

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2011 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Background

The CHICA-Canada 2011 Scientific Program Committee is a national committee whose mandate is to plan, develop and ensure completion of the scientific program committee for the 2011 National Education Conference. The 2011 National Education Conference will take place in Toronto (venue and date to be announced).

The 2011 committee is comprised of the following representatives of various practice settings:

2011 Conference Chair – Cathy Munford RN CIC
2011 Scientific Program Chair – Zahir Hirji RN BScN MHSc CIC
2011 Scientific Program Co-Chair – Vacant
2011/2012 Acute Care Representative – Vacant
2011/2012 Long Term Care Representative - Vacant
2010/2011 Community/Public Health Representative – Amanda Knapp BAsC CPHI(C) CIC
2010/2011 Medical Microbiology/Infectious Disease Physician – Pamela Kibsey MD FRCPC

Call for Applications

CHICA-Canada is seeking three candidates to fill the positions of:

- Scientific Program Co-Chair (will become Scientific Program Chair for 2012 conference)
- Acute Care Representative (for 2011 and 2012 conferences)
- Long Term Care Representative (for 2011 and 2012 conferences)

Meeting Schedule and Expenses

The Scientific Program Committee meets twice in-person (for each conference) and then communicates through email or conference calls. The first meeting of the 2011 Scientific Program Committee is scheduled for the autumn of 2009 (Toronto location to be announced). The first meeting of the 2012 Scientific Program Committee will be scheduled for the fall of 2010 (location TBA).

CHICA-Canada pays the expenses of committee members to attend in-person meetings. CHICA-Canada pays the expenses of committee members to attend the conferences they have planned.

Qualifications

Applicants must possess the following qualifications and agree to the following terms:

- A current (2009) member of CHICA-Canada, having held membership for at least 5 years.
- Must have a Certification in Infection Control & Epidemiology (CIC) or specialty training in epidemiology, infectious diseases or community medicine.
- A minimum of 5 years experience in Infection Prevention and Control and/or Infectious Diseases with specific expertise in the setting for which a representative is sought
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Professional involvement with CHICA-Canada in a Board or Chapter Executive role, as Chair of an Interest Group or on a CHICA-Canada Committee

- Experience in the planning of scientific programs for professional conferences (local, regional or national) would be an asset but is not mandatory.
- Has the time, personal commitment and support of their institution to serve CHICA-Canada through this position.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- A letter from applicant indicating the position of interest, and demonstrating suitability for the position.
- A curriculum vitae that includes details as to the candidate's background in Infection Prevention and Control/Infectious Diseases
- Professional expertise and education, specialty training and expertise, and CHICA-Canada involvement such as service as a CHICA-Canada Board Member, as a Chapter Executive, or on a CHICA-Canada Standing Committee, Interest Group or Conference Planning Committee.

Applications must be received no later than **June 1, 2009**

Applications should be forwarded to:

Executive Administrator/Conference Planner
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Winnipeg MB R3R 1Y9

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