

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
IPAC CANADA REPRESENTATIVE TO NATIONAL COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES
(NCCID) COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION TASK GROUP

IPAC Canada participates on the Communications and Education Task Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (CETAR) committee hosted by NCCID. The purpose of CETAR is to increase awareness of the issue of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and what can be done to reduce the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistant organisms, coordinate communication and education activities, and provide advice on communication and education priorities for antimicrobial resistance, with a particular focus on professional education. The purpose of *Antibiotic Awareness Week* is to reduce the prevalence of antibiotic resistance by increasing awareness about antibiotic resistance among professionals; promoting prudent prescribing of antibiotics by providers and encouraging adherence to antibiotic prescribing guidelines; encouraging collaboration and networking among groups and individuals working to prevent antimicrobial resistance.

Current CETAR members include:

- National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCID)
- Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)
- Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada (AMMI)
- Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases (CFID)
- Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC CANADA)
- Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS)
- Do Bugs Need Drugs?
- Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI)
- Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)
- Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPA)

More information about NCCID and Antibiotic Awareness Week can be found at <http://www.nccid.ca> and <http://antibioticawareness.ca>. A summary of 2012 activities of NCCID and the Antibiotic Awareness campaign can be found in the *Canadian Journal of Infection Control* (Summer 2013).

IPAC Canada is seeking one representative to CETAR for a three-year renewable term effective September 1, 2014 (limit of two terms). The Executive Director has held this position since 2010. This volunteer position will report to the Board through the Executive Director. There are conference calls approximately every two weeks lasting one-half to one hour starting in the spring of the year.

APPLICATION

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

- Must be a current (2014) member of IPAC Canada, having held membership for at least 3 years;
- Has specific expertise in antibiotic resistance, antibiotic awareness and antibiotic stewardship;
- Must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in Infection Prevention and Control;
- Must be able to attend conference calls as required;
- Must have the time and commitment to review proposed projects, determine priorities, and approve resources to accomplish the desired results;
- Must have the time and commitment to participate in all activities IPAC Canada and NCCID actively endorse;
- Must have the time, commitment and support of their facility to serve IPAC Canada and NCCID through this position.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- A letter from applicant expressing interest in the position, demonstrating suitability for the position, and addressing all the foregoing requirements.
- A curriculum vitae that includes details as to Infection Prevention and Control experience and IPAC Canada involvement such as service as an IPAC Canada Board Member, as a chapter executive, or active participation on an IPAC Canada Standing Committee, Interest Group, or working group.
- A letter from employer acknowledging the candidate's qualifications for the position and ensuring the employer's support for this volunteer position.

Applications must be received no later than **August 15, 2014**.

Applications must be forwarded by email to executivedirector@ipac-canada.org with the subject: CETAR Application.

For additional information, contact the IPAC Canada Executive Director at executivedirector@ipac-canada.org or 1-866-999-7111.