

## PAST PRESIDENT

This is a brief summary of the activities I have been involved in as the past president of CHICA-Canada.

- Attended the CHICA Canada Voices of CHICA Teleconference in September 2009
  - Presented an overview of the 2010 conference for members
- Member on the 2009 Scientific Committee
  - Participated in the review and revisions to Virox scholarship application
  - Attended the Scientific Committee meeting in Vancouver in October 2009
- Represented CHICA-Canada at the CPSI Strategic Planning meeting in September. The objective of the meeting were:
  - To receive feedback from participants on CPSI's 2008-2013 Strategic Plan activities to date.
  - Gain input from participants on any emerging issues that might impact the strategic plan.
  - CHICA-Canada should maintain its involvement with CPSI since one of our prime concerns is with patient safety
- Collaboration with the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) to explore the feasibility of CNA certification for infection control practitioners in Canada
  - Two information sharing teleconferences were held with Ms. Leslie Patry, Manager, Certification Program with CNA. Members present: Gerry Hansen, Donna Moralejo & Marion Yetman
  - At present ICPs in Canada complete the CBIC American exam with three members of CHICA-Canada providing the Canadian input
    - This exam is not available in French so many of our colleagues in Quebec cannot participate in this opportunity for certification
  - CNA has expertise in developing certification exams as they presently have exams in nineteen specialty areas of nursing
  - As noted by Ms. Patry the preliminary considerations are:
    - Reciprocity/recognition by CNA for the current multi-disciplinary US based infection control certification
    - Development by CNA of a Canadian RN only certification examination
    - Development by CNA of a Canadian multidisciplinary certification examination
    - Status quo, Canadian nurses write the US certification examination (there is no formal recognition by CNA)
  - This item is for discussion with the Board Members
- Appointed as the CHICA-Canada representative on the Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness & Promotion
  - Meetings monthly via teleconference with CCIAP
  - Updates on immunization practices posted to CHICA-Canada web site
  - CHICA-Canada has committed to promoting immunization awareness by continuing to offer sessions at the annual conference on aspects of immunization
- Recruitment of Board Members
  - Helped with the selection of new Board members
  - Congratulations to our new members:
    - Ms. Donna Wiens RN BN CIC – President-Elect
    - Dr. Jennifer Grant, Medical Microbiologist at Vancouver General Hospital as Director of Standards & Guidelines
  - Special thanks to Karen Clinker for agreeing to additional 3 year term as Director of Programs and Projects
  - Special thanks to Bonnie Henry for her commitment to the organization

Thank you all for your support during my three year term with CHICA-Canada. It has been a fabulous experience.

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Past President*