

## Infection Prevention and Control British Columbia

### Annual Report for 2021

#### **Current Year's Executives: 2021**

President: Lauren Kim

President-elect: Karmjit Sandhu

Secretary: Rita Dekleer

Treasurer: Swastika Narayan

Webmaster/Membership Director: Noorsallah Esmail

#### **Next Year's Executives: 2022**

President: Karmjit Sandhu

President-elect: Ted Pincock

Secretary: Rita Dekleer

Treasurer: Swastika Narayan

Webmaster/Membership Director: Rani Sidhu

#### **Number of Members: 267**

**Geographic Area Served:** Province of British Columbia, which encompasses Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH), Fraser Health Authority (FHA), Providence Health Care (PHC), Providence Health Services Authority (PHSA), Interior Health Authority (IHA), Northern Health Authority (NHA) and First Nations Health Authority (FNHA).

**Membership:** IPAC BC Chapter members include medical microbiologists, epidemiologists, infection control practitioners, IPAC leadership and industry partners. Chapter members work in various settings, including acute care, long-term care, ambulatory, community, College of Physicians and Surgeons, BC Emergency Health Services, Provincial Infection Control Network (PICNet) and Industry partner setting.

#### **Meetings:**

- Executive meetings were held in January 12<sup>th</sup>, February 16<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup> and November 9, 2021.
- Chapter meetings were on January 27<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, September 22<sup>th</sup> and November 24, 2021.

#### **Highlights:**

- All chapter meetings held virtually and attendance has gradually increased.
- The chapter developed an IPAC BC Chapter Meetings Presentation Application form.
- The presenter application form assists in providing certificates for CIC recertification.
- Chapter members were encouraged to attend virtual conferences and to present at chapter meetings, so the following presentations were provided:
  - June 16: Shelly Garcha (ICP at FHA): Clinical Practice in LTC & communication conundrums
  - September 22:

- Kam Riarh (ICP at FHA): Communication Conundrums
- Carolyn Goss (ICP at VCH): Discontinuation of Contact Precautions for Patients Colonized with MRSA (all settings)
- November 24: Carolyn Goss (ICP at VCH): The Novel Coronavirus and Vulnerable Populations (Community)

## **IPAC NA Chapter Annual Report**

### **Current Year's Executive (2021-2022)**

**President: Maureen Buchanan-Chell RN BScN CIC**

**President-elect: Sara Gallinger RN BScN**

**Secretary: Lisa Acorn RN BN CIC**

**Treasurer: Crystelle Ong MLT, BSc (MLS)**

### **Next Year's Executive (2022-2023)**

**President: Maureen Buchanan-Chell RN BScN**

**President-elect: Sara Gallinger RN BScN**

**Secretary: Lisa Acorn RN BN CIC**

**Treasurer: Erica Yip RN BScN**

**Number of Members: 75**

**Geographic Area Served:** Alberta, north of Red Deer and the Northwest Territories

### **Membership**

The chapter includes members from Alberta's northern communities, cities, government agencies and industry who work in various healthcare sectors.

### **Meetings**

COVID-19 altered our meeting routine and all meetings were virtual, rather than our usual hybrid arrangement including an in-person option. We managed to have four executive meetings and four chapter meetings with different members sharing a member profile at each. We took a break from formal education sessions.

### **Highlights**

- Provided chapter funding for four members to attend the IPAC Canada 2021 conference
  - These members shared highlights and learnings at June chapter meeting.
- Supported and encouraged each other through this unusual and challenging year.

## **SASKPIC**

### **Current Year's Executive 2021**

**President:** Karrie Yausie BA BSc CIC

**President-elect:** Amanda Peterson

**Secretary:** Melayna Fusick RN, BScN, BComm

**Treasurer:** Alyssa Baade BSc MLT CIC

**Program and Project Coordinator:** Robin Howden

### **Next Year's Executive 2022**

**President:** Karrie Yausie BA BSc CIC

**President-elect:** Amanda Peterson RN CIC

**Secretary:** Melayna Fusick RN, BScN, BComm

**Treasurer:** Alyssa Baade BSc MLT CIC

**Program and Project Coordinator:** Robin Howden, BSc, BEH, CPHI(C), CIC

**Number of Members:** 83

### **Geographic Area Served:**

Saskatchewan

### **Membership**

Mainly Infection Control Practitioners and some Industry Representatives. We have a mixture of nurses, therapists (occupational and physical) and those with backgrounds in Public Health

### **Meetings**

The executive met in April, May, June, September.

Our regularly scheduled Spring Education Conference was canceled due to the pandemic but we did manage to hold a virtual Fall Conference.

### **Highlights**

Our 2021 Fall Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held virtually. Dr. M. Faires presented on "A Brief History of Infection Control: We've come a long way baby!" and Jason Tetro "The Germ Guy" presented on "The IPAC Advantage - Why Saskatchewan needs IPC to go viral".

Unfortunately due to the pandemic all the goals that SASKPIC laid out in 2020 were placed on hold as well as current executive work.

## **IPAC MANITOBA**

### **2021 Executive**

**President: Myrna Dyck, RN, BN, MSc**

**President-elect: -**

**Secretary: Barb Olson**

**Treasurer: Corinna Tinant, RN, BN**

### **2022 Executive**

**President: Myrna Dyck**

**President-elect: -**

**Secretary: Barb Olson**

**Treasurer: Corinna Tinant**

**Number of Members: 57**

**Geographic Area Served: Manitoba**

### **Membership**

Members come from all sorts of backgrounds: infection control, public health, dental, acute care, long term care.

### **Meetings**

- IPAC-MB meeting chapter education sessions:
  - January 2021 [Virtual]: Cindy Isaak-Ploegman: IPAC and Dentistry
  - March 2021[Virtual]: Linda Prelude & Robyn Mitchell: Everything you wanted to know about CNISP but were afraid to ask. (1 in 7 hospitals can't be wrong)
  - May 2021 [Virtual]: Sharon Ward-Fore, Infection Prevention Advisor with Metrex Post COVID Syndrome
  - September 2021 [Virtual]: Sharon Ward-Fore, Infection Prevention Advisor with Metrex Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms (MDROs) – A Growing Global Threat in Healthcare & Beyond
- Annual education day November 2021 [Virtual]:
  - Dr. Ken Kasper (Assistant Professor of Medicine University of Manitoba, Infectious Disease Specialist, Clinical Director of VCOP Program): VCOP, the virtual COVID ward
  - Dr. Joss Reimer (Medical Director, Manitoba Health and Senior Care): COVID and immunization
  - Christine Finnebogason: Post COVID-19 experience
  - Jim Gauthier: Cleaning one per day is not enough – (TMED) Targeted moments of environmental disinfection

### **Highlights**

Our usual meetings had 18-25+ people attend on a routine basis. This was an accomplishment, due to the ongoing COVID-19 workload that all ICPs are dealing with. Changing to virtual meetings seems to have increased the participation in our events. Our education day was attended by 23 members which is another increase from participation in the previous year. The day seemed to be well received by the members and the speakers were on target with the topics that the members were hoping to hear about. The executive continues to be encouraged by the participation within our chapter. Lastly, the executive has been informed that some chapter members do not find Zoom easy to work with and would prefer to use Teams, but this is not supported at this point.



### **IPAC SWO 2021 Chapter Activities**

**President:** Dori Taylor, RN, BScN, CIC, CCHN(C)

**Past-President:** Francine Paquette, BSc, CPHI(C), CIC

**Treasurer/Membership:** Sonalben Shah, MSc, CIC/Elaine Reddick CIC MPA CPHI(C)

**Secretary:** Robyn Latendresse, RN, BScN

**Education Co-Chairs:** Kim Hobbs, RN, BScN, CIC and Lindsay Samoila, RN, BScN, CIC

**Knowledge Transfer:** Shelby Ludington, BAH

**Webmaster:** Eleanor Paget, RN, BScN, CIC

**Non-acute Care Representative:** Cara-Lee Coghill, RN, MScN, CCHC(C)

### **Geographic Area Served:**

Southwestern Ontario is a secondary region of Southern Ontario in the province of Ontario. With IPAC HUPIC to our north, IPAC SWO is bounded by the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, and Detroit River, to the west and by Lake Erie to the south. To the east, on land, Southwestern Ontario is bounded by Central Ontario and the Golden Horseshoe. Central to our area is London Ontario, with a population of 395 295.

### **Number of Members:**

IPAC SWO had 185 members as of December 2021. Our membership spans beyond the 8 health unit areas in southwestern Ontario and we continue to welcome new members for all sectors of healthcare, to our chapter.

### **Support to Members:**

IPAC SWO offered financial support to members wishing to attend the 2021 IPAC Canada National Conference held May 3-5 2021. 10 members were able to participate in the conference with funding support from IPAC SWO.

### **2021 3M Chapter Achievement Award:**

During the 2021 Annual General Meeting of IPAC Canada held virtually on May 20, 2021, IPAC Canada announced IPAC SWO as the successful chapter to be awarded the 3M Chapter Achievement Award.

This award is presented to recognize a chapter's achievement in promoting infection prevention and control in the health care settings across the continuum. This is the second year that IPAC SWO has been fortunate to be recognized in this way. Dori Taylor, president of IPAC SWO accepted the award on behalf of the chapter.



### **Chapter Activities:**

Four chapter meetings were held with education webinars were offered at each:

- **Thursday February 11, 2021, with Allan Mallory.** *Reaching New Heights: An Unforgettable Journey Combining Innovative Leaderships, Team-Building and Psychological Insights*  
**Audience in attendance:** attendance not taken due to format of meeting
- **Thursday June 10, 2021 with Dr. Zain Chagla.** *Vaccines: Real-life Data and the Future*  
**Audience in attendance:** 90
- **Thursday September 23, 2021 with Heather Candon.** *Communication Conundrums: Leadership Principles for Healthcare Professionals*  
**Audience in attendance:** 49
- **Thursday November 18, 2021 with Dr. Kevin Stinson.** *COVID vaccines- How did we get here and where are we going*  
**Audience in attendance:** 35

## IPAC CENTRAL SOUTH ONTARIO

### 2020 Executive

**President:** Tricia Hutton RN, CIC

**President-elect:** Bois Marufov MD, MSc, CIC

**Secretary:** Tanya Denich BSc MSc CIC

**Treasurer:** Connie Gittens

**Webmaster:** Trevor Johnson CIC

**Education Lead(s):** Mary Ellen Konrad MLT, CIC and Branden DaSilva MLT, CIC

### 2021 Executive

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**Treasurer:** Connie Gittens

**Webmaster:** Trevor Johnson CIC

**Education Lead(s):** Branden DaSilva MLT, CIC and Jessica Graves

**Number of Members:** 142

**Geographic Area Served:** Central South Ontario (CSO)

### Membership

- Acute care and Public Health

### Meetings

IPAC CSO had 5 meetings in 2021 in February, September and November

All meetings were virtual via G-suite and consisted of opening remarks, some Q&A and a minimum 1 hour education session

### Highlights

*A summary or point-form list of special events, education days, awards received, participation in NICW, conferences, regional/provincial external committees, members' special accomplishments, etc.*

- IPAC CSO members agreed to donate to the Good Shepherd Society of Hamilton.

### Webinars & Presentations

- ***Cleaning Once per Day is Not Enough.*** Jim Gauthier

*Date: September 17, 2021*

- ***Combatting COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy.*** Kevin Stinson (St. Mary's General Hospital).

*Date: August 6, 2021*

- ***Halton IPAC HUB.*** Justyna Graves RPN, Nazia Ahmed RN, Milena Loncar RN, Megan Bulicki RPN

*Date: June 25, 2021*

- ***Certification in Infection Prevention and Control: Value of Certification -What's in it for me?*** Sandra Callery RN MHSc CIC, (CBIC)

*Date: May 7, 2021*

- ***COVID-19 Vaccine: Myths and Facts.*** Dr. Kevin Stinson (St. Mary's General Hospital)

*Date: February 19, 2021*

IPAC CSO sent out a survey to membership in order to find out what can be done to encourage continued membership engagement and the need for an IPAC CIC prep course. Results were followed up on and strategies are in process.

Membership engagement continues to be stable.



## **IPAC OTTAWA REGION**

### **Executive 2021**

**President: Donna Perron**

**President-elect: Natalie Bruce**

**Secretary: Karen Veal**

**Treasurer: Beverley Brown**

### **Executive 2022**

**President: Natalie Bruce**

**President-elect: Vacant**

**Secretary: Chris Smith**

**Treasurer: Sandra Petersen**

**Number of Members:** 126

**Geographic Area Served:** The Ottawa region, Renfrew, Ottawa Valley and Eastern Ontario

### **Membership**

Our membership is represented by hospitals, long-term care, community, government (both provincial and federal level), military, pre-hospital, midwives, dental and public health units.

### **Meetings**

Even during these unprecedented times we were able to hold 5 out of 5 meetings. These meetings were held virtually using the Zoom platform. The Zoom platform was new to our chapter which meant the executive had to learn the integrant steps to work with it. These meetings were 2 hours in length, 1 hour of education was offered at each session. The participants were active and there were many new guests at each meeting, introducing them to IPAC Canada and the many resources that are available.

We had 3 members support a virtual CIC study group which was held over a 6-week period. This group had at times 65 people listening to the presentations in prep for their exam challenge. Many of these individuals were successful at completed their exam. We had 6 new CIC members, 1 SARE, and have strongly encouraged all those that attended the CIC study group and who were successful to join their local IPAC Canada chapter. All new CIC recipient chapter members received a CIC PIN.

Donna Perron RN BScN CIC  
Infection Control Specialist  
Public Health Ontario

## IPAC Eastern Ontario 2021 Annual Report - Submitted by David Ryding, Acting-Chapter President 2021

### **Current Year's Executive (2021)**

**President:** Nadia Weese, RN, BScN, CIC,  
**Acting-President:** David Ryding, BHSc, BAsSc, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC  
**President-elect:** N/A  
**Secretary:** Tiffany Chiu, CPHI(C), CIC  
**Treasurer:** David Ryding, BHSc, BAsSc, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC  
**Membership Director:** Dawn Clare, RN, BScN  
**Education Director:** Meghan Engbreston, MSc, CCRP, CIC  
**Novice ICP:** Eric Hofstee, RN

### **Next Year's Executive (2022)**

**President:** Meghan Engbreston, MSc, CCRP, CIC  
**Past-President:** David Ryding, BHSc, BAsSc, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC  
**Secretary:** Tiffany Chiu, CPHI(C), CIC  
**Treasurer:** David Ryding, BHSc, BAsSc, CIPHI(C), MPH, CIC  
**Membership Director:** Dawn Clare, RN, BScN  
**Education Director:** Dana Finnegan-Yee, MLT, BScH, BEd, CIC  
**Novice ICP:** Melissa Marrison, MLT

**Number of Members:** 91

**Geographic Area Served:** Southeastern Ontario, bordered by Brighton in the west, Prescott in the east, Smiths Falls and Bancroft in the north, the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario on the south and including Cameroon, West Africa.

### **Membership**

Members include physicians, nurses, medical laboratory technologists, public health inspectors and industry members from various sectors (e.g., acute care, long-term care, mental health, community care, home care, and prehospital care).

### **Meetings**

The Chapter held two General meetings (May and November) and four Executive meetings as a result of the pandemic. This was the first year that all General meetings were held virtually via Zoom. Attendance at the General meetings ranged from 25 to 32 people. Education topics included: *Using Psychological Theories of Behaviour to Promote Handwashing* (Daniel Hargadon) and *Whole Genome Sequencing in COVID Outbreaks* (Prameet Sheth).

### **Highlights**

- An Acting-Chapter President appointed to fill vacancy in the President role prior to year's end.
- A reciprocal relationship was fostered with IPAC Ottawa Region. Both Chapters shared open invitations for members to attend the education component of our respective Chapter meetings. This was well received with members from both Chapters.
- The Chapter Executive proposed a change to the General Meeting agendas in order to be responsive to member feedback and to increase attendance/engagement at meetings. The development of an Executive Newsletter was introduced to capture full reports from each executive role. The newsletter is shared in advance of the meeting along with the meeting package. Verbal updates from Executive members during the meeting are limited to key issues only. This was well received by members and will continue to be implemented going forward.
- The Chapter Executive is planning to offer an additional education-only session for members in 2022 to make up for the cancelled meetings. A committee has been struck and planning is underway.
- The Chapter paid for Jacob Nkwan Gobte's IPAC Canada and APIC memberships.
- The Chapter partnered with Public Health Ontario to provide a CIC study group that was well attended and led to several successful certifications from attendees.
- The Chapter is aware of six members who successfully challenged and passed the SARE and seven other members who became newly CIC certified.

## **IPAC CENTRAL EAST ONTARIO**

### **Current Year's Executive (2021)**

**President:** Margaret Cameron MLT CMQ/OE BHA CIC

**President-elect:** Vacant

**Secretary:** Megan Allen, BScN RN

**Treasurer:** Sharon Connell, RN CIC

### **Next Year's Executive**

**President:** Margaret Cameron MLT CMQ/OE BHA CIC

**President-elect:** Vacant

**Secretary:** Megan Allen, BScN RN

**Treasurer:** Sharon Connell, RN CIC

**Number of Members:** 60 (Dec 2021)

**Geographic Area Served:** Our boundaries include Northumberland and Pine Ridge Districts, east to Peterborough, west to Durham Region and north as far as the Haliburton Highlands and all areas within. Members from other geographical areas are always welcome.

### **Membership**

Members are from acute care hospitals, long term care, public health, dental offices, paramedic services, community practice and industry partners.

### **Meetings**

Meetings are held quarterly. The following education topics were presented at the 2021 meetings.

**March:** Bending the Rules Without Breaking our Principles presented by Jim Gauthier

**June:** Highlights from the IPAC Canada Virtual Conference presented by Janine Duquette, Teri Murduff and Margaret Cameron with contributions from Susan Day

**September:** Highlights from the APIC Conference presented by Susan Day

**November:** Portable Fan use Considerations during the Pandemic presented by Michelle Alexander and Ventilators and Their Care presented by Mike Smith

### **Highlights**

- The IPAC CEO membership has doubled in the past year and the membership represents more diverse health care settings. This has created opportunities to learn more from each other about areas that we don't routinely practice in.
- For the second year our Chapter created an IPAC themed calendar suitable for the general public with various IPAC messages depicted. Thanks to Sonya MacKay who led the project and Teri Murduff, Mark Ambler, and Susan Day who worked on the team to make this project a success. This project would not have been possible without the support of our industry partners who helped sponsor the calendar. Proceeds will be used to help support attendance to the national conference and other educational opportunities.
- Our Chapter hosted our first a-IPC study group, facilitated by Janine Duquette, Teri Murduff and Margaret Cameron. It was comprised of 6 two hours sessions and 12 people participated.
- Andrea Prentice was successful in achieving her a-IPC designation (prior to our study group sessions).

## **IPAC NEO Chapter Annual Report 2021**

### **2021 Executive**

President: Jeffrey Eruvwetaghware  
Past President: Lise Runciman  
Secretary: Nicole Haslam  
Treasurer: Tiffany Rock  
Membership Director: Laurie Dawn Boyer  
Education Co-chairs: Stephanie Guindon and Sherri Gurini  
Webmaster: Dawna O'Toole

### **2022 Executive**

President: Jeffrey Eruvwetaghware  
President-Elect: Laurie Dawn Boyer  
Past President: Lise Runciman  
Secretary: Nicole Haslam  
Treasurer: Tiffany Rock  
Membership Director: Laurie Dawn Boyer  
Education Co-chairs: Stephanie Guindon and Sherri Gurini  
Webmaster: Dawna O'Toole

**Number of Members:** 58

**Geographic Area Served:** Northeastern Ontario

### **Membership**

Acute care hospitals, long term care, public health, and industry partners.

### **Chapter Activities:**

- IPAC NEO planned two membership meetings with education Session for 2021 via webinar
- The first education session on April 15<sup>th</sup> was presented by Crystal Lawrence titled "Presentation Design and Virtual Facilitation"
- The second education session on November 23<sup>rd</sup> was presented by Tanya Musgrave titled "Porcupine Health Unit's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic"



**January 2022**

## **Chapter Annual Report**

### **Current Year's Executive 2021**

**President: Betty Anne Elford RN, BN**

**President-elect: - Vacant**

**Secretary: Brenda Jones**

**Treasurer: Natalie Pickett, RN, BN**

**Webmaster: Mark Graham RN, BN**

**Education Director: Lola Gushue RN, BN, CIC**

### **Next Year's Executive 2022**

**President: Betty Anne Elford**

**President-elect: Donna Penney BN, RN, CIC**

**Secretary: Brenda Jones RN, BN, OHS**

**Treasurer: Natalie Pickett RN, BN**

**Webmaster: Mark Graham RN, BN**

**Education Director: Lola Gushue RN, BN, CIC**

**Number of Members: 48**

**Geographic Area Served: Province of NL**

### **Membership**

Membership consists of Infection Prevention and Control Practitioners from the four NL Regional Health Care Authorities (RHAs). As well we have members from RHA management, Memorial University, Department of Health and independent practitioners.

### **Meetings**

Our monthly meetings have continued throughout this year with our 20-minute education session at the beginning of each session. New facility construction is growing fast and furious in three of the four RHAs. IPAC NL is working to support each RHA in this new adventure and are sharing experiences and lessons learned with COVID-19 and Pandemic Planning

IPAC-NL held its 8<sup>th</sup> Provincial Education Day "Unite & Conquer" on Oct 20th via the Teams platform.

We look forward to our future and new opportunities to promote and support our members in their journey of patient safety in infection prevention and control.



### Highlights

- IPAC- NL is celebrating its 31st year as a chapter of IPAC Canada.
- Introduced every quarter doing a 1-hour presentation so ICP's can earn IPU's for their CIC certification
- 12 members attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual IPAC Canada Conference "Vision – Now What's on the Horizon."
- 2 Diversey scholarship awards won by members in 2021: David Miller and Jada Harvieux
- IPAC NL sponsored 11 members to attend virtual conference
- Poster presentation winners: Eastern Health Kelly Smith, Jennifer Phillips and Jalene Molloy: "Adenosine Triphosphate Testing to Improve Healthcare Facility Cleanliness and Observed Reduction in Healthcare Associated Infection"
- Lab-Grenfell has their compliment of staff now and looking at joining CNISP
- 4 new ICP's positions for the Personal Care Homes regionally through federal funding
- Chapter Council Regional Representative has been awarded and congratulations to Lola Gushue; she was elected without opposition, it is 2-year term which consists of 7 members, a member from the board of directors,
- CIC Award 2021: Ashley Hayward
- IPAC is now in provincial corrections.
- Co-chair and chair for the Scientific Committee is Lola Gushue
- IPAC NL members sit on national committees