



Call for Speakers

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

The 2018 APIC Annual Conference Committee invites you to submit a presentation proposal for the **2018 Annual Conference, June 13-15 in Minneapolis, Minnesota**. The 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

On June 19, 2017 the Call for Speakers application opens. Go to <https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=AYGNAAU> 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.

Please present enough details to evaluate the presentation, failure to do so adequately may result in rejection. Describe or outline topics presented, with enough detail for reviewers to fully understand the content proposed and the presentation strategies.

Schedule

DATE	ACTIVITY
6/19/2017	Call for Speakers released; Submission site open
8/7/2017	Submission deadline for proposals (11:59 PM PST). No extensions will be granted.
10/6/2017	Acceptance or rejection notification for all submissions
10/25/2017	Presenter acceptance deadline
6/13/2018- 6/15/2018	Conference dates, Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN

All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PST Monday, August 7, 2017. Incomplete applications will not be considered for review.

Submission Categories

The APIC Annual Conference Committee will build session tracks for the conference using all relevant topics, with specific interest in the following 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:

1. 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

2. 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)

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

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

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

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

7. Other entrepreneurial, innovative infection preventionists' successes and best-practice tools

Session Formats

Proposals are being accepted for the following formats:

1. Full session by one to three (1-3) presenters for 60 minutes on a related topic.
2. Partial session by one (1) individual presenter for 30 minutes.
(The Annual Conference Committee may assign one additional 30-minute session to constitute a full 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.
4. All proposals **must detail the proposed content to be presented with enough clarity to evaluate the presentation**. A description, "such as will review topic A", is not adequate. All presenters will be contacted independently to confirm their submittal.

5. Moderators for all sessions are selected by the Annual Conference Committee.

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 Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP), Minneapolis, MN, **up to \$750. Advance approval from APIC is required for travel expenses that exceed \$750.**
- Two nights' lodging at an official APIC conference hotel.
- Complimentary one-day registration for the day of your 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 Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP), Minneapolis, MN, **up to \$1,000 USD. Advance approval from APIC is required for expenses that exceed \$1,000 USD.**
- Four (4) nights' lodging at an official APIC conference hotel.
- Complimentary one-day registration for the day of your 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.



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