



July 2010 Newsletter

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President's Update

It is unbelievable that ½ of August is already over...and here is your *July* newsletter! Nothing personal, you have been on my mind and on my to-do list since then, but this actually works out better since I can now incorporate my “**get involved with APIC Chicago**” message into this. I recently emailed the APIC Chicago Officer/Director and other volunteer position descriptions that will be open for 2011 to our membership. If you did not receive them, please check our web page at www.apicchicago.org or contact me directly. If you are interested in one of the open positions, please fill out the willingness to serve form that was also forwarded (also available on the web page or from me directly). You may also receive a phone call from one of our lovely Nominating Committee members (Kay, Etta, Jack, Anna, Joanne or Kelly) about getting involved. Just think how cool it would be to be part of the APIC Chicago Board!

Education Committee Update

Save the Dates:

October 8th, 2010 – all day event at Aramark; speakers include Dr. Rutala, Dr. Tierno, Andy Streifel, Dr. Schreckenberger and Kathleen Kohut

January 26, 2011 – MCHC – speakers TBD

Did you present a poster or oral abstract to APIC National or another conference? If so, we would like you to share/show off at our upcoming education meeting in January, 2011. We are also looking for a person who is well versed in immunology to present. Please contact Chris Silkaitis at csilkait@nmh.org if you or someone you know would like to present at one of our upcoming educational events.

HAI Planning Committee Update

Save the Date:

Illinois Conference on Healthcare-Associated Infections

Friday, November 5, 2010

Abraham Lincoln Conference Center in Springfield, IL (www.presidentabrahamlincolnhotel.com)

Speakers include staff of the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), IDPH and Eli Perencevich, MD.

Continuing education credit will be offered.

Organized by:

- Central Illinois APIC
- Chicago Metropolitan APIC
- Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Patient Safety and Quality

Registration: \$50

Hotel: \$92 - block reserved for the first to register, so don't delay

More to come in September!

President statement Dr. Cervia presented a very informative lecture on water-borne disease at our July education event. At the event, a statement was made that the presentation slides would be posted on the APIC Chicago web. Due to product bias in the presentation (noted by the Board and other members), the APIC Chicago Board withdrew the posting from the web. APIC Chicago does not promote any products and encourages the membership to carefully and critically evaluate *all* of the available medical evidence and refers you to the AAMI and CDC guidelines when considering any product/equipment/solution available to help decrease the potential for water-borne illness producing pathogens. If you would like a copy of Dr. Cervia's slides please contact him directly at joe_cervia@pall.com.

Legislative Update

Please assist us in making International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW) 2010 the most successful year yet. By bringing this event to your state's attention, you will help raise awareness of the efforts in the field of infection prevention and control. Please visit the VIP Action Center and send a letter to your Governor. To access this letter, [click here](#) to go to the IIPW Action Alert, then add your name and insert your contact information in the "Sender Information" section at the bottom of the page. Click the "send" button and your letter will be on its way to the governor.

Thank you for your help in this effort and please contact me at apictemp3@apic.org or 202-454-2569 if you have any questions.

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