

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## **Dr. Gary Garber**

Gary Garber provides medical leadership to the Infection Prevention and Control department and medical and scientific advice on infection prevention and control to Public Health Ontario. Garber brings over 20 years' experience working in infection control in Ontario and was formerly the medical director of the Ottawa Hospital's Antimicrobial Stewardship Program. Notably, Garber played an instrumental role in developing the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's program in Adult Infectious Diseases at the University of Ottawa and served as president of the Canadian Infectious Diseases Society (now AMMI Canada). Garber also served as a founding treasurer with the Canadian Association for HIV Research, was a past president of the Ontario Medical Association section for Infectious Diseases and has been member of the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee since it began. Garber is a professor of medicine at the University of Ottawa and an infectious diseases physician at The Ottawa Hospital. Garber received his medical degree from the University of Calgary and received his bachelor of science from McGill University. Garber trained in internal medicine at the University of Toronto and infectious diseases at the University of British Columbia.



## **Dr. Maureen Cividino**

Dr. Cividino works as an IPAC Physician with Public Health Ontario and is the occupational physician at St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton. She has a diploma in Occupational Health & Safety and maintains certification with the Canadian College of Family Practice, the Canadian Board of Occupational Medicine and Certification in Infection Control and Epidemiology. She is Co-Chair of the OHA/OMA Communicable Diseases Surveillance Protocols Committee and a member of the PIDAC IPC committee. She remains active in a number of national and provincial committees and working groups.



## **Dr. Martha Fulford**

Dr. Fulford is an associate professor at McMaster University. She is currently the Chief of Medicine at the McMaster University Medical Centre of Hamilton Health Sciences. Dr. Fulford provides infectious disease consultations for both the pediatric and adult patient populations as well as running the McMaster Travel Clinic. She completed her training in internal medicine and in infectious diseases at McMaster University. She has a particular interest in travel related infections and in zoonoses and has co-authored a book titled Companion Animal Zoonoses. She is actively involved in both undergraduate and graduate education. She is a member of the PIDAC Communicable Diseases Committee with Public Health Ontario.



## **Dr. Scott Weese**

Dr. Weese is a Professor in the Department of Pathobiology at the University of Guelph, and Public Health and Zoonotic Disease microbiologist for the University's Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses. After graduating with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and spending time in private practice, he completed a large animal internal medicine residency and Doctor of Veterinary Science graduate program. He is board certified in internal medicine by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and is Chief of Infection Control at the Ontario Veterinary College Teaching Hospital. He has an active research program focusing on infectious diseases, particularly those that can be transmitted between animals and people. He lives outside of Guelph, Ontario with his family and a collection of pets, including a dog, cat, fish and a herd of rare-breed sheep.



## **Madeleine Ashcroft**

A Nightingale Nurse from London, England, Madeleine's professional background includes various clinical settings (Operating rooms, Midwifery, Renal, Intravenous, Community, Critical Care, and Education). She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Toronto and a Master of Health Studies from Athabasca University.

In the past decade and more, she has focused on Infection Prevention and Control, at Providence Centre in Scarborough, Humber River Regional Hospital and Toronto Rehab Institute, as Network Coordinator for the Mississauga Halton Infection Control Network since 2007, and as Acting Manager of Education Services at Public Health Ontario last year. She is actively involved in a variety of local, provincial, and national committees and initiatives.



### **Sandra Callery**

Sandra Callery has worked in the field of Infection Prevention and Control for many years. Her other work experiences include clinical research and occupational health and safety. She has worked in a variety of health care settings, including public health; small community hospitals and large tertiary care centres. Sandra is a registered nurse and holds a Master in Health Science in Health Care Practice where her research focused on HIV infection, counseling and testing. She has been involved in research and publications regarding disease transmission and management of patients with antibiotic resistant organisms. She is a past National President of IPAC-CANADA. She continues to participate in international infection control initiatives through IPAC-CANADA. She is on the editorial board for the Canadian Journal of Infection Control (CJIC). Other previous IPAC-CANADA appointments included the National Pandemic Influenza Planning committee as a working group chairperson and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. Sandra is a member of the Ontario Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC) for Infection Prevention and Control and chaired the former PIDAC Surveillance Advisory Committee since its inception. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor at McMaster University's Faculty of Health Sciences. She is on the faculty for IPAC-CANADA endorsed Courses at Centennial College and Queens University. Currently she is the Director of Infection Prevention and Control at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto, Canada.



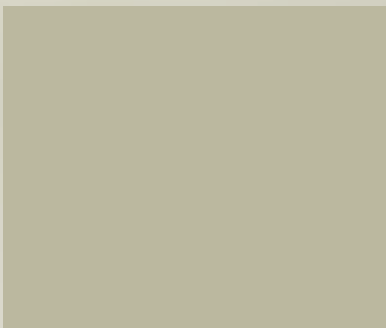
### **JoAnne de Jager**

JoAnne de Jager brings over 30 years experience in clinical nursing, research, and IPAC. She graduated with honours from the University of Alberta earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. She is a member in good standing of the College of Nurses of Ontario and has attained the designation of Certification in Infection Control. As an IPAC professional, she was nominated in 2012 for the Nursing Excellence Award. Her extensive nursing background extends to both medical / surgical areas and the Emergency department. JoAnne successfully facilitated the implementation of the Community Acquired Pneumonia Pathway in seven acute care hospitals within Capital Health, Edmonton, Alberta. Clinical research studies through McMaster University, with Dr. Mark Loeb as principal investigator, included education and management of patients diagnosed with SARS, West Nile Virus, and Community Acquired Pneumonia. JoAnne, as coordinator of the Telehomecare project, provided remote computer monitoring and education for patients with chronic obstructive lung disease and/or heart failure, building capacity for self-management. Currently, JoAnne is a full-time Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) professional at St. Joseph's Healthcare, a position she has held since September 2009.



### **Margie Foster**

Margie is a Registered nurse who has worked in the field of Infection Prevention and Control since 1981. Although she has tried to retire 3 separate times; her passion for this work keeps drawing her back into the fold. This March she has started her final ICP role at the Freeport Health Center site of Grand River Hospital. Margie has been a very active member in provincial, regional and national infection control associations, in numerous capacities. She was the chair and co-author of the first CHICA-Canada position paper on the Role of the Infection Control Practitioner published in 1996 and then represented CHICA-Canada in the development of the first Joint CHICA-Canada/APIC "Professional and Practice Standards for Infection Prevention and Control in April 2007 and 2008. Margie was the founding member of the CHICA-Canada Dialysis interest group, she has chaired and participated in many IPAC committees. As the chair of CHICA-Canada annual convention in 2007, a huge personal highlight was to introduce and thank one of her heroes, Mr. Stephen Lewis. It was as a result of her frontline experience during SARS that the opportunity to work on this Accreditation Canada MERS CoV project in Saudi Arabia arose. The focus of safe health care delivery for all patients and health care providers continues to be her raison d'etre.



### **Donna Moore**

Donna has a diverse background and experience in various roles including most recently, Infection Control Consultant for the Mississauga-Halton Infection Control Network, Infection Control Manager, Patient Safety Manager, Medical Device Reprocessing Manager and Project Manager for Capital Development at the William Osler Health System, Infection Control Manager at Mackenzie Health, and Headwaters Healthcare Centre. Her knowledge and experience in Infection Prevention and Control and patient safety have brought recognition from OHA, OHQC, and Safer Healthcare Now! (SHN!) for her work in the prevention of surgical site infection (SSI). She first received her CIC designation in 2006.