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Special Interest Group Terms of Reference Infectious Disease (ID)

PURPOSE & GOALS

The AFPC ID SIG provides a forum for faculty members from Canadian schools of pharmacy to collaborate, share knowledge, and advance the teaching of infectious diseases and antimicrobial stewardship. The group will focus on best practices in curriculum development, innovative teaching strategies, competency-based education, interprofessional education, and emerging issues in infectious diseases.

OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate communication and collaboration among faculty involved in teaching infectious diseases and antimicrobial stewardship.
- Identify core infectious diseases and antimicrobial stewardship competencies to be included in PharmD curricula.
- Promote evidence-based teaching approaches that enhance student learning and competency in infectious diseases prevention and management and antimicrobial stewardship.
- Identify gaps and opportunities for scholarship and research in infectious diseases and antimicrobial stewardship education and practice.

DELIVERABLES

A list of deliverables should be provided and modified when needed in Appendix I. The goal is to make sure that the completed SIG objectives are visible and shared.

MEMBERSHIP

All AFPC members (faculty or staff) who are interested in the SIG's objectives are eligible to join. Invited guests can be added when required (e.g., content matter experts, students). If the list is too long, it can be reduced to one member per Faculty. The appended membership list (appendix II) should be completed and forwarded to pmoreau.afpc@icloud.com initially and when modified.

TERM LENGTH AND GOVERNANCE

The SIG will be led by two Co-Chairs, elected by the membership for staggered 3-year terms to ensure continuity of leadership. To establish staggered terms at inception, one Co-Chair will initially serve a 2-year term and the other a 3-year term, after which all subsequent terms will be 3 years. In the event that only one nominee is put forward for a Co-Chair position, that individual shall be acclaimed to the position without the need for a formal vote.

The Co-Chairs shall share responsibility for facilitating meetings, coordinating SIG activities, and serving as liaisons with AFPC. Members are expected to contribute actively to SIG discussions, initiatives, and projects.

MEETINGS

The SIG will meet at least twice per year, with additional meetings scheduled as needed, and may be conducted virtually or in person. One meeting will be held in conjunction with Canadian Pharmacy Education and Research Conference (CPERC). Minutes will be recorded and shared with members.

REPORTING

The Chair reports to the Education or Research Committee, depending on the objectives of the SIG. The AFPC Executive Director may ask for reports if needed by committees, councils, or the Board of Directors. Reports may be published on the AFPC website.

REMUNERATION

There is no remuneration for participating in a SIG. Contributions are expected to be “in kind”. Special funds may be allocated for Board-approved projects; however, such funds cannot support the contributions of AFPC members.

ACTIVITIES

Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining a map of infectious diseases and antimicrobial stewardship content in core curricula, electives, and prerequisites.
- Organizing webinars, workshops, or panel discussions on infectious diseases education.
- Developing and sharing educational resources, such as case studies, learning modules, and assessment tools.
- Engaging in collaborative research on infectious diseases teaching methodologies.
- Contributing to AFPC annual conferences through presentations or symposiums.

AMENDMENTS

These Terms of Reference may be amended by consensus of the SIG membership and approval by AFPC.

APPENDIX I: Expected Deliverables

Responsible (who)	Description (what)	Timeline (when)
All members; leads – B. Barrett, N. Beahm, E. Black	A consensus-based, national curriculum guidance document specifying recommended infectious diseases topics and depth of instruction for the core didactic curriculum of Canadian entry-to-practice PharmD programs.	By CPERC 2027

APPENDIX II: SIG Membership

Faculty	Member Name	Faculty Voting Member?
UBC	Solomon Chow Fawziah Lalji	X
UofA	Nathan Beahm	X
USask	Andrea Tang	X
UM		
ULaval	Luc Bergeron	X
UdeM		
uOttawa	Caitlin Richler	X
UofT	Minh-Hien Le Mark McIntyre	X
UW	Brett Barrett	X
Dal	Emily Black Chiranjeev Sanyal Ingrid Sketris	X
MUN	John Hawboldt Debbie Kelly	X