APIC 2015 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

APIC Wants You to Spread Your Knowledge About Infection Prevention and Control
The Annual Conference Committee invites you to submit a presentation proposal for the 2015 Annual Conference scheduled for June 27-29 in Nashville, TN. Next year’s annual conference will provide an outstanding mix of quality education to showcase new ideas and evidence-based practices. Educate your peers and contribute to the field of infection prevention and epidemiology by submitting a presentation proposal for consideration.

How to Submit
Go to www.apic.org/ac2015 to complete the online form. You may begin the submission process and return to your saved proposal any time up until the submission deadline. All proposals must be submitted online; proposals submitted by fax or mail will not be accepted.

Schedule
6/9/14 Call for Presentation Proposals released and submission site opens
8/1/14 Submission deadline for proposals (11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time). No extensions will be granted.
10/10/14 Acceptance/Rejection notification for all who submitted
12/9/14 Presenter acceptance deadline
6/27-6/29 Conference Dates, Nashville Convention Center, Nashville, TN

All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PST Friday, August 1. Incomplete applications will not be considered for review by the 2015 Annual Conference Committee.

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 following descriptions are representative of the proposals that could be addressed in each topic.

Submission Categories Include but are not Limited to the Following:
• Surveillance and Technology
  o Data mining and surveillance technology
  o Electronic algorithms for identifying Healthcare-Associated Infections
  o Reporting and trending infection data
  o Biostatistics for the Infection Preventionist
  o Using surveillance data to drive practice change and attain adequate resources
  o The electronic medical record and its impact on Infection Preventionists’ activities
Emerging Science, Research, and Application
  o The role of biofilms in Healthcare-Associated Infections
  o New technologies for prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections
  o Emerging pathogens
  o Implementation science and the role of the Infection Preventionist

Leadership and Professional Development
  o Developing your management, facilitation, and leadership skills
  o Promoting staff development
  o Navigating difficult conversations
  o Developing your scientific writing skills for publication
  o Improving your verbal and written presentation skills

Public Policy/Public Reporting
  o Impact of public reporting of Healthcare-Associated Infections
  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

Alternate Care Settings (e.g., Ambulatory, Long-Term Care, Long-Term Acute Care)
  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

…and 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 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 presenters for 2.5 hrs.

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, symposiums, short lectures with audience participation during 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

US Based Speakers - APIC will provide the following benefits:
- Travel, including airfare and ground transportation to and from Nashville International Airport. (Travel expenses not to exceed $750; if over $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 reduced full conference registration of $275.

International Based Speakers - APIC will provide the following benefits:
- International Travel, including airfare and ground transportation to and from Nashville International Airport. (Travel expenses up to $1,000 USD are covered; if over $1,000 USD, approval from APIC is required.)
- 4 nights lodging at an official APIC hotel
- Complimentary one day registration for the day of presentation or a reduced full conference registration of $275.

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

Questions
For assistance with questions regarding the Call for Presentation Proposals, 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 between the hours of 9am – 6pm EST.

Call for Abstracts