

IPAC OTTAWA REGION

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Number of Members: 84

Geographic Area Served: Ottawa and surrounding area, east to the Québec border and the Outaouais.

Membership

Membership represented by acute care, long term care, community care, industry, federal government, federal corrections, three public health units (Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit and Ottawa Public Health), and representation from Public Health Ontario (PHO) and Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

Meetings

Five half-day chapter meetings were held. The agenda includes business issues and updates, round table discussion and a 1-hour education session. Five executive planning meetings were held.

Highlights

- **February 12:** IPAC Challenges in the Street Health Setting - Rita Pettes
- **April 9:** HIV in 2015: Better Treatment but Ongoing Stigma – Dr. Jason Brophy
- **June 11:** Current Trends – Dr. Gary Garber
- **October 15:** Ebola - Sierra Leone Experience – Dr. Melissa Langevin
- **December 17:** CDI and UVC Technology - Natalie Bruce
- **December 2015:** Educational forum: Sharpening Your Infection Control Skills IPAC Ottawa Region + Ottawa Public Health + Public Health Ontario

Strategic Plan Goals: Raise our Leadership Profile/Recalibrate Our Product Mix/ Grow Our Capacity

- 1.1 Increase public, government and organizational awareness of IPAC Canada
- 2.3 Enhance education emphasis to reflect fundamental IPAC principles
- 3.1 Promote the value of IPAC Canada memberships to key target audiences
- 3.4 Strengthen relationship with industry
 - Dr Carolyn Pim – AMOH: Respiratory Infections: TB, Influenza and MERS-CoV.
 - Basics of IPAC including Chain of Transmission, Routine Practices & Additional Precautions, Environmental Cleaning and Outbreak Management were reviewed by local experts.
 - An interactive Skills Fair: 4 interactive displays that included demonstration and practice: hand hygiene using UV light technology; donning & doffing PPE; risk assessment scenarios; and NP swab collection.
 - Promotion of membership to local IPAC Canada Chapter to large audience: 110 registrants
 - Six industry representatives attended
 - IPAC OR industry member supported the event with an additional contribution

Grow Our Capacity

- 3.1 Promote the value of IPAC Canada memberships to key target audiences
 - ✓ Policy and Procedure manual reviewed, updated and posted.
 - ✓ Provided financial support to the president as well as two chapter members to attend the IPAC Canada National Conference in Victoria, BC.
- 3.2 Technology to engage and educate
 - ✓ Meeting venue changed to access videoconference and teleconference equipment. Participation from outlying communities noted!!

Raise our Leadership Profile

- 1.1 Increase public, government and organizational awareness of IPAC Canada
 - ✓ Three chapter members provided expertise to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons for the development of a PPE Online Learning module.
 - ✓ Two chapter members sit on the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee and report on its activity at chapter meetings.

The chapter is represented on all IPAC Canada interest groups, Standards and Guidelines, Programs and Projects and Education Committees. Updates are given at chapter meetings as appropriate. In addition, members actively participate in IPAC Canada working groups as needed. Members remain engaged and are committed to increasing national visibility.

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