

# PICNet

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

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

Preparations are well underway 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 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. PICNet is pleased to be engaging with the Occupational Health community at large in helping to sponsor this limited space workshop on Healthcare Worker Occupational Health in developing countries and low resource settings. This workshop will involve up to 30 international participants from Asia, Latin America, Africa and North America who will be working to compile their knowledge and experience around occupational health in low-resource settings into a document that will be published by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH – CDC Atlanta).

If you are interested in participating in the upcoming ICOH conference, please contact Workshop Coordinator Rachelle Rebman at [rachelle\\_rebman@sfu.ca](mailto:rachelle_rebman@sfu.ca)

### PICNet 2008 Conference Planning Committee Volunteers

It is time for the planning of PICNet's 2008 Educational Conference. 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 will take place in mid-October, with monthly meetings continuing 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](mailto:picnet@bccdc.ca) if you would like to be a part of this planning team!

### *Clostridium difficile* Surveillance Working Group Update

PICNet’s *Clostridium difficile* (CDAD) Surveillance Working Group met September 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss progress made over the summer months and to discuss and set the schedule for the project’s next phases. With new clarity around reporting structures for PICNet, the CDAD surveillance group is now in an excellent position to continue moving forward with its plans. The group approved a recommendation from the Project Priority and Planning to hire contractor Warren Hill to help write the Privacy Impact Assessment, which is scheduled to be completed by December. Also by the end

of December, the project server will be set up and housed within the Provincial Network Gateway (PNG). Next steps for the group involve the development of information sharing agreements, working with the health authority representatives on system design and further discussion around how best to ensure data quality.

### **Antibiotic Resistant Organisms Working Group: An Update**

The sub-groups of the larger Antibiotic Resistant Organisms (ARO) Working Group continue to meet to discuss and work on their components of the guideline updating project. We are pleased to announce that the BC Association of Medical Microbiologist (BCAMM) has agreed to update their laboratory diagnostic guidelines for ARO. These guidelines will be included in the updated provincial guidelines. In October, there will be a teleconference of the entire ARO group to discuss progress to date and to discuss specific questions that have arisen through the work of the sub-groups. With this direction, contractor Phyllis Stoffman will complete work on the first draft of the guidelines by mid-November, whereupon a face-to-face meeting of the ARO working group will take place to work through the draft document, section-by-section, for revisions, corrections, and editing. The group is hoping to release a draft to the wider community of practice for review by mid-to-late December. Thank-you to everyone in this group for your continued hard work.

### **Communications Leadership Group: An Update**

The Communications Leadership Group (CLG) will meet in late September to review changes made on the PICNet web site based on earlier CLG recommendations. The group will also be discussing the revisions and next steps towards the development of an informational pamphlet on the role of an Infection Prevention and Control practitioner.

### **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.

Ucoming teleclasses are as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Topic of Interest:</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>
<b>September 24, 2007</b>	<b>Infection Prevention: Challenging Behaviour, Changing the Culture</b>	Dr. Elaine Larson, Columbia University
<b>September 25, 2007</b>	<b>Voices of CHICA</b>	CHICA-Canada Board and Guests

September 27, 2007	<b>Ethical Issues in Infection Control</b>	Dr. Loreen Herwaldt, University of Iowa, College of Medicine
October 4, 2007	<b>Green Cleaning Strategies in Healthcare</b>	Dr. Lynne Schulster, CDC
October 10, 2007	<b>Infection Prevention Among Refugees</b>	Dr. Mark Birch
October 18, 2007	<b>Hot Issues in Hand Hygiene Improvement – The First Global Challenge</b>	Julie Storr, WHO, Geneva

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