

SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

General Membership:

It is my pleasure to report that once again membership to CHICA-Canada has increased over previous years. As of November 1, 2009, there were 1595 members to CHICA-Canada. Please refer to the attached graphs for information regarding membership by province, institution and discipline.

Institutional Membership:

There are currently 876 members holding Institutional Membership in 219 facilities.

Corporate Members (formerly 'Industry Members')

On behalf of the Board of Directors of CHICA-Canada I would acknowledge the continued support of our Corporate Members:

- 3M Canada
- Abbott Laboratories
- ArjoHuntleigh
- Baxter Canada
- BD Canada
- Covidien
- Deb Canada
- Ecolab HealthCare
- Ethicon (A Division of Johnson & Johnson)
- GOJO Industries
- Laura Line Skin Care
- Maxill Inc.
- MedLine Canada
- Pharmax Limited
- Professional Disposables International
- Rubbermaid Canada
- SciCan
- Smith & Nephew
- Les entreprises Solumed, A 3M Canada Company
- STERIS Corporation
- The Stevens Company
- VernaCare
- Virox Technologies Inc
- Webber Training Inc.
- Wood Wyant

3M Chapter Achievement Award.

Congratulations to CHICA HANDIC, winner of the 3M Chapter Achievement Award for 2009. Thank-you to 3M for their continual interest and support in the educational needs of our members.

3M Research Grant

After discussion with the Board of Directors and 3M representatives, it has been decided to discontinue the 3M Research Grant. The funds will be put towards a new award, the Champions of Infection Prevention and Control.

Chapter Challenge Award:

Three Chapters with the greatest increase in membership were rewarded again this year. Congratulations to CHICA-Northern Ontario (53% increase); CHICA-Renfrew County (45% increase); and CHICA – HUPIC (37.5% increase).

Virox Technologies National Conference Scholarship Fund:

In 2009 Virox Technologies granted scholarships in the amount of \$15,000 to 14 CHICA-Canada members to assist with the costs of attending the CHICA-Canada National Conference held in beautiful St John's, Newfoundland. Virox has committed to increasing the award to \$20,000 in 2010. Many thanks to Virox Technologies for their continued support in continuing education for Infection Prevention and Control Professionals in CHICA-Canada.

Chapter of the Year Award (Previously awarded by CBIC)

This award has historically been provided by CBIC and will now be awarded by CHICA-Canada to chapters with the largest increase in CIC holders. This award was granted to CHICA British Columbia in 2009.

2009 Ecolab Poster Contest

The winner of the 2009 Ecolab Poster Contest is Kim Baker of Brampton, Ontario. An Honorary Mention was awarded to Andrea Groff of Whitby, Ontario. The theme for 2010 is "Infection Control – It's Simple." The host chapter is CHICA Newfoundland Labrador.

Honourary Membership

Dr. Elizabeth Henderson was presented with an honorary membership to CHICA-Canada at the conference in St John's. Congratulations again and many thanks for all of her hard work and dedication for the many years she has been with Infection Control.

Strategic Plan Revisited

The Strategic Plan of CHICA-Canada was revisited and updated in 2009. The 2010-2015 Membership Committee objectives are listed under Goal Four: Expand and develop the membership base;

Increase CHICA Canada membership in targeted areas

- Continue focus on current target groups
- identify and address new target groups
- produce appropriate resource

Develop a mentorship program for new ICPs

- Scan mentoring programs already in use
- Develop a CHICA-Canada specific Program
- Recruit mentors and support training, project management and association activities

Increase retention of retirees

- Promote associate membership for retirees
- Engage retirees in succession planning, project management and association activities

Promote membership opportunities and involvement

- Increase communication between chapter executives and the Board
- Prepare information packages for senior management
- Promote CHICA-Canada at conferences and events

Bug-a-Doc Campaign:

The Bug-a-Doc Campaign successfully continued into 2009. At the end of November, 2009 15 new physicians had joined CHICA Canada, for a total of 76.

Membership Core Committee:

- Membership Core Committee met face to face in St John's and via teleconferencing in 2009.
- Based upon input from the CHICA-Canada Board in Membership Meeting in Montreal in 2008, the Membership Core Committee has identified Infection Control Designates / Occupational Health and Safety / Environmental Services has target groups and have investigated methods reach these groups.
- Definitions for each group has been researched by members of the Core Committee and sent to Membership Office to assist in building brochures specific to each discipline.

On-Line Registration:

On-line registration is up and running for both members registering for membership and the annual conference.

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