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FACT SHEET

The Association for Practitioners in Infection Control, Inc. (APIC) is an international multidisciplinary professional organization dedicated to the influence, support and improvement of quality healthcare through the practice and management of infection control and the application of epidemiology in all health settings. APIC is committed to improve patient care, prevent adverse outcomes and to minimize occupational hazards associated with the delivery of health care. National Infection Control Week is celebrated during the third week of October.

APIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Foundation, established in 1993, is designed to fund research related to infection control. The call for RFPs is issued in the late summer, selections are made in the fall and grants are funded in January. For more information and/or a prospectus, please call the Foundation at (202) 787-9617.

PUBLICATIONS

The Association provides a quality peer-reviewed journal, the American Journal of Infection Control, that includes scientific presentations from leading experts and pertinent information affecting infection control practice. APIC publishes a series of newsletters including APIC NEWS, Infection Control in Long Term Care Facilities, Capitol Data, and others directed at the needs of special interest and customer groups within the Association. The APIC Curriculum for Infection Control practice, the Certification Preparation Study Guides and a variety of educational brochures are available for purchase through the National Office.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Annually the Association convenes an international educational conference averaging approximately 2,000 attendees. In addition, APIC provides in multiple venues a basic training course for infection control practitioners as well as an annual Advanced Practitioner Course. Certification, administered through the Certification Board of Infection Control (CBIC) is offered by exam with recertification required every five years. Call (913) 541-0400 for more information.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

The Governmental Affairs Committee monitors legislation and regulation influencing infection control practice; networking, testimony and professional input is provided to the appropriate jurisdictions and authorities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Ed Stygar

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APIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION LAUNCHED!

The Board of Trustees and the Scientific Review Committee of the APIC Research Foundation had their first meeting at the May 1993 APIC Educational Conference in Orlando. In addition to electing officers, the group also discussed policies and procedures for grant review, identified ways to support APIC members with research consultation and education, and began deliberations about fundraising and strategic planning. Foundation officers for 1993-94 include:

Trustees: *Dennis Brimhall*, Chair. President and CEO, University of Colorado Hospital Authority; *Jerri Bryant*, Vice-Chair. Clinical Epidemiologist, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; *Maris Ogg*, Treasurer. President and Chief Investment Officer, Radnor Capital Management, Inc.; *Manizhe Vatan*, Secretary. Chapter President, Orange County, CA.; *Frederick Boyd*, Trustee. General Manager of Physical Operations, Huntington Laboratories; *Benjamin Lipsky*, Trustee. Associate Professor, University of Washington Medical School; *Jon McKendry*, Trustee. Group Market Manager for Environmental Management, Baxter Healthcare Corporation; *Deborah Nadzam*, Trustee. Project Director, Indicator Monitoring System Implementation, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The Scientific Review Committee includes George Counts, NIH; Gail Harkness, University of Connecticut School of Nursing; T. Grace Emori, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and M. Anthony Schork, University of Michigan School of Public Health.

The Foundation, established by the APIC Board of Directors in January 1993 and incorporated in May 1993, is based on the belief that a solid research structure results in cost effective, efficient, and high quality patient care through the testing and careful evaluation of policies, practices, procedures, and products. Its goals are to:

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NEWS FLASH ... NEWS FLASH

APIC NATIONAL OFFICE TO MOVE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA IN 1994! GROWTH & STRATEGIC PLAN PROVIDE FOUNDATION FOR THIS EXCITING NEW CHAPTER IN APIC'S EVOLUTION



STOP THE PRESSES!.....

NEW NAME FOR THE ASSOCIATION APPROVED AT THE 1993 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: *The Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC)*

PLEASE NOTE: This new name becomes effective JANUARY 1, 1994

The Officers and Board of the Association for Practitioners in Infection Control, Inc. (APIC) are pleased to announce plans to relocate our national offices to the metropolitan District of Columbia area and to simultaneously engage a management team, employed by and solely responsible to the Association. In addition, shortly after establishment of the new national headquarters, an Education Director will be hired and be responsible, in coordination with APIC Education and Program Committees, for the day-to-day management of the numerous educational projects of the Association. One important goal of this activity is development of a resource center for the practice of infection control/applied epidemiology.

Over the past several years, the Association's leadership, guided by the Strategic Plan, has performed an intensive evaluation of this advancement in our organizational evolution. The Association's support requirements have grown and evolved in a natural and predictable pattern beyond the capabilities of an external management team. The assessment of the financial implications of this move demonstrated that the difference between current management costs and those associated with transition to "captive" - wholly APIC-managed offices - was affordable. In addition to the direction provided by APIC's Strategic Plan for this move, the significant concentration of most other health-related professional organizations in the Washington D.C. area supports the need to relocate to this area. The national attention on reform of health-care delivery in the U.S. necessitates that APIC be close to those charged with this task. This proximity will facilitate APIC's ability to assist the reform process by making sure the needs of you, the members, and the patients we care for are addressed.

APIC'S NAME WILL CHANGE IN 1994 HOWEVER OUR ACRONYM REMAINS

Those at the 1993 Annual Business meeting approved our new name but felt the acronym, APIC, should remain. Therefore, when referring to the Association in full name, beginning January 1, 1994, use "the Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology, Inc." The acronym will still be "APIC" and current plans do not include any alteration in the APIC logo.

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1. fund research related to the practice and management of infection control and the application of epidemiology;
2. position APIC as the leader in the support of research related to infection control and the application of epidemiology; and
3. ensure that the APIC research mission is supported by the Foundation's resources and activities.

The research fund established through the Foundation will provide a mechanism for creating a permanent legacy to improve the knowledge base for infection prevention and control and applied epidemiology. If you are interested in joining in supporting the Foundation or applying for grant funds, call or write the Research Foundation headquarters:

APIC Research Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 342590
Bethesda, MD 20817
(202) 687-9617

A call for proposals and grant application form will be published in the August 1993 issue of the American Journal of Infection. These materials are also available by writing or calling the Foundation at the address/phone above.

Barbara A. Goldrick, RN, PhD, CIC
Executive Director

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Don't forget to submit
an abstract for
APIC '94 in
Cincinnati.

Official forms
and instructions
will appear
in the October AJIC
and Fall Newsletter.

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THANKS TO THE WILLIS GROUP (TWG)

APIC is grateful to Mr. Robert Willis and the wonderful staff of TWG for the many years of dedicated support and nurturing of the Association, its committees, and our membership. Our need to move on is a reflection of the stunning growth of this organization.

INTERIM MANAGEMENT TEAM IS IN PLACE

To assist APIC with the transition to the Washington D.C. area, the APIC Board of Directors has engaged the services of an interim management firm, Stygar Associates Inc. This was done to facilitate a smooth transition from Illinois to D.C. There is no way for us to know the specific talents of the Executive Director to be selected by the Board. She/he may have particular talents in the field of conference planning or may wish to contract that requirement out or add office staff with that expertise. Either way, in order to provide the Search Committee with the flexibility to prioritize selection criteria, a conference point in time had to be chosen, namely APIC '94, to make the break from the Willis Group. APIC '94 planning is already well underway, and it would be extremely difficult for a new management team to attempt to assume this conference in 1994 with only four months notice. Thus, since it would be inappropriate to have one management firm covering day-to-day business of the organization and another covering APIC '94, an interim management approach was chosen, specifically Stygar Associates, Inc., to position us for the DC move.

Stygar Associates Inc. will assure continuity and completion of our annual conference and many other projects which are ongoing (e.g. Basic & Advanced Training Courses, etc.). All membership services should continue uninterrupted, and to respond to any questions you may have, a key contact directory for Stygar Associates has been provided below. APIC's 1-800-421-APIC voice information system is also unchanged and we encourage you to continue to use this valuable information resource about APIC activities, committees, and publications.

APIC CELEBRATES ITS SUCCESS!

The APIC Board of Directors wishes to thank and congratulate all current and past members for their support in APIC's success over the years. The future looks very positive and we feel member needs will be met and very likely exceeded in the years to come. We can all share in the excitement of reaching this important milestone in APIC's living history, especially as the strategic plan is continually brought to life through you, the members, of this unique, committed organization.

Editorial Staff, APIC News

APIC National Office / Stygar Associates, Inc.

The APIC National Office street address in Illinois has changed to: 1202 Allanson Road, Mundelein, IL 60060. When calling the National Office (708-949-8052) please refer your questions to the following individuals:

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President's Column

Linda L. McDonald, RN, MSPH, CIC

The excitement is mounting! As summer's end draws nearer, we're even closer to the "big move" of the APIC National Offices to the metropolitan Washington DC area. The expectation and anticipation is palpable at this point. The myriad of details and interim communication instructions involved with this process are being shared with the general membership through the chapter network and the Association's newsletter. Hundreds of members are involved in ensuring that this final transition to the Capitol Hill area is made smoothly and efficiently. We are enormously grateful to the many APIC members who have shown great flexibility and creativity during this interim management period. Knowing that these minor challenges are temporary and that in a few short months APIC will be located in Washington with its own management team keeps the outlook positive. I know that all of you are looking forward to this new adventure and all the opportunities involved as much as I am. And all of this activity will be heralded by the second APIC event on the "Hill". I hope that as many of you as possible will join us in Washington D.C. for the Legislative Reception to simultaneously celebrate Infection Control Week and announce APIC's relocation. The reception will be held on Tuesday October 19 in the Rayburn House Office Building, Gold Room (Room 2168). It will be sponsored by Congresswoman Leslie Byrne (D-VA). More information about this event

is in the Governmental Affairs Committee report in this edition of the News with additional details to appear in upcoming issues of APIC News. In addition, more specific information about the new APIC offices should be available by the next NEWS issue.

Finally, APIC's strategic plan points out the need to maintain a fiscally sound organization. In looking to our longterm and immediate goals, therefore, the Board of Directors approved raising APIC dues from \$65 to \$80 beginning in calendar year 1994. Incidentally, our dues have not been raised in the past five years. This increase will be reflected in your 1993 membership renewal notice. Even at \$80 membership in APIC is quite a bargain given the goods and services of such an active and involved professional organization (peer-reviewed journal, multiple special interest newsletters, professional input into legislation/regulation/guidelines, our own guideline development/publication etc.). Professional representation by APIC for the professional in infection control and epidemiology is growing. I am sure you will agree, by leaps and bounds.

We will need to all maintain close communication and support for one another while we move together into this exciting new chapter of APIC's growth and development.

APIC AWARDS 1993

Submitted by Judith D. Laschek, RN, BSN, CIC - Chairperson, APIC Awards Committee

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE PRESENTED DURING THE 1993 CONFERENCE

CAROLE DeMILLE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Julia S. Garner, RN, MSN - Atlanta, GA

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

SPONSORED BY MERCK, SHARP & DOHME

Julie R. Weidman, RN, BSN, ONC - St. Louis, MO

Lisa Tikusis, RN, BSN, CIC - Olympia Fields, IL

Bernice C. Davenport, RN, BSN - Staunton, VA

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

SPONSORED BY BAXTER HOSPITAL SUPPLY

APIC Chapter 88 - Grand Canyon

OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Betsy Palmer, RN, BSN, MSN, CIC

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HONORABLE MENTION - CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

APIC Chapter 26 - Greater Cincinnati-Dayton

NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

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Gerard R. Barber, RPH, MPH - New York, NY