



IPAC British Columbia (IPAC-BC)

IPAC Canada  
CIC Chapter Achievement Award  
Submission

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# IPAC BC

- A chapter of IPAC Canada since 1987
- 200 members from across the province of BC including:
  - Six health authorities & Providence Health Care
  - The Good Samaritan & Yaletown House Society
  - The College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC
  - Representation from Whitehorse, YK
  - Industry representation
- 132 members eligible for CIC certification
- ★ 2 newly certified members in 2017
- ★ 6 recertified members in 2017

# IPAC BC CIC Support Group

- Founded in 2014
- Six IPAC BC members with representation from across the province
- Our Objectives:
  - To provide assistance and support to chapter members to access up to date information on the CIC exam
  - To provide a variety of resources and education material to be used for local support groups



# CIC Support: What do we do?

- Meet by teleconference to discuss support strategies
- Offer mentorship to members preparing for initial certification
- Facilitate access to resources
- Connect members preparing for the exam
- CIC prep sessions by webinar and teleconference
- Promote CIC certification



# Mentorship

- CIC Support Group member contact information posted to IPAC BC webpage
- IPAC BC members preparing for their exam are encouraged to reach out for support as needed

## IPAC British Columbia (IPAC BC)

### CIC Information

IPAC BC supports its members in becoming CIC certified.

We would like to offer you support by providing contact details for IPAC BC members, who are willing to support you in becoming certified. There are members in most areas, and if you would like to become CIC-certified, or become a support contact, please feel free to contact members.

CIC resource materials may be found in our [Members area](#).

### IPAC BC Members Available for CIC Support:

- Kelsi Laporte - email: [Kelsi.Laporte@vch.ca](mailto:Kelsi.Laporte@vch.ca)
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- Bonnie Duncan - email: [Bonnie.Duncan@viha.ca](mailto:Bonnie.Duncan@viha.ca)
- Kelsey Breault - email: [Kelsey.Breault@northernhealth.ca](mailto:Kelsey.Breault@northernhealth.ca)



# Access to Resources

- Compile up to date resources and post to the IPAC BC webpage
- New resources added to the library are highlighted and discussed at IPAC BC meetings

## CIC Resources (CIC Support Group)

- [CIC Candidate Handbook](#)
- [CIC Marketing Toolkit](#)
- [CIC Exam Content Outline](#)
- [A sample study schedule \(APIC CIC Chat\)](#)
- [Reference List](#)
- [Helpful links & tips](#)
- [Webinar: How to prepare for the CIC Exam](#)
- [CBIC Power Point: Understanding the CIC Credential](#)
- [AJIC: 2014 CBIC Practice Analysis](#)
- Notes: CIC Study Guide 2014
  - [Identification of Infectious Disease Processes](#)
  - [Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation](#)
  - [Preventing/Controlling The Transmission of Infectious Agents](#)
  - [Employee/Occupational Health](#)
  - [Management and Communication](#)
  - [Education & Research](#)

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- [Identification of Infectious Diseases Processes](#)
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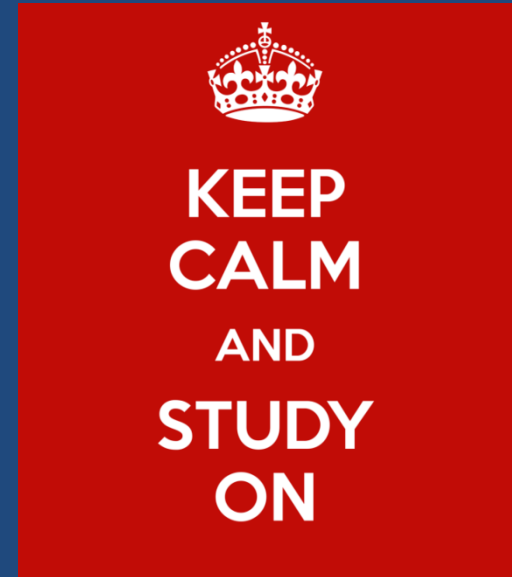
# IPAC BC CIC Fall Study Series

- We ran our fall study series for the second consecutive year!
  - In spring/summer we identify which of our 200+ members are keen to write and share emails & locations within so they can reach out to one another as they prepare.
  - Schedule all 8 study sessions in the Fall (Sept – Dec) to better match realistic study timelines
  - Doodle polls to accommodate the schedules of our study group members, then once scheduled opened the sessions up to the whole membership for wider participation
  - Fall scheduling to promote writing earlier in the calendar year (Jan – Apr) to make the most of five year CIC term



# IPAC BC CIC Fall Study Series

- Sessions focus on identifying themes, study tips and going through practice questions together as a group with experienced ICP CIC's and epidemiologists.
- We aim to:
  - Introduce content
  - Stimulate discussion
  - Connect members who are preparing for the exam across a geographically diverse region
- Slide decks that cover one exam module are prepared for each session and posted to our webpage.
- Interesting clarifications and understandings that come from participant discussion are added to the notes section of the PowerPoint and reflected on the webpage for those unable to attend.





# IPAC BC CIC Scholarship

- In 2017 IPAC BC offered \$800 in scholarship funding to support members who were successful CIC candidates to assist with exam related expense not otherwise covered by their employer (travel, registration, study materials)
- IPAC BC also asked one of their members who sits at the provincial IPAC directors meeting to table BC Health Authority financial support for successful CIC candidates
- We did not have any applications for this scholarship in 2017
- We recently surveyed the 2017 CIC's to help inform the future of our funding efforts, 6 of the 8 CIC's reported financial support was provided in full by their employer





Thank-you for your consideration and  
congratulations to all of our 2017 CIC's!

New Certifications

Beth McAskill  
Karen Stoopinkoff

Recertification's

Nicki Gill  
Bonnie Duncan  
Marian Kabatoff  
Mary Cameron-Lane  
Samira Kermanchi  
Michelle Laroque-Levac

