

IPAC PANA

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Number of Members: 40

Geographic Area Served: Region of Peel and Neighbouring Areas (e.g., Orangeville, Mississauga)

Membership

We have a diverse membership from acute care, long-term care, first responders, public health (municipal and provincial) and industry.

Meetings

Meetings are held approximately every two months. There were a total of five (5) meetings in 2015. The meeting format, developed from membership feedback, has a strong focus on our round table discussion which opens each meeting. This is followed by a business meeting and ends with an educational session. Our chapter meetings start at 08:30 and end at approximately 11:30 hours.

Highlights

The education committee is very engaged. During 2015, we had presentations from Bernard Siedlecki, Pinchin Ltd., on Legionella; one of our members, Madeleine Ashcroft, discussed her experiences in Sierra Leone; Mark Heller presented on environmental cleaning and to end the year we went on a road trip to Pinchin Ltd. Here we learned how they do their culturing.

IPAC PANA received a free IPAC Canada membership for the second year in a row for growing the IPAC PANA membership!

On Thursday April 28, 2015 IPAC PANA collaborated with Peel Public Health and Public Health Ontario to organize our inaugural educational event building on the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games that were planned for the summer of 2015. There was a fantastic line-up of speakers:

- Keynote - Ben Addley, Polyclinic Manager of Pan Am Games
- Building a Defensive Line – Pan Am and Emergency Preparedness - Dr. Brian Schwartz, Public Health Ontario
- What's Your Offensive Strategy? Syndromic Surveillance - Sandra Callery, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Benched! Infections in Sports - Dr. Jenny Johnstone, Public Health Ontario
- Making the Call – Risk Communication – Dr. Ronald Brecher, Consultant
- Making a Come Back – When Disaster Strikes – Ethical Issues in IPAC - Dr. Gary Garber, Public Health Ontario

There was an overwhelming positive response from the 124 attendees which confirmed the success of this IPAC PAN-AM event. All were riveted to the speaker presentations as they explained the detailed planning for the Pan Am and Parapan Am games and the potential IPAC issues related to sports and the games. The event provided much desired information about the Pan Am and Parapan Am games to attendees that spanned the acute care, long term

care, retirement homes, first responders, occupational health, public health, and community health agency sectors. As well, our industry partners were extremely satisfied with the engagement of attendees at their exhibits and booths.

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Chapter President*