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CBIC in San Antonio: We Hope to See You There! nvesting in professional development is essential for infection preventionists (IPs) to stay competent, informed, and effective in their role, ultimately contributing to improved patient outcomes and public health. The APIC Annual Conference is one of the largest gatherings of infection prevention and control professionals in the world. This is a time for IPs at every career stage to earn continuing education. For active certificants, this is a terrific opportunity to earn infection prevention units (IPUs) to maintain certification, and for future certificants, this is the time to build your foundational knowledge.

The CBIC Board of Directors and staff will be in the exhibit hall answering all your questions about certifications. We will also be hosting a reception Monday evening and look forward to acknowledging all current certificants. On Tuesday, I will be presenting alongside Board Director Gail Fraine and Jessica Dangles, CBIC executive director, about the new Advanced Leadership Certification in Infection Prevention. Please check the official APIC website for location information on both events.

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The annual meeting is such a great time to network with your colleagues and get the most up-to-date information on infection prevention and control. There are so many exciting opportunities to learn. My first APIC conference was 2007!

I look forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio and encourage everyone to join this event either in person or virtually.

Sincerely,

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