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Our New Logo:

The Regional Infection Control Networks are pleased to unveil the new Regional Infection Control logo, seen at the header of this Newsletter. We would like to acknowledge and thank Accurate Design and Communication, Ottawa for their assistance in developing this logo.

The concept uses hands as a visual metaphor to represent the Regional Infection Control Networks. Fourteen hands individually represent each of the member networks that are being developed across the province. The hands are arranged facing one another, as they would be if a person were washing their hands. This is a direct reference to a primary method of Infection control. It also suggests members working together creating solutions that control the spread of infectious diseases. Grouping the hands in a circular arrangement extends the concept to suggest a forum for information exchange. As well, by grouping these unique design elements in a circle, the outcome is a shape not unlike a pinwheel. The pinwheel suggests positive movement. Each member within the Regional Infection Control Networks is identified with their specific name added below the parent logo.

Visit of Dr. Bill Jarvis

On May 17, the CICN was honoured to have hosted Dr. Bill Jarvis, former Director at Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, to present a talk entitled "All you Ever Wanted to Know About Conducting an Outbreak Investigation". Forty-seven centers across the province were able to tune in for

this videocasted event, and the response has been very positive.

Dr. Jarvis spoke about Outbreak Investigation as a systematic approach, beginning with **confirming cases** to ensure that you are not dealing with a "Pseudo Outbreak". He stressed the need for a clear **case definition** to be developed early on in the investigation to direct case finding. Once a line-listing is created, an epidemic curve should be plotted to display the information and clearly identify the beginning of the outbreak



Photo: Dr. Bill Jarvis with Dr. Virginia Roth

YOUR CICN STEERING COMMITTEE:



Infection Control Professional Representatives: (L to R) Inez Landry (Acute Care); Donna Baker (Long Term and Continuing Care) and Bridget Callaghan (Non-acute Care)

Inez Landry has been the Director of Infection Prevention and Control, Occupational Health and Safety at the Queensway Carleton Hospital in Ottawa since January 2000. Inez is a Registered Nurse, who has worked as an Infection Prevention and Control professional since 1980, was certified in Infection Control in 1985 and continues to be re-certified

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in Infection Control every 5 years. Inez has been an Occupational Health Nurse since 1992 and has Canadian Nurses Association certification since 1998 in Occupational Health Nursing and continues to be re-certified in every 5 years. Inez was the Manager of Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health at the Salvation Army Grace hospital in Ottawa until it closed in 1999. She is an active member of Infection Control Ontario, and a member of OHA/OMA Communicable Disease Surveillance committee as Infection Control Ontario's representative. She also served as the Canadian Occupational Health Nurses' representative at the Health Canada CJD consensus meeting. Inez has been a speaker at provincial and regional symposiums on Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety topics.

Donna Baker is a certified Infection Control Professional (ICP) with 16 years of experience. She is based at the Elisabeth Bruyère Health Centre, one of 3 sites that make up the SCO Health Service. The SCO institution (750 beds in total) provides care to patients requiring continuing complex care (CCC), patients requiring rehabilitation as well as care for the terminally ill. This large institution also includes 2 nursing homes caring for the frail elderly residents from our community. Through her years of working in infection prevention and control she has witnessed the recognition of the risks of infections in this milieu, differing from acute and community hospitals. The programs offered within the health care continuum reflect the changes that have occurred over the years, i.e., increasing complexities in the long term patient population, and increasingly frail elderly in our nursing homes requiring more nursing care than some 10-15 years ago. At different intervals she has had the opportunity to work as an ICP at acute care facilities as well as other long term care facilities in the city. This allowed her to see how different levels of health care work in tandem with similarities yet vastly different infection control issues.

Bridget Callaghan has a background of over 25 years in Health Care including early clinical experience as a lab technician in a Family Medicine Practice, Asst Supervisor in the management of Radiology Dept and Executive Administration Assistant in the Dept of Surgery, all within a McGill University teaching hospital. Bridget developed a taste for the Business Process Redesign/Reengineering aspect within the health care sector and went on to specialize in that field. Bridget has served as subject matter expert in the private sector as well as consultant to projects with the Ontario MOHLTC, C3 and Toronto group of CCAC's as senior business analyst, senior business coordinator, risk analyst and project manager on a variety of projects involving the CCACs from 1998 through 2003. Bridget joined the staff of the CCAC for the Eastern Counties in January 2004 as the Quality Risk, Program Analyst which encompasses the responsibility as the Chief Privacy Officer and Infection Control Coordinator. Bridget was invited to serve with this committee representing the non-acute / home health care sector recognizing that in a quickly growing market of home health care there is a need for a system wide coordination and standardization of best practices within this sector. Bridget will bring her knowledge of the home care sector and its special challenges to the CIGN - Steering Committee to ensure that those needs are addressed in the overall planning within the Champlain area.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

September 9 – 12, 2006 **Atlanta, Georgia**
Training Course in Health Care Epidemiology

September 27-28, 2006 **Kingston, Ontario**
Infection Prevention: Planning for Tomorrow

October 15 – 18, 2006 **Amsterdam, Netherlands**
Sixth International Conference of the Hospital Infection Society

November 20 – 21, 2006 **Crowne Plaza - Toronto**
The Face of TB, 2006 Tuberculosis Conference

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