

Virox Technologies Patron Member National Education Conference Scholarship

Through the financial support of the Virox Technologies Partnership, 15 CHICA-Canada members were awarded scholarships to attend the 2003 National Education Conference in Thunder Bay. A total of \$15,000 in scholarships for the 2003 conference was presented. CHICA-Canada and its members thank Virox Technologies for their initiative to make the national

education conference accessible to those who may not have otherwise been able to attend.

CHICA-Canada and Virox Technologies are pleased to announce that a 2004 National Education Conference Scholarship opportunity is available for members of CHICA-Canada.

Applications are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary/Membership Director of CHICA-Canada no later

than January 23, 2004. Please mail applications to CHICA-Canada, PO Box 46125 RPO Westdale, Winnipeg MB R3R 3S3. ●

For more information and the application form, visit the CHICA-Canada website at www.chica.org or the Virox website at www.virox.com; or contact CHICA-Canada at 204-897-5990/866-999-7111 (email: chicacanada@mts.net)

Virox Scholarship recipients comment on their experience at TB

“Each year the CHICA conference provides a means and forum to share data, information, expertise and ideas in the practice of infection control. The 2003 CHICA Conference in Thunder Bay was particularly important as it provided a forum to share much needed first hand information on SARS and other emerging infections diseases such as West Nile. The Virox scholarship fund was generous, timely and significant in providing financial support to infection control practitioners, from across the country, assisting them to Thunder Bay to hear and share their infection control data, ideas and stories. As a recipient of the Virox scholarship fund I want to say how helpful it was in helping me to attend and be part of the 2003 CHICA Conference in Thunder Bay. Again I want to thank Virox for providing the scholarship fund.”

*Jim Curtin, RN
Infection Control Nurse
St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver*

“I felt it was a very informative conference and I benefitted by attending. The scholarship enabled me to attend the conference, which I would not otherwise been able to do. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet my colleagues from across the country and discuss infection control issues. As Conference Coordinator for the NAPIC Conference 2003, it enabled me to meet delegates

and exhibitors and inform them about our upcoming conference and what it is about.”

*Judi Andrews, R.N.
NAPIC Conference Coordinator 2003*

“I really enjoyed the conference at Thunder Bay. National Conferences are very important for professionals like ICPs. Updates, current issues, exploring the focus of colleagues and experts, and mental stimulation are the benefits of attending the conference.

Thanks to the Virox scholarship I was able to attend the conference at Thunder Bay and benefit.

In the light of deep budget cuts, ICPs find the Virox Scholarship an additional and excellent opportunity to attend such conferences. I am really touched by the commitment of Virox in identifying and supporting the cause of furthering education for ICPs and promoting patient care.”

*Vadula Jayaraman, MT
Infection Control Practitioner
North Shore Regional Health Region,
North Vancouver*

“I would not have been able to attend the 2003 CHICA-CANADA conference without the support of Virox. The program was dynamic and timely with the onset of SARS, West Nile Virus and outbreaks of Norwalk. This program offered a great opportunity to improve my IPC practices.

A big thank you to Virox.”

*Theresa Valadka, RN
Infection Control Nurse,
Carewest, Calgary*

“It was the first time I was able to attend a National conference and I absolutely loved it. I learned so much, and in a comfortable atmosphere.

At first I was somewhat anxious as I was unsure about what to expect. However, I was treated so kindly and with respect. I felt like part of a community that understood what I did and appreciated it. Relevant issues were discussed, reps were available for different products, and we received plenty of samples. I was even able to get some excellent reference information for Care Map formulation that might be adapted and used at my facility. Another highlight of the conference was that I was able to meet experts within the field of epidemiology and infection control that I had only read about until then.

Solely based on my experiences in Thunder Bay, I am planing ahead so that I may attend the conference next year in Calgary. The conference was refreshing, rejuvenating, and inspirational for me. Thanks to Virox for making it possible.”

*Molly Blake, RN
Infection Control Practitioner
Riverview Health Centre, Winnipeg*

