Background
The CHICA-Canada 2015 Scientific Program Committee is a national committee whose mandate is to plan, develop and ensure completion of the scientific/educational program for the 2015 National Education Conference. The 2015 National Education Conference will take place in Victoria (Venue and dates to be announced).

The 2015 committee is comprised of the following representatives of various practice settings:

2015 Conference Chair – Bruce Gamage RN BSN CIC
2015 Scientific Program Chair – Patsy Rawding RN BScN CIC
2015 Scientific Program Co-Chair – Vacant
2015 Acute Care Representative – Vacant
2015 Long Term Care Representative – Vacant
2014/2015 Community/Public Health Representative–Darlene Meeds Montero MSc CPHI(C) CIC
2015 Medical Microbiology/Infectious Disease Physician – Vacant
2015 CHICA Vancouver Island Representative – To be announced
2015 Member-at-large – To be appointed by CHICA Northeastern Ontario
2015 Corporate Representative – To be appointed by Corporate Relations Committee
CHICA-Canada Executive Director
CHICA-Canada Conference Planner

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

- 2015 Scientific Program Co-Chair (will be Scientific Chair in 2016)
- Acute Care Representative (for 2015 and 2016)
- Long Term Care Representative (for 2015 and 2016)
- Medical Microbiology/Infectious Disease Physician Representative

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 2015 Scientific Program Committee is scheduled for November 2013 (Toronto, Date 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 (2013) member of CHICA-Canada, having held membership for at least 5 years.
• Must maintain membership in good standing while on this committee.
• 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.
• Current or past 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.
• 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 July 1, 2013

Applications should be forwarded by email to chicacanada@mts.net with the Subject line: Application for 2015 Scientific Program Committee

For more information:

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