

## 2018 3M CHAMPION OF INFECTION CONTROL -Michelle Alfa, PhD FCCM



IPAC Canada and 3M Canada are pleased to announce the winner of the 2018 Champion of Infection Prevention and Control award is Michelle Alfa, PhD FCCM.

Dr. Alfa worked for Diagnostics Manitoba for over 20 years and was the Medical Director for the Clinical Microbiology Discipline. She was also a Principal Investigator at the St. Boniface Research Centre for over 25 years. She is currently retired but remains a Professor in the Department of Medical Microbiology, University of Manitoba.

Over the past 28 years her primary area of research has been related to Hospital-acquired infections, specifically related to i) improving reprocessing of complex medical devices and ii) monitoring disinfection/cleaning of the healthcare environment to reduce the risk of infection transmission.

Dr. Alfa has over 150 publications, has received many awards for her teaching of Medical Students. In addition, she has received the “Distinguished Microbiologist” award from Canadian College of Microbiologists, and the “Research Innovation” award from the University of Manitoba.

Many of our members have worked with Dr. Alfa to provide education around cleaning and disinfection issues. She has always been enthusiastic about providing the necessary environmental health education and is seen as expert, positive and proactive. At the 2018 conference in Banff, Dr. Alfa will present at the Virox Day Cleaning and Disinfection Symposium on *Biofilms: Wet, Dry, Surfaces, Instruments*.

Dr. Alfa will be honoured at the Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. An overview of her achievements and initiatives will be presented at the Breakfast of Champions on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

We thank 3M Canada for recognition of the lifetime achievements of Dr. Michelle Alfa.