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# Research Program Report

2014-2015 UPDATE

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in Infection Control &  
Epidemiology**

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## Major Accomplishments

### PROMOTING PROFESSIONALS:

#### APIC Heroes Implementation Research Scholar (HIRS) Award Program

In its second award year, the HIRS Awards Program provides career development opportunities for highly qualified individuals to plan, implement, and develop a written report for a research project demonstrating value and implications for infection prevention and quality efforts across clinical settings. The 2015-2016 awardees are:

**Amanda Hessels**, PhD, MPH, RN, CIC, CPHQ,  
School of Nursing, Columbia University, NY; and,

**JaHyun Kang**, PhD, MPH, RN, CIC,  
School of Nursing, University of Pittsburgh, PA.

#### Heroes in Infection Prevention Program

Starting in 2014, the Heroes Program includes direct interaction with the Research Committee and specific professional development activities including: meeting with the Research Committee at the annual conference, Heroes participation in the Knowledge Bar at annual conference, Heroes webinars to APIC members, and provision to encourage Heroes abstract / manuscript submissions.

#### APIC Graduate Student Award (AGSA)

Approved by the APIC Board of Directors and launched in September 2015, the AGSA supports students who are seeking to complete their masters or doctoral degree; through such support, AGSA seeks to expand evidence-based science in the implementation of infection prevention and control programs in healthcare settings to improve patient outcomes, and demonstrate APIC's commitment to promoting research. The first award will be made for the 2016 calendar year.

### PROMOTING IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE AND RESEARCH:

- “Let’s Publish! Advancing your abstract to a manuscript”: Workshop on preparing and submitting research for publication presented at 2014 Annual Conference

- “Writing scientific abstracts”: APIC Webinar presented to encourage members to submit abstracts for consideration by the annual conference committee
- Journal Club: This is a strategy used to critique and keep up to date with relevant literature. In order to provide examples of how to understand research articles, the Research Committee works with *AJIC* to develop up to 4 critiques, per year, of articles appearing in the journal. The Committee also recommends *AJIC* articles to Chapter Journal Clubs for their review and assessment.
- Article on how to analyze research in the 2015 Winter issue of the *Prevention Strategist*: “An infection preventionist’s guide to evaluating research studies.”
- Identifying research gaps:
  - Members of the research committee conducted a review of current topics in infection prevention using the APIC web site, IP Talk and current practice guidelines.
  - A list of prioritized research topics was developed to serve as a guide to APIC leadership and the Research Committee in supporting future work.

### PROMOTING THE PROFESSION:

**APIC MegaSurvey:** With support from the Research Fund, APIC is taking a critical step to obtain data on the current state of professionals serving in the role of an IP. The most comprehensive survey of its kind, the *APIC MegaSurvey: State of the IP Profession* collected crucial information related to IP demographics, organizational structure, practice and competencies, and compensation. Results of the MegaSurvey will present the current landscape of the infection prevention profession and provide the basis for future enhancements and professional standardization efforts. The 2015 Chair and Vice Chair of the Research Committee co-chaired the MegaSurvey task force that guided the development of the survey questionnaire. The Research Committee will oversee the initial publications in *AJIC* (including an article on the study protocol, and Executive Summary of the results), and will provide guidance on how best to utilize the data toward advancing the profession.

## Statement of financial position

(for 8 months ending  
August 31, 2015)

### ASSETS:

#### Current assets:

Cash	8/31/2015	\$53,839
Investments		498,295
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>\$552,134</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:

Current liabilities		
Due to APIC		\$141,713
Net assets		410,421
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>		<b>\$552,134</b>

Revenues: \$1,800
Investment earnings: (\$2,305)
Contributions: \$4,105

Expenses: \$25,228
MegaSurvey: \$21,500
Awards: \$3,168
Committee: \$610