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Joint IPCAN/IFIC Conference
Spier, Cape Town, South Africa
August 29 - September 1, 2010
www.theific.org

We hope you are enjoying the summer weather and your holidays if you have time off from work. During the summer months, the risk of food and water related illnesses increases due to the warm weather. One way you can prevent cross-contamination is by following Health Canada’s [Food Safety Tips for Reusable Grocery Bags and Bins](#).



Gaps Identified in Infection Prevention and Control Resources for Long Term Care Facilities in British Columbia

The first step to ensure that we are providing quality care to all British Columbian (BC) Long Term Care (LTC) residents is to gain a clear understanding of the differences in infection prevention control structures and processes across BC. The [“Identifying the Gaps in Infection Prevention and Control Resources for Long Term Care Facilities”](#) report was posted on our website in July. The report recognizes strengths and gaps in our current model of LTC infection prevention and control so that a more effective and standardized model can be established across the province.

Call for Committee Members & Volunteers



We are currently seeking volunteers for the 2011 PICNet Educational Conference Planning Committee. The conference will be held from **April 7-8, 2011**. Please contact us with your interest, including the position of your choice. For a detailed description of the available positions, please review the [official request](#) on our website.

If you are interested in our sponsorship opportunities, please [contact us](#).

PICNet Reminders

Project Proposals

Do you have an idea for a project or initiative? Is there an important issue that you would like PICNet to address? PICNet accepts project proposals year-round. For more information and to download the project proposal form, please visit the [Forms & Feedback](#) section of www.picnetbc.ca

Webber Training

Since February 2006 PICNet has purchased and hosted educational classes offered by Webber Training. These classes address topics of interest to infection control professionals and other health care professionals worldwide. Teleclass education is run by volunteers around the world, and on a not-for-profit basis.



For more information on the topics and faculty of the 2010 Teleclass Education lecture series please visit the Webber Training web site www.webbertraining.com. Sign-up to receive email reminders of upcoming teleclasses which include links to class slides, handouts and the local PICNet teleconference connection number by [contacting us](#).

*As a reminder, please remember to mute your line by pressing *6, to avoid disturbing the experience of others who are participating.*

Upcoming Webber Teleclasses

Date	Teleclass Topic and Speaker
Aug 5	Addressing Infection Prevention & Control in Low Resource Settings: The IFIC Approach Dr. Michael Borg, St. Luke’s Hospital, Malta
Aug 12	Positive Deviance: Unleashing Secret Change Agents in Your Hospital to Prevent MRSA Infections Dr. Jon Lolyd, Plexus Institute

Feedback?

Please contact Lucy Truong at lucy.truong@phsa.ca with your feedback and comments.