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CBIC 2024: It's a Wrap!

he alignment of certification opportunities from novice to mid-career to expert has been a top priority for CBIC in 2024. I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made with the new Advanced Leadership Certification in Infection Prevention and Control (AL-CIP). A portfolio assessment allows applicants to demonstrate their individual competency through documentation of practice application in key infection prevention and control (IPC) activities and initiatives.

We are wrapping up beta testing for the AL-CIP and preparing for our January 2025 launch. Beta testing a portfolio-based assessment is an important step to ensure that the assessment method is both effective and reliable before it is fully implemented. We had an incredibly diverse group of beta testers. These 30 individuals all hold the CIC* certification, with many also holding the LTC-CIP*. Beta testers had been certified for an average of 12 years and were represented across five countries. I would encourage all CIC*s/LTC-CIP*s to make the AL-CIP your next professional goal and hope to celebrate many of you at the next APIC annual conference. Read an interview with me and CBIC Executive Director Jessica Dangles on page 20 in this issue.

As I approach the end of my presidential term, I wanted to recognize the leadership of our two outgoing board members: Elaine Larson, RN, PhD, FAAN, FSHEA, FAPIC, FIDSA, CIC*, LTC-CIP*, and Elias Tannous, BSN, MBA, RN, CIC*. I look forward to welcoming CBIC's two new board members in January: Jill Holdsworth, MS, CIC*, NREMT, FAPIC, CRCST, and Muhammad Yar Sobhan Qadir, MBBS, CIC*, MSPH, MCPS-HCSM, CHQP, MSHEA, FRSPH.

Our incoming president for 2025 is Tiffany Wiksten, DNP, RN, CIC*. Tiffany will do a terrific job as we officially roll out the AL-CIP credential. Please join me in welcoming her and giving her your full support.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has supported me over the last year; it has been a busy and interesting year. I want to thank the board for their ongoing support of me and devotion to CBIC. I want to thank all our staff, especially Jessica, for all the hard work and support. You make this look easy. I could not have done this without you.

I wish for everyone a blessed and safe holiday season, and the happiest of New Years.

Warm regards,

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