively on all CHICA interest groups
- Several chapter members were on the Regional Infection Control Network committees to design pocket guides for both acute and long term care on IPAC.
- Three more chapter members achieved CIC status, raising our total to 21.

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Chapter President*