

Notes from the business meeting of the IFIC Special Interest Group (SIG) “Construction, Design and Renovation”

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A business meeting was held during the IFIC congress in Venice, with about 20 participants. Notes were kept by Walter Popp, who also chaired both the business meeting and the workshop.

The board report was presented (enclosed). The SIG will require a new secretary as Ulrika Ransjö plans to retire from the SIG within 2012.

The new Recommendations for prevention of airborne infection were presented and briefly discussed; and formed the basis for a well attended workshop on October 14. The workshop consisted of a short lecture by Shaheen Mehtar who is the author of the recommendations, followed by three Cases concerning the design of an airborne isolation room in low, medium and high income settings. Several new ideas were brought forward and will be considered for incorporation in the recommendations.

Important points were:

- changing the title of the Ideal column, to clarify that this concerns only some high-income countries
- the problems and lack of documentation re ultra-violet light

After editing and after approval by the IFIC board, the document will be published on the IFIC website.

Remaining topics for recommendations are

- Water supply, bathrooms, showers... in hospitals (Silvio Brusafarro)
- Endoscopy units (Lena Nilsson and Tina Bradley), draft will come in May 2012 at the latest.

Several new proposals were made for future topics:

- Construction needs for non-professional caregivers (Shaheen Mehtar). This may call for a revision of the Recommendations for design of a ward.
- Sterilisation unit (Walter Popp)
- Maternity and delivery rooms (Mary Caitlin, who joined the SIG and is chairing the SIG Safe childbirth, promised to find someone responsible)

The members of the SIG are encouraged to make additional proposals or join one of the topics above.

Walter Popp will attempt to establish some internet discussion forum regarding questions or solutions of construction problems that the group members may have within their healthcare facility. The need for this has become apparent during the e-mail correspondence between group members.

Signed

Walter Popp and Ulrika Ransjö

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During 2011, the SIG has had the following activities:

- ✓ A paper on Design of Intensive care units has been completed and placed on the IFIC website.
- ✓ A new chapter on Hospital design, construction and renovation has been written for the new edition of IFIC Basic concepts.
- ✓ A paper on Ventilation to prevent airborne transmission of infection in a healthcare facility is in progress. The third draft of the paper, by Shaheen Mehtar, has been circulated to the SIG members and will be discussed during a workshop at the IFIC convention in Venice, October 2011 with participation by Walter Popp and Ulrika Ransjö.
- ✓ Projects still remaining in the planning and development stages:
 - Water supply, bathrooms, showers... in hospitals (Silvio Brusafarro)
 - Endoscopy units (Lena Nilsson)

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