

# APIC Greater Detroit

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Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc

Dear APIC-Greater Detroit Member:

I would like to take this opportunity, along with your APIC-Greater Detroit Board Members, to wish each of you an exciting and rewarding new year. With the beginning of this second year in our "new" millennium, we find ourselves faced with a never-ending abundance of new challenges. Bioterrorism and patient safety issues are newly present ideas in the forefront of our infection control and epidemiology lives. Resistant organisms, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, hand-washing reinforcement, and other perpetuating topics continue to crowd the path of our work. And we need support to tackle these issues!

Educational support and networking is an important part of international APIC and is a key focus that your APIC-Greater Detroit board wishes to direct their efforts on in the year ahead. Last year we presented two successful half-day conferences. With so many pre-scheduled seminars and conferences within the first half of this year, your APIC-GD board has decided to change our format to include a one full day conference around the end of July and a networking and business luncheon for members during the month of December. This schedule will help transition our efforts to times of the year that do not have so many other educational opportunities offered by APIC, MSIC, and other health agencies and organizations. We hope that this will enable all of us the opportunity to attend as many educational opportunities as possible. I am including a list of known upcoming educational events and encourage you to check our website for future updates at [www.apicgd.org](http://www.apicgd.org).

Your APIC-GD Board has also approved expenses for free tuition (\$ 420.00) to APIC 2002 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference and International Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee May 19-23, 2002 for one lucky member\*!

ENTER THE DRAWING by submitting in ONE PARAGRAPH – "Why I want an opportunity to attend a national APIC conference".

Send your request to: Sue Burns at [sburns1@hfhs.org](mailto:sburns1@hfhs.org) or by fax to 313-874-9515

DEADLINE IS: March 1, 2002.

A random drawing from the written requests will be conducted for the winner of \$420.00 tuition to National APIC no later than March 10, 2002 (early bird deadline). If the winner has already registered, reimbursement will be provided. Travel, accommodations, and expenses are NOT included in this offer.

Each year, a Chapter Leader Award is given to a chapter member that promotes infection control in an exemplary manner. Your APIC-GD board members would like to offer you an opportunity to nominate a candidate from our chapter membership\*. Please forward a name and reason for nomination to Sue Burns at [sburns1@hfhs.org](mailto:sburns1@hfhs.org) or by fax to 313-874-9515.

Communication using email is becoming an important asset to our lives. If possible, we would like APIC-GD members to consider registering their email addresses with our membership chairperson. This will allow us immediate communication. Email Stephanie Borngesser at [stephanie.borngesser@stjohn.org](mailto:stephanie.borngesser@stjohn.org).

Once again, I wish all of you a wonderful year ahead with many new and exciting opportunities for educational and networking support. Please feel free to contact any APIC-GD board member or myself. Our APIC-GD website is available to directly link you to our board members via email at [www.apicgd.org](http://www.apicgd.org). You can also reach me at my new work number: 313-874-6009 or by pager at 313-990-5701. I have also included an attached list of board member contact information.

Thank-you for your support of APIC-Greater Detroit.

Sincerely,

Sue Burns  
Sue Burns, BSMT, CIC  
APIC-GD, Chapter President 2002

\*You (nominee) must be a 2002 paid member of APIC International and Greater Detroit.

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## **UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Michigan Epidemiology Conference 2002**

March 14 & 15, 2002

Towsley Center

University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor

Registration deadline is Friday, February 22, 2002. Contact: (517)335-8165.

Check our website at [www.apicgd.org](http://www.apicgd.org)

### **Assessing the Threat...Planning for the Future**

2002 Conference on Terrorism and Domestic Preparedness

April 1 through April 3, 2002

Lansing, Michigan

Fee: \$125.00

Call Wendy Galbreath at (517)322-6515 or email at [galbreathw@michigan.gov](mailto:galbreathw@michigan.gov)

### **MSIC Spring Conference 2002**

April 4 & 5, 2002

Lansing, Michigan

Information should be available in February, 2002

### **APIC 2002**

#### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference and International Meeting**

May 19-23, 2002

Nashville, Tennessee

Website: [www.apic.org/apic2002](http://www.apic.org/apic2002)

### **APIC 2002**

#### **Patient Safety Pre-Conference**

Sunday, May 19, 2002

Nashville, Tennessee

Website: [www.apic.org/apic2002](http://www.apic.org/apic2002)

An E-learning module on "Patient Safety" will be introduced at the conference.

### **APIC-GD Educational Conference, 2002**

Wednesday, August 31, 2002 (tentative date)

### **Patient Safety: Tools for Implementing an Effective Program**

November 15-16, 2002

Arlington, Virginia

Fee: \$250 (member)

Website: [www.apic.org](http://www.apic.org)

Do you know of any other upcoming educational opportunities?

If so, please email or fax to an APIC-GD Board Member

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