



The year may
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IT SEEMS A very short time ago that I wrote my first note as CBIC president, and yet the year is already coming to a close. 2014 has been a busy year for all of us. Since the late summer, Ebola-preparedness activities have predominated for many of us. And who else other than our dedicated expert infection preventionists (IPs) could have led our efforts to strengthen our preparations and help to ensure the safety of our patients, our healthcare personnel, and the public?

Our Practice Analysis is now complete, and the new test specifications and new content outline that have resulted from this will be in effect as of July 2015. This process has required considerable time and effort by our Practice Analysis Task Force, and I thank those of you who offered your expertise and helped us accomplish this huge task in such a focused and efficient manner. Our committed volunteers on the Test Committee have also worked diligently to ensure our exams will continue to reflect the actual priorities and activities of IPs as identified in our Practice Analysis. Ongoing renewal of our exams in response to our evolving roles and responsibilities means that certified IPs are well-prepared and ready to meet the ever-changing demands of infection prevention.

As we prepare for 2015, CBIC looks forward to continuing its collaborative relationship with APIC. Although we are independent organizations, we have a common history, and we are working together toward mutual goals: increasing the number of certified IPs and ensuring competency in the profession in the future. One of my goals over the past year has been to promote the value of certification, not only among IPs, but also among physicians. I am pleased to see that several physicians have taken this challenge and have certified for the first time in 2014. I remain hopeful that a growing body of CIC-certified physicians and IPs will help us attain more formal recognition of the CIC credential within the healthcare system.

Thanks to all of you, both certified IPs and eligible candidates, for continuing to recognize the value of certification. We have just over 5,800 actively CIC-certified IPs as of November. Congratulations to those of you who have certified or recertified this year, and to those of you who have committed to certification in your future. The quest for knowledge never ends, and certainly in our profession the need for new knowledge always continues.

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