

# BIOGRAM

Miami-Dade County Chapter 008

Spring 2021

## Message from the President

Moraima Rodriguez

Dear membership,

I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your President for 2020 and 2021. The year 2020 was full of challenges and emotions. If anyone had told me at the beginning of the year what a roller coaster ride we were going to experience, I would not have believed it. We were not able to accomplish the Chapter's Goal in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, being in this field and having the opportunity to make a difference throughout this past year

have been challenging and rewarding.

As a reminder, I am listing our 2020/2021 Board.

I want to thank and recognize the 2020 Board that unanimously agreed without any hesitation to continue in their position for 2021.

<i>President</i>	<i>Moraima Rodriguez</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Arthur Freixas</i>
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<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Liz Balda</i>



It was on a short-cut through the hospital kitchens that Albert was first approached by a member of the Antibiotic Resistance.

## Recertification

*By Infection  
Prevention (IPU)*

Laura Velasco will review the new process to renew CIC certification



So now, let us talk about 2021! We have known for about a year now that the world will never be the same. Our life's work has been centered around the healthcare system, but we can see fingerprints of the policies we develop, train, and track being used in all facets of life now. Infection Control may evolve like a caterpillar because of COVID-19. To think of our past initiatives on handwashing alone shows you this profession is more than just a crazy band of bug hunters!

It will take a village to continue expanding the membership and lead the Chapter to recognize excellence while continuing to battle the pandemic. Still, if everyone works together, it can be done. The APIC Miami-Dade Chapter has received recognitions in the past. The board is looking forward to working with the entire membership to direct, support, and improve the practice and management of infection control and the application of epidemiology. The Chapter will ensure that its resources and activities support APIC's mission. APIC is our professional organization, and it is our responsibility to position APIC as the leader in the practice of infection control and the application of epidemiology.

To help keep us focused, I presented each of the Board Members back in 2020 with a small "Jar of Life" for their desks. This is the story about the jar: There was a professor that stood before his philosophy class with an empty jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. "Is the jar full?" he asked, and everyone responded, "yes." So, the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. "Is the jar full?" he asked again, and everyone

responded, "yes." The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar, and the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more, "Is the jar full?". "Yes," everyone unanimously responded.

The professor then took a cup of coffee and poured the entire content into the jar, effectively filling the space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things-your God, your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions. Things that. If everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff." But "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that matter, and the pebbles. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a cup of coffee with a friend."



<https://annual.apic.org/at-tend/registration-rates/>

For this year, we all need to include APIC Chapter 008 in our jar. The board requires everyone's active participation to meet the goals for 2021, which are to:

- Increase the membership with a focus on long-term care
- Increase meeting participation
- Participate in community service
- Sponsor an annual seminar
- Increase CIC certification among our membership

I commit to work and share a cup of coffee with the Board, Committee Chairs, and the entire membership during 2021.

I want to close with an emphasis on our work ethics. What makes us unique is our relentless pursuit of not being complacent. There is only one way to do our profession, and it is with passion. I want to add that growing this Chapter requires that same passion you take to work.



God Bless all of you and your families,

Moraima Rodriguez

APIC Miami-Dade Chapter President

# Recertification, what you need to know.

Laura Velasco

This article is to support those who have already received certification. First, I would like to point out the recertification is still available via Exam as always. I want to review the new recertification by infection prevention units (IPUs). It is essential to point out that this recertification with the process, unlike license renewals, can not be completed by regular continuing education alone. I started my renewal by logging on to the CBIC website. <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Recertify.htm>

By clicking on the recertification by IPUs, you will have access to the IPUs Manual, a tracking sheet, a list of IPUs.

<https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/PDFs/2021RecertificationbyContinuingEducationfortheCIC.pdf>

The manual is a detailed guide to recertification, and I used it as a reference when I had questions.

<https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/PDFs/RecordKeepingFormforInfectionPreventionUnits.pdf>

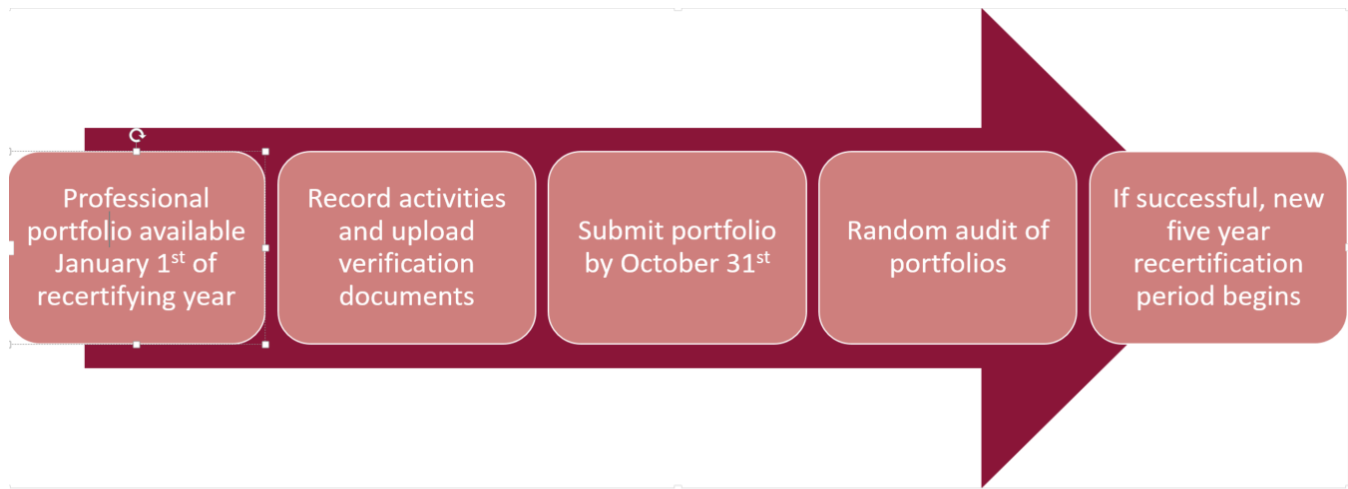
This tool is excellent for manually writing down all of your IPUs when preparing to complete your portfolio

<https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/PDFs/2021IPUsCriteriaChart-WebsiteVersionV5.pdf>

## EARNING IPUs

- ✓ Subject matter related to infection prevention and control falls within at least one of the eight "domains."
- ✓ Presented through or sponsored by an accredited organization
- ✓ Able to verify attendance or participation by providing required documentation

## RECERTIFICATION BY IPU's TIMELINE



## VERIFICATION

All activities must provide some form of documentation for verification.  
Some examples include:

- ✓ Certificate of attendance
- ✓ Verification letter
- ✓ Appointment letter on official letterhead

## COMPLETING THE PORTFOLIO

### Item 1

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Description:*	<input type="text"/>
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Incomplete items will be displayed here:

## CIC Recertification by Continuing Education

- [Reference information](#)
- [Manage your continuing education data](#)

### Data Summary

- **1** incomplete item(s) (see highlighted fields on form)
- **0**/40 IPU's
- **0**/6 domains

Title	IPU	Category	Domain(s)
	0		

Once 40 IPU's and at least six domains are completed, the option to submit payment appears  
After payment is submitted, the portfolio is submitted

### LAPSED DEADLINE/AUDITING

- ✓ If a candidate fails to submit a portfolio by October 31<sup>st</sup>, he or she must take the **online recertification examination**. This Exam must be purchased by November 30<sup>th</sup> and completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ If a candidate's portfolio is selected for a random audit and the units are not accepted during audit review, the candidate has the opportunity to resubmit their portfolio.
- ✓ If the portfolio is still not accepted after portfolio resubmission, the candidate must take the **proctored recertification examination**, which must be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

# CIC Recertification by Continuing Education

- [Reference information](#)
- [Manage your continuing education data](#)
- [Manage recertification fee payment](#)



## Data Summary

- 40/40 IPU's
- 8/6 domains

Title	IPU	Category	Domain(s)
APIC Annual Conference	10	National conference	Cleaning, Sterilization, Disinfection, Asepsis, Education and Research, Employee/Occupational Health, Environment of Care, Identification of Infectious Disease Processes, Management and Communication, Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents, Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation
APIC Chapter President	5	Professional organization participation	Education and Research, Management and Communication
Presentation at APIC National Conference	2	Presentation	Education and Research, Employee/Occupational Health, Environment of Care
IPAC Canda National Conference	10	National conference	Cleaning, Sterilization, Disinfection, Asepsis, Education and Research, Employee/Occupational Health, Environment of Care, Identification of Infectious Disease Processes, Management and Communication, Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents, Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation
Multi-drug Resistant Candida auris: Update on Current U.S. Epidemiology, Clinical Profile, Management, and Control Strategies	3	Education module (online, paper or live format)	Management and Communication, Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents, Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation
One Health Zoonotic Disease Prioritization Workshop	10	Organizational multi-day education offering	Identification of Infectious Disease Processes, Management and Communication, Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents, Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation

## *When You've Been Fully Vaccinated*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

Remember that this not meant to be guidance for healthcare facilities, face masks are still recommended for employees, patients, and visitors no matter the vaccination status