

## **IPAC CENTRAL SOUTH ONTARIO**

### **Executive: 2015**

President: Mary-Catharine Orvidas MLT CIC  
President-elect: Sandra Comand ART CIC  
Secretary: Cheryl Collins RN BScN CIC  
Treasurer: Connie Gittens Webber BSc MLT ART CIC

### **2016 Executive**

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President-elect: Shelley Schmidt RN BScN  
Secretary: Cheryl Collins RN BScN CIC  
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**Number of Members:** 117

**Geographic Area Served:** Central South Ontario (Hamilton, Halton, Burlington, Cambridge, Fergus, Guelph, Brantford, St. Catharine's, Niagara, and Haldimand-Norfolk)

### **Membership**

The IPAC CSO membership includes novice and experienced professionals from varying disciplines: nurses, public health inspectors, and medical laboratory technologists, as well as police, fire and industry representatives of varying backgrounds. The majority of our members hold IPAC positions and or responsibilities in acute care, long term care, community health, public health and RICN.

### **Meetings**

Our meetings occur on the fourth Friday of February, April, July, September and December. Meetings are a full day. The morning is devoted to chapter business, updates and a question and answer session. Lunch period is used for networking and/or working group meeting. The afternoon portion of the meeting includes an educational component provided by an invited guest or a chapter member. Standing items on the agenda include: celebration of successes (for example CIC or SARE), alerts and outbreaks, reports from the president, treasurer, interest groups and RICN. This year we have been busy preparing for the 2016 National Conference in Niagara Falls. We have been focusing on fund raising activities to host the Meet and Greet. Activities have included raffles, 50/50 draws, a very successful cookie walk as well as sales of pashminas and other items.

Chapter Education sessions:

- African Experience with Ebola, presented by Barb Shea
- Noteworthy education sessions from the 2015 IPAC Canada National Conference, by May Griffiths-Turner

### **Highlights**

- Hosted over 200 attendees at our IPAC CSO 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Day “Think Globally - Act Locally”
- Connie Gittens Webber was the recipient of our Hygeia Award
- Barb Shea, a former chapter member, went to Africa
- Donated funds to:
  - IFIC
  - MSF to fight Ebola
  - Guatemala dental mission
- Provided funds for chapter member to attend conferences
- Provided funds to chapter members to celebrate IPAC week
- Fine-tuning our Mentorship Program for new/novice ICPs
- Revamped our website

*Mary-Catharine Orvidas MLT CIC*  
*Chapter President*