

ASSOCIATION NAME CHANGE

An online non-binding preference vote was recently conducted whereby respondents were asked to rank proposed new association names as first, second or less preferred choices. A total of 48.6% of respondents voted for 'Infection Prevention and Control Canada/ Prévention et contrôle des infections Canada (IPCC/PCIC)' as their first choice, with 74.3% ranking it as either first or second choice. The second-ranked name option, 'Infection Control Canada/Contrôle des Infections Canada (ICC/CIC)', was voted as first choice by 19.6% and as first or second choice by 44.8%. A total of 13.7% of respondents voted for retaining the current name, 'Community and Hospital Infection Control Association – Canada/Association pour la prévention des infections à l'hôpital et dans la communauté – Canada (CHICA/APIHC)', as their first choice, with 18.0% voting to retain the name as either the first or second choice.

The Board of Directors proposes that a motion be presented to the Annual General Meeting of June 5, 2013 as:

That the name of the Organization be changed to 'Infection Prevention and Control Canada/ Prévention et contrôle des infections Canada.'

Two-third (2/3) of voting members in attendance at the June 5, 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be required to vote in favour of the motion to adopt the new name. Voting members not able to attend the AGM will be able to submit their vote by proxy. Official proxies will be available online and from the Membership Services Office as of April 22, 2013. Should the vote be carried, the process will begin to change the association branding, including submitting the new name to Corporations Canada, Industry Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency. In addition, chapters will be assisted with the change of chapter name. An additional vote will be taken to determine if members wish to change the association logo. If the vote for a name change is not carried, the current association name 'Community and Hospital Infection Control Association – Canada Association pour la prévention des infections à l'hôpital et dans la communauté – Canada (CHICA/APIHC)' will continue. As members have had several opportunities to discuss a name change, propose a new name or offer their opinion on keeping the current name, no additional suggestions will be taken from the floor of the AGM.