

IPAC Canada  
CIC Chapter Achievement Submission - March 2018

# IPAC-GREATER TORONTO AREA



# IPAC GTA



- IPAC GTA chapter is committed to professional development of it's members. It does so by creating opportunities in ways that helps build knowledge and confidence in it's members preparing for Certification in Infection Control.

# IPAC GTA- Members

- In 2017 there were 64 members that were eligible to write their initial certification or SARE
- Total of 26 members did so with success (41%)
- 7 out of 45 eligible members got certified for first time (16%)
- This is twice than last year (8% members in 2016 for initial certification)

# Activities to promote CIC

- Networking
- Mentoring
- CIC Study groups
- Providing funding
- Give away of resources (APIC textbooks, study guides)



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# MENTORING



- Call for interest in Jan and Oct identified nine experienced and CIC certified members as mentors
- Mentors were constantly introduced in chapter meetings and members encouraged to connect with them
- Telephone and email support provided to members committed to write CIC i.e. motivating them, suggesting study material, strategies to answer exam questions

# CIC Study Groups

- Two study groups offered in winter and fall of 2017
- Collaboration with Public Health Ontario Central Regional Support Team, IPAC PANA, IPAC Simcoe Muskoka



- Each study group had 8 sessions concluding with timed online mock exam
- Each study group had about 30 to 35 attendees at 7 different sites!

# CIC Study Group

- Reached out to neighbouring IPAC Canada chapters for collaboration
- Shared facilitators, content and locations for in-person participation to provide flexibility to attendees
- 9 facilitators took turns in delivering education and facilitating on-site discussions
- Sites connected by webinar and teleconference



# Funding and resources

- Announcement made in meetings and emails that members passing their initial CIC will receive funding from IPAC GTA
- 7 successful members from year 2017 will receive \$107 during Chapter meeting in April (source of funds: award money from last year's CIC Achievement Award)
- Plans to repeat funding again in 2018
- Mentors shared APIC textbooks and CIC study guides with those in need



# Special thanks

- Executive members of IPAC GTA and IPAC PANA for offering time to support ICPs preparing for CIC
- Public Health Ontario- content for CIC study group
- To all certified members for motivating the Chapter members and providing valuable support
- And congratulations to our hard working 26 members for certifying and recertifying!!