

Patricia Olinger Joins TIPS

*Patricia brings to TIPS leading experience
in Global Biorisk Management and One Health*

Hamilton, Ontario – November 11, 2022 – The Infection Prevention Strategy (TIPS) is pleased to announce that Patricia (Patty) Olinger, JM, RBP has joined TIPS as an advisory board member and key segment advisor.

"We are excited that Patty is joining the TIPS team. Her experience and expertise will help to both support several of our existing global initiatives and advance many new conversations."
- Michael Diamond, Executive Director, TIPS

Ms. Patricia (Patty) Olinger is the Executive Director of GBAC, the Global Biorisk Advisory Council, a division of ISSA. Patty leads the development and implementation of the GBAC STAR™ portfolio of programs, including facility and service provider accreditation, GBAC STAR™ Destinations, GBAC STAR™ Events, GBAC Academy, and GBAC Registered Technologies and Programs. GBAC STAR™ is implemented on over 4,000 facilities and 85 countries. Promoting Health, Wellness and Resilience. We must be prepared for a scalable response.

Previous to joining GBAC, Patty was an Assistant Vice President in the Office of Research Administration leading the Environmental, Health and Safety Office (EHSO) at Emory University. During her 13-year tenure, EHSO had University-wide responsibility for all aspects of Environmental, Health and Safety support, including EHS compliance support to Emory Healthcare. This included Biosafety support to the Emory Serious Communicable Diseases Unit (SCDU), which cared for 4 Ebola patients in 2014. Prior to joining Emory in 2006, Patty spent 21 years in the Pharmaceutical Industry, providing support to both human and animal health research, developing a true OneHealth perspective. From 2013-2018, Patty supported the Elizabeth R. Griffin Foundation (ERGF), as both a board member and leading initiatives on global Biorisk management obtaining practical experience with staff and facilities in extremely low resource environments worldwide.

Ms. Olinger has appeared on Good Morning America, Fox News and other news outlets to share her expertise on preparedness including High Consequence Pathogens such as Coronavirus, Ebola, Influenza and other global health threats. She is a Registered Biosafety Professional, has a BS in Biochemistry and a Masters of Law with a focus on International Global Health. She is the current convener for the ISO Technical Committee TC212, Working Group 5, that published the international standard for Biorisk Management, ISO 35001:2019. Patty has a true passion in Global Health Biorisk Preparedness.

GBAC, provides programs, guidance and services that assists in the four pillars of preparedness; Prepare, Respond, Recover, Be Resilient to outbreaks and pandemics. GBAC's fundamental passion is to work with organizations, individuals, communities, governments and partner associations to develop resilience. To be prepared for a scalable response with absolute effectiveness and absolute integrity. To keep employees, customers, and communities safe, creating confidence and trust.

About TIPS:

The Infection Prevention Strategy (TIPS), launched in 2015, is a not-for-profit organization that exists to advance technologies, programs, and processes that make a difference in global health. TIPS is the key strategic partner for many notable organizations, initiatives, and events. In the past few years, TIPS has contributed millions of dollars' worth of scientific impact through various programs and initiatives. For more information, visit **www.IC.tips**

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