APIC Wants You to Spread Your Knowledge of Infection Prevention and Control

The APIC Annual Conference Committee invites you to submit a presentation proposal for our 2017 Annual Conference, scheduled for June 14-16 in Portland, OR. Next year’s annual conference will provide an outstanding mix of educational workshops and presentations to showcase new ideas and evidence-based practices in infection prevention and epidemiology. Educate your peers and contribute to the field by submitting a presentation proposal for consideration.

How to Submit

Go to www.apic.org/ac2017 to complete the online form. Once you begin the submission process, you may return to your saved proposal at any time up until the submission deadline. All proposals must be submitted online. Proposals submitted by fax or mail will not be accepted.

Schedule

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<td>Call for presentation proposals released; Submission site open</td>
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All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PST Monday, August 5, 2016. Incomplete applications will not be considered for review.

Submission Categories

The APIC Annual Conference Committee will build session tracks for the conference using the topics listed below. During the application process, you will be asked to indicate which category best describes your presentation. The descriptions below are representative of proposals that could fall under each category.

Submission categories include but are not limited to the following:

- Surveillance and Technology
  - Data mining and surveillance technology
  - Reporting and trending infection data
  - Biostatistics for infection prevention
  - Using surveillance data to drive practice change and attain adequate resources
  - The electronic medical record and its impact on infection prevention activities

- Emerging Science, Research, and Application
  - Antimicrobial stewardship programs and the role of the infection preventionist (IP)
  - New technologies for prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs)
  - Emerging and re-emerging pathogens
  - Utilization of new/novel diagnostic methods in infection prevention
  - Implementation science and the role of the infection preventionist (IP)
• Leadership and Professional Development
  o Developing your management, facilitation, and leadership skills
  o Promoting staff development and proficiency
  o Navigating difficult conversations
  o Developing your scientific writing skills for publication
  o Improving your verbal and written presentation skills

• Public Policy, Public Reporting, and Regulations
  o Impact of public reporting of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs)
  o Challenges of public reporting for inter-hospital comparisons
  o Impact of pay for performance on hospital infection rates
  o Healthcare reform and infection prevention programs
  o Regulatory challenges for infection prevention programs

• Alternate Care Settings (ambulatory care, long-term care, long-term acute care, etc.)
  o Model infection prevention programs for ambulatory care settings
  o Challenges of managing multiple drug resistant organisms in long-term care
  o Ambulatory surgical centers and surveillance for surgical site infections
  o Disinfection and sterilization in the ambulatory care setting
  o Outbreak management in ambulatory care

• Specialty Patient Populations (immunocompromised, transplant, pediatric, dialysis, psychiatric, etc.)
  o Unique challenges and successes in applying infection prevention and control practices in specialty patient populations
  o Novel approaches and adaptations for preventing infection in specialty populations
  o Outbreak management in specialty patient populations

• Other entrepreneurial, innovative infection preventionists’ successes and best-practice tools

Session Formats
Proposals are being accepted for the following formats:

1. Complete session by one to three (1-3) presenters for 60 minutes on a related topic.
2. Partial session by one individual presenter for 30 minutes.
   (The Annual Conference Committee will assign one additional 30-minute session to constitute a 60-minute session and will identify a moderator. The committee reserves the right to develop these sessions using a combination of proposals and/or invited presenters).
3. A professional development workshop by one to four (1-4) presenters for 2.5 hours.

All proposals must be complete, comprehensive, and deemed relevant and timely to the conference’s audience. The committee may shorten a presentation, increase and/or reduce the number of presenters, select alternate presenters from among those proposed, and/or combine the submitted presentation with other proposed presentations, at its sole discretion. All presenters will be contacted independently to confirm their submittal. Suggested formats include “ask the experts”, panel discussions, roundtables, case studies, symposia, short lectures followed by Q&A, and interactive discussion and debates. You will be asked to specify session format during the submittal process.

Selection Criteria
The following criteria will be used by the peer review committee to select presentations:

• Topic (originality and importance of issue)
• Description of information to be presented and learning objectives (quality of writing, clarity, logic, and organization)
• Clearly defined course objectives
• Clearly identified tools to advance professional knowledge and skills that infection control professionals can use to improve their facilities
• Professional reference (someone who can attest to your presentation abilities)
**Presenter Benefits**

**U.S.-Based Speakers — APIC will provide the following benefits:**
- Travel, including airfare and ground transportation to and from Portland International Airport (PDX), Portland, OR (Travel expenses cannot exceed $750. If expenses exceed $750, approval from APIC is required.)
- 2 nights’ lodging at an official APIC hotel
- Complimentary one-day registration for the day of presentation, or a full conference registration at the reduced rate of $275

**Internationally Based Speakers — APIC will provide the following benefits:**
- International travel, including airfare and ground transportation to and from Portland International Airport (PDX), Portland, OR (Travel expenses up to $1,000 USD are covered. If expenses exceed $1,000 USD, approval from APIC is required.)
- Four (4) nights’ lodging at an official APIC hotel
- Complimentary one-day registration for the day of presentation, or a full conference registration at the reduced rate of $275

Presenter benefits cannot be combined with any other benefits and are awarded per presenter, not per session. Presenters speaking in more than one session will only receive one set of benefits.

**Questions**

For assistance with questions regarding your proposal, please email annual@apic.org. For technical support with online submissions, call 410-638-9239 or email Help@ConferenceAbstracts.com. Customer service is available Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST.