

## **TORONTO AND AREA PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL (TPIC)**

### **Executive 2009**

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**Geographic Area Served:** Greater Toronto Area (GTA) bounded by Mississauga (West), Barrie (North), and Oshawa (East).

### **Membership:**

TPIC continues to support and recruit ICP's as the membership has grown to 348 members as of December 31, 2009. The membership is comprised of individuals from diverse educational backgrounds and work experiences such as: acute care, long term care, complex continuing care and rehabilitation, community care, public health, corrections, government, the Regional Infection Control Networks, and industry. On average, 40 members attend the meetings.

### **Meetings:**

Seven meetings were held in 2009: January 13, February 10, April 14, June 16 (summer get together/barbecue), September 15, October 13 and December 15 (Holiday social). In order to improve access for members the meetings were held at different locations throughout the city.

Standard meeting format:

Committee Meetings 0900-1000 (Executive, Education, Marketing, Construction)

Business Meeting 1000-1100 (includes any CHICA committee members present)

Networking 1100-1200

Lunch (informal networking) 1200-1300

Education Session 1300-1600

Guest Speakers:

<b>January 13</b>	<b>Topic:</b> <i>Ethics in Infection Control in Pediatric Patients</i> <b>Presenters:</b> <i>Dr Anne Matlow and Richard Wray, the Hospital for Sick Children</i>
<b>February 10</b>	<b>Topic:</b> Challenges of Implementing Infection Control in the Mental Health Setting <b>Presenters:</b> Linda Fletcher, Jamie Keller Whitby Mental Health Obad Adore Centre for Addition and Mental Health
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Topic:</b> Control of Bacterial Growth on Devices Using Advanced Metallic Films <b>Presenters:</b> <i>Dr. Robert Burrell</i>
<b>June 16</b>	<b>B.B.Q</b> <b>Topic:</b> No Formal Presentation
<b>September 15</b>	<b>Topic:</b> Poster/Oral presentations from recent conferences <b>Presenters:</b> TPIC members
<b>October 13</b>	<b>Topic:</b> Environmental Cleaning – What your mother couldn't teach you. <b>Presenters:</b> Nicole Kenney, Virox Technologies
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Holiday Social</b> <b>Topic:</b> Balancing Life and Stress <b>Presenters:</b> CJ Calvert

## **2009 Highlights**

TPIC executive, chairs of TPIC committees and interests groups participated in strategic planning for the chapter based on the needs assessment performed in 2007-08. Identified areas included; focusing on topics relating to professional development for education sessions, improving member access and participation through an improved website and providing alternative ways to attend meetings, and providing services for new members including mentorship.

Chapter members have been actively involved in many facility, local, regional, provincial and national initiatives throughout 2009.

- Members continue to provide instruction and mentorship to the Centennial College Infection Prevention and Control course
- TPIC in conjunction with Toronto Public Health and the Regional Infection Control Networks held its annual Long Term Care Infection Control Education Day
- The University Health Network and the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion co-hosted a 2 day seminar on healthcare design and infection prevention and control
- At the provincial level TPIC members continue to participate in the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) and work within the MOHLTC providing input on many best practice guidelines.
- TPIC members attended a number of national and international conferences where they were invited speakers and presented abstracts including; CHICA, APIC, IFIC, SHEA, IDSA, ISQUA, and CPSI
- TPIC members have also been involved in a number of scientific publications in 2009 appearing in CJIC, AJIC, and ICHE
- TPIC members continued to participate in CHICA Canada through committees and interest groups.

Plans for 2010 include collaborating with the Regional Infection Control Networks to videoconference meetings and to hold an education event in February.

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Chapter President 2009*