Background
The CHICA-Canada 2013 Scientific Program Committee is a national committee whose mandate is to plan, develop and ensure completion of the scientific program for the 2013 National Education Conference. The 2013 National Education Conference will take place in Ottawa (June 1-6, 2013).

The 2013 committee is comprised of the following representatives of various practice settings:

2013 Conference Chair – Donna Wiens RN CIC
2013 Scientific Program Chair – Colette Ouellet RN BScN CIC
2013 Scientific Program Co-Chair – Vacant
2013/2014 Acute Care Representative – Vacant
2013/2014 Long Term Care Representative – Vacant
2012/2013 Community/Public Health Representative – Alexis Silverman RN BA BScN CIC
2013/2014 Medical Microbiology/Infectious Disease Physician – Vacant
2013 CHICA Ottawa Region Representative - Josée, Shymanski RN BScN CIC
2013 Member-at-large - Stacey Burns RN BN ET CIC, CHICA NB/PEI

Call for Applications
CHICA-Canada is seeking candidates to fill the positions of:

- 2013 Scientific Program Chair (will become Scientific Chair in 2014)
- Acute Care Representative (for 2013 and 2014 conferences)
- Long Term Care Representative (for 2013 and 2014 conferences)
- Medical Microbiology/Infectious Disease Physician Representative (for 2013 and 2014 conferences)

Meeting Schedule and Expenses
The Scientific Program Committee meets once in-person (for each conference) and then communicates through email or conference calls. The first meeting of the 2013 Scientific Program Committee is scheduled for November of 2011 (Toronto, Date TBA). The first meeting of the 2014 Scientific Program Committee will be scheduled for the fall of 2012 (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 (2011) 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 team participation as well as interpersonal and communication skills.
• Professional involvement with CHICA-Canada, for example in a Board or Chapter Executive role, as Chair of an Interest Group, or on a CHICA-Canada Committee.
• Fluency in French language would be an asset but is not mandatory.
• 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 May 31, 2011.

Applications should be forwarded to:

Executive Director/Conference Planner
CHICA-Canada
PO Box 46125 RPO Westdale
Winnipeg MB R3R 3S3

By courier to:
By fax: 1-204-895-9595

By email: chicacanada@mts.net