

IPAC NEWFOUNDLAND LABRADOR

Executive 2015

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Number of Members: 45

Geographic Area Served:

Province of Newfoundland Labrador (four regional health authorities).

Membership:

The membership of IPAC NL is comprised of healthcare professionals from various disciplines across the continuum of care. We are fortunate to have representatives from clinical nursing, physicians, medical device reprocessing, ICP's, CDCN's, employee wellness and industry. Many of our members work in regional health authorities which serve large geographic areas. We have several members that volunteer for the interest groups as well as other committees such as the Scientific Program Committee. We currently have 10 members with CIC certification. Membership is strongly encouraged throughout all regions.

Meetings:

Meetings are held monthly (except July and August) via the provincial teleconferencing system. This year we held nine meetings and one Provincial Education Day. We have a consistent average attendance of approximately 50-60% of membership. The regular monthly meetings consist of: Business, Education Session, Regional Reports and Shameless Bragging. This year we were fortunate to have a guest speaker, Dr. Whitney, retired Chief Veterinary Officer for the province, present on Antibiotic Use in Animals.

Highlights:

- IPAC NL held its third Provincial Education Day Webinar in October 2015. It was well received and had 72 registered. Topics of education included; Ebola Update, Social Media and Infection Control, Clostridium Difficile- a Patients Perspective, Antimicrobial Utilization, Syphilis Outbreak, Hepatitis, and Supporting Medical Device Reprocessing. Vendors and industry partners (4 in total) were also given the opportunity for promotion. For the first time IPAC NL completed a post conference fluid survey through IPAC Canada.
- IPAC NL has a 'Welcome Package' for new members. This is distributed by the Membership Chair.
- IPAC NL recognizes the commitment and years of service as members. Annually, members with 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service are presented with a certificate and some funding is provided to members in the recipients region for a social event. This has been well received and members look forward to this.
- Several members have completed Infection Prevention and Control courses.
- PICNL (Provincial Infection Control Newfoundland Labrador) meets monthly via teleconference. This group has a representative from each of the four regions as well as the province.
- There were four members of IPAC NL who attended the IPAC Canada Conference in Victoria this year; two members presented, four posters were presented, one member received the honorable "Moir Walker Memorial Award", and one member was successful in receiving the Virox Scholarship. IPAC NL also won the prestigious "CIC Chapter Achievement Award". Congrats to all IPAC NL members...!!

- Long-time member and friend Marion Yetman was bestowed with IPAC Canada Honourary Membership, by the IPAC Canada Board, in November.
- IPAC NL events coincide with IPAC Canada's Strategic Plan as outlined in the report.
- IPAC NL has a group of committed members; it is a group that I am very proud to be part of.

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Chapter President*