



Call for Speakers

The 2021 APIC Annual Conference Committee invites you to submit a presentation proposal for the **2021 Annual Conference, June 28-30, in Austin, Texas**. The conference will provide an outstanding mix of interactive educational workshops and presentations to showcase new ideas and evidence-based practices in infection prevention, epidemiology and leadership development. Educate your peers and contribute to the field by submitting a presentation proposal for consideration.

How to Submit

On Monday, June 1, 2020 the Call for Speakers application opens. Go to the [2021 Call for Speaker Submission Site](#) to complete the speaker proposal application. Once you begin the submission process, you may return to your saved proposal at any time up until the submission deadline of July 12, 2020. All proposals must be submitted online. Proposals submitted via email will not be accepted.

Please provide enough details for the conference committee to evaluate the presentation. Failure to do so may result in rejection. Describe or outline topics with enough detail for reviewers to fully understand proposed content and presentation strategies. A description, “such as will review topic A”, is not adequate.

A confirmation email will be sent upon completion of the submission. Moderators for all sessions are selected by the Annual Conference Committee.

Schedule

DATE	ACTIVITY
6/1/2020	Call for Speakers released; Submission site open
7/12/2020	Submission deadline for proposals (11:59 PM PST). No extensions will be granted.
10/12- 10/14/2020	Acceptance or rejection notification for all submissions
10/31/2020	Speaker acceptance deadline
6/28 – 6/30/2021	Conference dates

All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PST July 12, 2020. 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. 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 but are not exclusive. Proposals should indicate relevant practice setting (ambulatory care, long term care, behavioral health, etc.) and specialty patient populations (pediatric, dialysis, etc.) when appropriate.

Submission categories include but are not limited to the following:

1. Antimicrobial and Diagnostic Stewardship
 - o Multidrug resistant organism infections

- Antimicrobial stewardship programs and interventions
- Diagnostic stewardship programs and interventions
- 2. Disinfection and Sterilization
 - Endoscope reprocessing
 - Equipment and environmental cleaning
 - Sterile Processing
- 3. Education, Training and Competencies
 - Effective adult learning
 - Competency tools and checklists
- 4. Emergency Preparedness
 - Disaster/All Hazards Preparedness
 - Emerging Infectious Diseases
 - Outbreak preparation, response, and recovery
- 5. Environment of Care
 - Water management plans
 - Mold remediation
 - Construction and renovation
- 6. Implementation Science and Research
 - Translation of evidence-base practices and research into routine practice
 - Behavior modification in implementation and sustainability
- 7. Information Technology and Surveillance
 - Optimizing electronic medical record
 - Optimizing data management through electronic methods
- 8. Leadership and Professional Development
 - Management and communication
 - Improving verbal and written presentation skills
 - Critical thinking
 - Mentorship
- 9. Occupational Health
 - Blood and body fluid exposures
 - Exposure management
 - Vaccinations
- 10. Public Health and Health Policy
 - Public/Mandatory Reporting
 - State and Regional HAI Programs
 - Global Health
- 11. Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement
 - Use of PDSA or Lean methodology
 - Quality Management Systems/Adverse Outcomes
 - Change Management

Session Formats

Proposals are being accepted for the following three formats:

1. **30/30 Education Sessions** - half-hour sessions with one (1) speaker providing an overview of key topics in infection prevention and control. Scheduled with two sessions per hour.
2. **Concurrent Education Session - 60 minutes** - hour-long sessions, with a maximum of two (2) speakers, provide Infection Preventionists (IPs) at every stage of their career with the tools, resources, discussion, and ideas that are essential to successful IPC.

3. **Interactive Workshops** - Sessions presented by one to four speakers for 2- hours. These sessions take a deeper dive into the most pressing issues facing IPs today in these interactive learning opportunities. *(Only two speakers are eligible for travel stipends, the primary and secondary speaker).*

*The committee reserves the right to develop these sessions using a combination of proposals and/or invited Speakers.

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 identified tools and resources to advance professional knowledge and skills
- Professional reference (someone who can attest to your presentation abilities)

APIC Submission Checklist

You must follow the submission rules, or your proposal will be rejected.

- Proofread the proposal for typographical and grammatical errors.
- Proposal is written in complete sentences. No bulleted lists, tables or figures.
- All acronyms and/or abbreviations are spelled out or defined at first use, even those considered common by the submitters (i.e. ICU). Acronyms used in the title are acceptable if they are spelled out or defined upon first use in the proposal description.
- Proposal has only been submitted in one subject category. Do not submit multiple proposals on overlapping facets of the same project unless each proposal has important, novel information and clearly stands on its own. Repetitive proposals will be rejected.
- Proposals do not include any identifiable information (author, facility, etc.) except public health agencies may identify the region, state, or city. Any proposal containing this information will be rejected as APIC requires a blinded review.
- Proposals do not contain any brand names, commercial influence or promotional material.

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.