

CONFERENCE PLANNER

2009 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Solid Foundations...Shifting Horizons

Delta St. John's/St. John's Convention Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland Labrador

May 9-14, 2009

As expected, the St. John's conference was a successful and memorable event. Approximately 450 attendees and 72 exhibiting companies experienced the highest quality education and networking opportunities. What was unexpected was the impact of H1N1 on attendance with some losses in registration and guest room pick up. The Scientific Program Committee worked quickly to develop a question and answer session on H1N1 with guest speakers presenting by teleconference.

I would like to thank and commend the Scientific Program Committee for their dedication to offering a strong education opportunity. The committee was: Joanne Laalo, Conference Chair; Dr. Donna Moralejo, Scientific Program Chair; Jim Gauthier, Scientific Program Co-Chair; Molly Blake, Acute Care Representative; Lee Hanna, Long Term Care Representative; Marion Yetman, Community/Public Health Representative; Dr. Diane Roscoe, Microbiology/Infectious Diseases representative; and CHICA Newfoundland Labrador representatives Merlee Steele-Rodway and Penny Ralph. Thank you also to the members of CHICA Newfoundland Labrador who made the entire planning experience and the hospitality on-site a joy to experience.

The 4th Run for IFIC netted a donation of \$3,748 to the International Federation of Infection Control. Thank you to Marion Yetman and her colleagues at CHICA Newfoundland Labrador for organizing this fun and worthy event.

Sincerest appreciation to Kelli Wagner for her dedication and support in the management of the conference.

2010 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Golden Opportunities – Soaring to New Heights

Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver BC

May 29-June 3, 2010

The 2010 Scientific Program Committee is comprised of Marion Yetman (Conference Chair), Jim Gauthier (Scientific Program Chair), Zahir Hirji (Scientific Program Co-Chair), Molly Blake (Acute Care Representative), Lee Hanna (Long Term Care Representative), Amanda Knapp (Community/Public Health Representative), Dr. Pamela Kibsey (Microbiology/ID Representative), and Louise Holmes and Linda Kingsbury of CHICA British Columbia. Two in-person planning meetings and several conference calls were held to develop the Scientific Program.

2011 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Innovation, Inspiration, Influence – Leadership in Action

Sheraton Centre Toronto, Toronto, ON

May 28-June 2, 2011

The first meeting of the 2011 Scientific Program Committee took place in Toronto in November 2009. The Scientific Program Committee is comprised of: Cathy Munford (Conference Chair), Zahir Hirji (Scientific Program Chair), Molly Blake (Scientific Program Co-Chair), Colette Ouellet (Acute Care Representative), Marilyn Weinmaster (Long Term Care Representative), Amanda Knapp (Community/Public Health Representative), Dr. Pamela Kibsey (Microbiology/ID Representative), Victoria Williams (Toronto Professionals in Infection Control), and Susan Cooper (Member at large).

FUTURE CONFERENCES

Site inspections were held throughout the year at various future conference locations. These events were usually sponsored by the local Tourism board whose assistance was greatly appreciated. The 2012 Conference will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; the 2013 Conference will be held in Ottawa, Ontario. Announcements of future conference dates and locations will be made as plans are finalized.

Members are reminded that the Scientific Program Committee is a nationally appointed working group. Calls for Applications for the 2012 and 2013 conference committee positions will be published in the journal, the e-newsletter and on the website.

Many thanks to the committees, chapter members, conference attendees, industry representatives and allied associations who work hard alongside the CHICA Conference Planning Office to ensure dynamic educational and networking opportunities. Thanks also to Kelli Wagner for her selfless dedication to the success of our conferences before, during and after the events.

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