



ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The deadline for submitting abstracts is May 31st, 2018

APIC UAE invites attendees of **The International Conference on Prevention and Control of Infection (ICPCI)** to submit abstracts in the areas of infection prevention and control, healthcare epidemiology, and related fields for presentation at the Conference on **13th to 15th of September 2018** being held at Jumeirah Etihad Towers Hotel in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Abstracts are peer reviewed for quality of research, educational or scientific content, logical presentation and impact on infection prevention and control and related fields. accepted abstracts are scheduled as either poster or oral presentation based on relevance, best practices, case studies and completeness of the required information submitted. Participants want real life examples of what works and practical take-away tools/solutions

The conference theme is "Innovate, Prevent and Save lives"

We are inviting all professionals to submit abstracts for Oral and Poster Presentations on the following topics:

- Prevention and control of Infection program management
- Measurement and Evaluation of Interventions for Prevention and control of HAI "CLABSI, CAUTI, SSI, VAP and VAE"
- MDRO prevention and Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Surveillance Tools for Infection Prevention
- Infection Control Surveillance and hospital epidemiology
- Emergency preparedness and infectious disease disaster management

- Environment health and safety/Occupational Health
- Reprocessing of flexible endoscopes best practices
- Antisepsis/Disinfection/Sterilization best practices
- Data Standardization and Validation
- Infection prevention education and Competencies
- Healthcare Facility Construction/renovation
- Quality Management Systems/Process Improvement/Adverse Outcomes
- Infection prevention in Dental settings
- Infection prevention in Dialysis
- Infection prevention in Behavioral Health
- Infection prevention in Long-Term Care/Home Care
- Infection prevention in correctional facilities

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

All abstracts submitted for presentations (**by the 31st of May 2018**) will be assessed and prospective speakers will be notified about the results by **1st of July 2018**.

Guidelines for submissions are available on the website: www.menaconference.com (PDF).

Speakers are advised to keep the following guidelines in mind when planning both the abstracts and presentations:

Abstracts must contain original scientific data collected by the author(s). All reports must be based on work that has already been completed. No studies "in progress" will be accepted. The abstracts will be scored on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Concept and design
- Presentation
- Applicability
- Other characteristics

Language: All abstracts are to be written in English. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to edit abstracts for grammar and clarity.

Submission: All abstracts must be submitted via the Abstract Form which can be accessed at www.menaconference.com this should be limited to a maximum of 250 words and should include the following:

Title of abstract

Names and contact details of author(s) {organization, city /country, email, phone numbers, fax numbers and mailing address}. Please indicate the name of the presenter/ clearly and provide the author's biography with the abstract.

The abstract must include the following headings clearly: Purpose, Methods, Results and Conclusions.

Abstract submission will be acknowledged via email. If you do not receive an email within one week of submission or have any additional queries please contact email andra.mae@menaconference.com

IMPORTANT ABSTRACT GUIDELINE

- The abstracts will follow the publication guidelines from the Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control (ARIC) journal
- All abstracts will be limited to 400 words excluding the title of the abstract, the authors and their affiliations and contact details
- The abstract submitted must be original and must not have been published elsewhere

Two categories of abstracts may be submitted

1. Describing the results of IPC related research
2. Describing the successful implementation of IPC programs

General Layout of the Abstract

Title: should be written in bold, sentence case with no full stop at the end and no underlining

Authors: First name, middle initial if required, surname with no full stop at the end, Underline the name of the corresponding author. Where authors are from a number of different institutions, the appropriate institution number from the affiliation list should be given as a superscript number immediately after each author's name

Affiliations: Should include, department, institute, town, country. If authors have different affiliations these should be listed in order in a separate paragraph with the appropriate superscript number.

Text: Should be not more than 400 words, Ariel font size 11. Figures and tables should not be included in the abstract. Text should be single spaced, unjustified and should be structured according to the type of abstract submitted as described:

1. IPC related research

Background and objectives: A short introduction to why this piece of research was conducted and deemed necessary for African research

Methods: A short description of the essential aspects of the methodology. Include research methodology, population, site and methods and any statistical analysis package.

Results: briefly discuss the findings, with demographic distribution, specific aspects which lead to a conclusive result based on evidence. Present statistics if indicated

Conclusion: How will your findings improve IPC practices in your country, Africa and for other researchers? Will this work open up avenues for further research opportunities or links?

2. Implementation of IPC Programmes

Background and challenges to implementation: Describe the geographical context/ location of your facility, the type of services offered and population served and the specific challenge(s) or issues faced in IPC programme development/strengthening.

Methods/Activity Describe how you initially assessed the IPC issues/challenge at your facility and detail the activities//interventions you introduced to address them. Describe the monitoring and evaluation methods used to assess the intervention(s) and the analyses to determine outputs/outcomes

Results: Describe the results of your interventions

Conclusions: What are the implication of the results presented on IPC programmes in other facilities and at national level, and summarise key recommendations.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **31st May 2018** – Deadline for submission of abstracts.
- **1st July 2018** – Presenters will be notified of acceptance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All abstracts must be prepared using the abstract submission guidelines.
- Each presenter may submit a maximum of two abstracts.
- Each abstract submission must indicate if the material was published or presented in any national or international Conference or if it received any awards
- All presenters will be registered to attend the Conference if abstract is accepted and be present at the time of the Congress.
- A certificate of appreciation will be given to all the presenters to honor their presentation.
- Presenters must not use the session as a marketing opportunity for products/equipment
- Travel, accommodation and visa process will be provided to accepted abstracts

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR ABSTRACTS!

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