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Provincial Infection Control Network – BC “Debugging Healthcare Together!”

PICNet’s Contribution to the International Commission on Occupational Health Conference

PICNet is very pleased to welcome Rachelle Rebman, RN, BScN, MScPPH, who will be taking on the role of workshop coordinator for a one-day pre-conference session at the upcoming International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH) Conference, to be held this year in Vancouver from October 26th to 28th. The session will be a limited space workshop on Healthcare Worker Occupational Health in developing countries and low resource settings. Rachelle will be spearheading the workshop organization, working with PICNet and partners from the University of British Columbia, the Pan-American Health Organization, the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), ICOH, and others. PICNet is delighted to be a contributing partner in this planning.

For more information on the upcoming ICOH conference, visit their web site at <http://www.acoem.org/icoh.aspx>

Call-out for PICNet 2008 Conference Planning Committee

PICNet would like to invite you to be a part of the 2008 Conference Planning Committee! Last year’s planning committee was absolutely invaluable to the success of the May 2007 Educational Conference, and the 2008 conference will keep building on the lessons we have learned along the way. The first meeting of the planning committee would likely take place in mid-to-late September, and will be monthly meetings until we come closer to the event (the 2008 conference date is yet to be determined). Please contact Sarah Pugh in the PICNet Management Office at picnet@bccdc.ca if you would like to be a part of this planning team!

Ministry of Health’s Province-wide Audit of the Reprocessing of All Critical and Semi-Critical Equipment/Devices

Many members of PICNet’s Community of Practice have been very involved in the work stemming from a current province-wide audit of reprocessing of all critical and semi-critical equipment/devices used in all health care settings in BC, which has been called through the Patient Safety Division at the BC Ministry of Health. The audit is meant to verify that all medical

equipment and devices are being reprocessed in BC to meet the relevant infection prevention and control guidelines and standards.

Many individuals involved in undertaking this audit are also critical contributors to PICNet's working groups and projects, which means that some meetings and/or work of the various working groups have been somewhat delayed while the audit is underway. The Ministry has asked that this audit be completed by the end of September.

PICNet's Annual Report Now Available on our Web Site

PICNet's 2006-2007 Annual Report is now available on the home page of our web site, or directly at http://picnetbc.ca//sites/picnetbc2/files/PICNet_Publications/PICNet_Annual_Report_06_07_FINAL_July_26.pdf

The report highlights the numerous projects undertaken over the 2007-2007 fiscal year, and is an excellent reminder of how far we've come in such a short time, thanks to the dedication and work of our Community of Practice.

Antibiotic Resistant Organisms Working Group: An Update

The sub-groups of the larger Antibiotic Resistant Organisms (ARO) Working Group have met over the summer to discuss and work on their components of the guideline review. The ARO Working Group is planning a September teleconference in order to share the work done by the sub-groups throughout the summer, and will be meeting face-to-face in October for a half-day workshop.

Communications Leadership Group: An Update

The Communications Leadership Group (CLG) met in mid-July for a complete review of the PICNet web site, and PICNet Management Office is continuing to work on implementing the suggested changes and additions. As well, we are currently in the process of setting up a member log-in section, which will allow working group and Steering Committee members to have immediate access to documents-in-progress and will help in the ongoing challenges of document version control. The group will be meeting again in September to discuss the revisions and next steps towards the development of an informational pamphlet on the role of an Infection Prevention and Control practitioner.

***Clostridium difficile* Surveillance Working Group Update**

The work of PICNet's *Clostridium difficile* (CDAD) Surveillance Working Group is progressing. Currently, work is moving ahead on the development of the draft Privacy Impact Assessment, and the group is planning on meeting next month to discuss next steps.

Webber Training debrief

Since February 2006 PICNet has purchased and hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training (<http://webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php>). These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other health care professionals worldwide.

August teleclasses are as follows:

Date:	Topic of Interest:	Presenter:
August 9, 2007	Outcome Surveillance and Process Surveillance – Tools to Minimize Nosocomial Infection	Dr. Victor Rosenthal, Argentina
August 16, 2007	What Can we Learn from the History of Communicable Disease Control?	Prof. Peter Curson
August 22, 2007	ESBLs – Where Are We Now?	Dr. Fong Chiew, New Zealand

Upcoming PICNet Meetings

Meeting	Date
ARO Working Group	tbd
CDAD Working Group	September 19, 2007
Communications Leadership Group	tbd
Project Priority and Planning Committee	August 22, 2007

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