



IPAC Boot Camp creates Buzz at CHICA Conference

The Regional Infection Control Networks hosted 300 participants (the largest ever registration for a preconference day) at the first ever Infection Prevention and Control Boot Camp held Monday, May 30th at the CHICA National Conference in Toronto. Using a military theme and participation through group work and use of remote voting “clickers”, participants were put through their paces learning about Infection Control, Chain of Transmission, Outbreak Management and Occupational Health. Madeleine Ashcroft moderated the day in her flak jacket and whipped up the crowd with military chants. RICN staff members involved were easily identified in their camouflage outfits. RICN staff that provided education included: Ellen Otterbein, Sue Cooper, Virginia Tirilis, Tim Cronsberry, Nora Boyd, Laurie Boyer, Naideen Bailey, Risa Cashmore, Karen Clinker, Laura Farrell, Mandy Deeves, Isabelle Langman, Dr Martha Fulford and Dr Maureen Cividino. Technical assistance and support was provided by Laura Fraser and Brenda Smith. Evaluations were positive and visitors from other parts of the country dropped by to check out this first ever “Designates Day Conference: I’m not the ICP but sometimes they make me do it”. The day was sponsored by the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion.

