Chair Update

Dear Colleagues,

A warm welcome to you all once again. It is always a pleasure to provide an update of our activities through our Newsletter. We hope that you can all enjoy our news from around the world, and help us by disseminating the Newsletter to all your friends and colleagues.

Once again, we welcomed two new Board Members to their first Board meeting, held in Malta in early March. I am sure that both Abimbola Sowande (Abimbola.Sowande@theific.org) and Carolina Guiffre (Carolina.Guiffre@theific.org) will contribute greatly to IFIC, and will be active and energetic Regional representatives. So if there is anything you wish to raise on behalf of your geographical region, do not hesitate to contact them!

Most of the projects we have been mentioning are now under way. We thank all those who replied and contributed to the Disposal of Faeces and Urine survey, the results are currently being analyzed, and will be disseminated when ready. I am sure they will help to identify new directions for some of our future activities.

We will be shortly announcing a major opportunity for some twinning/mentoring exchanges, so I would strongly encourage all of you to keep an eye on our web site. It will be a very exciting, and interesting project!

The membership survey will go out live by mid May, please ensure you complete it.

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either on behalf of your Society, or as an Associate Member. We need to have your views and know what you think of your Federation.

Finally, do not forget to register for the 13th IFIC Conference, to be held in conjunction with the Argentine Association of Infection Control Nurses (ADECIN), in Buenos Aires, October 2 to 4th. Thanks to some of our Member Societies, we will not only be able to offer the usual IFIC scholarships, but there will also be an IPS (Infection Prevention Society, UK) and a CHICA-Canada one.

So, no excuse for not presenting those abstracts, and planning to attend...Hoping to see many of you there.

Thank you,

IFIC- Grant Application
Making Safe Injection and Disposal a Reality 2013

In many parts of the world, safe injection practices as well as proper disposal of sharps remain a challenge. Infection prevention is integral to solving many of these problems. A number of initiatives have been put forth to address these issues. However, the success of these interventions is not well documented and in some locations problems still persist. In order to address this gap, IFIC is launching a Grant Proposal Competition aimed at infection prevention in low-resource settings. This initiative is made possible through the generous support of several companies: Stericycle, AP Medical, Smiths Medical, and WNWN International. The grant is for $3,500 (USD).

Please review the following guidelines carefully and submit your proposal in the requested format. Go to http://www.theific.org/SIGs/SafeInjectionSIGgrantapplication.docx for complete information. Closing Date is 1st May, 2013.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP—NEW WEB SITE

The associate membership category was created in 2009. Associate members are defined as individuals professionally involved or interested in infection prevention and control as well as non-commercial organisations which do not fulfil the criteria of full members. They are entitled to receive all published materials as well as any other benefits open to members. However they are not entitled to vote or hold office.

We have now incorporated a Members only section on our web page*. All Associate members will receive a password when their membership is accepted. This will provide them access to this special site, which we will continue building with information about IFIC, lectures, resources, etc. We hope you will all enjoy it!

*Member Societies will also be issued a password on confirmation of annual membership renewal. This password will give their members access to the web site.

WANT TO JOIN IFIC AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER? GO TO http://www.theific.org/ reg1b.asp—75£ for a 3-year membership (£15/three years or £5/year fee for individuals from low resource settings)
Free teleclasses

Teleclasses are held monthly and focus on emerging key topics in infection prevention and control, including the perspective of settings with limited resources. Take advantage of this excellent virtual training opportunity to keep up-to-date alongside colleagues from around the globe! In order to participate, visit http://webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php.

YOU CAN PAY FOR A FULL YEAR SUBSCRIPTION

To save approximately 40% on teleclass registration fees, to access ALL of the 2013 teleclasses (including those added through the year), ALL of the slides and handouts, and access to ALL of the on-line recordings, consider registering for a Full Year Subscription - https://webbertraining.com/subscriptioninfoc50.php. Members in low-resource nations are automatically registered for a Full Year Subscription at no cost.

May 2: Dr. M. Rashad Massoud, Quality & Performance Institute, Maryland, USA

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE QUALITY

May 6: Prof. Didier Pittet, World Health Organization, Geneva

SPECIAL LECTURE FOR 5 MAY 2013

June 4: Sir Liam Donaldson, World Health Organization

GLOBAL PATIENT SAFETY

July 10: Dr. Nizam Damani, Queen's University, Belfast, UK

RISK ASSESSMENT AND PRIORITY SETTING IN INFECTION CONTROL IN LOW- TO MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

August 7: Prof. Syed A. Sattar, University of Ottawa, Canada

DECONTAMINATION OF HIGH-TOUCH ENVIRONMENTAL SURFACES IN HEALTHCARE: A CRITICAL LOOK AT CURRENT PRACTICES AND NEWER APPROACHES

FREE-ACCESS RECORDINGS LIBRARY - RECENT ADDITIONS
- April 11, 2013 - Improving Health Care, with Dr. Rashad Massoud
- April 9, 2013 - Innovation and New Indicators n Hand Hygiene Monitoring, with Dr. John Boyce
- March 12, 2013 - Practical Strategies to Control the Spread of C. difficile in Healthcare, with Phenelle Segal
- March 11, 2013 - Detecting C. difficile: Is There Light at the End of the Colon?, Dr. Stephen Brecher
- March 7, 2013 - Rationale for Dental Infection Control, with Dr. Raghunath Puttaiah
- March 6, 2013 - Patient Participation in Hand Hygiene Promotion and Improvement: Pros and Cons, Dr. Maryanne McGuckin, & Prof. Yves Longtin
- May 17, 2012 - Bug Basics - Essential Microbiology for Everyone, with Jim Gauthier
- April 26, 2012 - Clostridium difficile Infections: Lessons From the Quebec Experience, with Prof. Yves Longtin
- April 24, 2012 - Managing Urinary Catheters and CAUTIs, with Sharon Eustice
- April 18, 2012 - Central Line Associated Infection in the ICU, with Prof. Mary-Louise McLawns
- April 5, 2012 - Standardized Training for Environmental Cleaning in Healthcare, with Grace Volkening, Nora Boyd, and Brenda Smith

IFIC BOARD REGIONAL COORDINATORS

IFIC Board members are appointed as regional coordinators to channel regional queries and to have that person a liaison between member societies in that region and the board. The membership secretary is the link and coordinator for these regional coordinators. The regional coordinators are as follows:

America 1*: Terrie Lee
America 2**: Carolina Giuffré
Europe: Emese Szilagyi/Anni Juhl-Jørgensen
Asia: Patricia Ching Tai-Yin
EMRO: Nagwa Khamis
Africa: Abimbola Sowande

*USA, Canada, Japan, Australia & New Zealand ** South & Central America, Mexico & West Indies
Dear colleagues:

The International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) is pleased to announce its 13th International Congress (IFIC 2013) to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 2nd to 4th October, 2013.

Worldwide opinion leaders will discuss topics of interest related to our daily practices, as well as bring us up to date information on the specialty, all presented through lectures, round tables, pro-con sessions and workshops. Scientific Societies from all over the globe in the field of Hospital Infection Control will be present in this relevant congress, indeed a "not to miss" international meeting, not only because of its academic scope, but also for the opportunities for professional exchange it offers, and the opportunity to visit a beautiful city and country.

Here are some of the topics included in the congress programme:

1. Infections in Intensive Care
2. Surgical site infections
3. Infection control in immunocompromised hosts and in special areas
4. Rational use of antimicrobial agents
5. Surveillance and control of multiresistant organisms
6. Education and certification of professionals in hospital infection prevention and control
7. Infection control programs
8. Legislations and Infection Control
9. Materials processing: sterilization, disinfection
10. Reuse of devices
11. Regional initiatives for Infection Prevention
12. Bundles and check lists
13. Infection Control from A to Z

Of special interest within this Congress will be the presentation of free communications, which we specially invite all our colleagues to submit. The guidelines for abstract submission and deadlines will soon be available at www.ific2013.org where you will also find information on other important dates, registration fees, hotel accommodation and social activities, as well as key news regarding the scientific program and speakers.

We will keep you updated on congress news in future communications.

We look forward to meeting you in Buenos Aires!

Bienvenidos! Bem-vindo! Welcome!
Buenos Aires, Argentina – IFIC 013
October, 2nd – 4th, 2013
Panamericano Hotel

Estimados colegas:

La International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) se complace en informar que llevará a cabo su 13º Congreso Mundial de Infecciones Hospitalarias (IFIC 2013) junto al XIII Congreso Argentino de Epidemiología, Control de Infecciones y Seguridad del Paciente de la Asociación Argentina de Enfermeros en Control de Infecciones (ADECI), en Buenos Aires, sede Hotel Panamericano, entre el 2 y el 4 de Octubre de 2013.

Líderes a nivel mundial en los temas que nos ocupan de modo constante en nuestra práctica cotidiana, así como también en novedades de la especialidad, tendrán a cargo las exposiciones, conferencias y mesas redondas. Las diferentes Sociedades Científicas de todo el mundo en nuestro campo de trabajo estarán representadas en este trascendente congreso, que sin dudas será un “imperdible”, no sólo por la oferta académica, sino también por la posibilidad de intercambio y enriquecimiento mutuo que habrá de brindarnos.

Algunos de los temas que ocuparán la agenda se relacionan con:

1. Infecciones en las Terapias Intensivas.
2. Infección del Sitio Quirúrgico.
3. Control de Infecciones en huéspedes inmunocomprometidos y en áreas especiales.
4. Uso Racional de Antimicrobianos.
5. Vigilancia y Control de Organismos Multirresistentes.
6. Educación y Certificación de los profesionales de Prevención y control de infecciones.
7. Programas de Control de Infecciones.
8. Legislaciones y Control de Infecciones.
10. Reuso de Materiales.
11. Iniciativas regionales para la Prevención de las Infecciones.
12. Bundles y check list.
13. Control de Infecciones de la A a la Z.

Un tiempo especial será dedicado a la exposición de trabajos científicos, para los cuales los invitamos a prepararse con entusiasmo. A partir del 15/3 podrá encontrar en la página web del congreso las fechas límites para el envío de resúmenes y las normas correspondientes. La IFIC ha lanzado las nominaciones para las becas al congreso. Puede consultar las bases en el sitio web www.ific2013.org.

Al recorrer los distintos espacios del sitio web del congreso podrá informarse sobre alojamiento, posibilidades turísticas, fechas límites, costos de inscripción, y las novedades que se irán sumando en materia de programa e invitados, entre otros temas de interés para todos.

ADECI se honra en informar que ha gestionado aranceles diferenciales para sus socios, así como también para los miembros del equipo de salud que integran otras sociedades científicas afines. Consulte en el sitio web la nómina de sociedades beneficiarias.

En próximos comunicados continuaremos acercándole novedades y aspectos de interés. No deje de participar en este evento histórico para nuestra vida profesional. En especial a nuestros colegas de la región y del mundo entero, ¡los esperamos para disfrutar de todo lo bueno de nuestra ciudad y de Argentina!
Dear Colleagues,

The run towards 5 May 2013 is reaching the last stages! Yet, we have still more ideas and tools to offer and support your efforts to respond to the WHO call to action for this year about hand hygiene monitoring and feedback and patient participation in hand hygiene promotion! By 5 May 2013, please help us achieve new registrations from at least 5 new countries that have NO facilities yet registered, especially in the African Region, and to increase registrations in countries with low numbers! See the list of countries with NO registrations or low numbers and encourage new facilities to register!

We have been informed that many national campaigns have picked up on our call and are getting ready to celebrate 5 May with a special focus on patient participation in hand hygiene promotion! Among WHO tools posted on the WHO web page dedicated to patient participation in hand hygiene promotion, we would like to highlight the document entitled “Guidance on Engaging Patients and Patient Organizations in Hand Hygiene Initiatives”. This is very comprehensive guidance to understand patient empowerment, to facilitate ownership and shared responsibilities, and to develop your programme taking into account your local context.

This month we are also pleased to offer you a NEW TOOL called “Tips for implementing a successful patient participation programme”. It has been developed thanks to the experienced advice and input of renown experts on this topic: Dr Maryanne McGuckin (McGuckin Methods International, USA) and Dr Yves Longtin (University of Quebec, Canada). We hope that it represents an easy checklist for you to identify and implement essential elements in your patient participation programme! This document also highlights a list of papers providing good examples of patient participation programmes, looking at implementation as well as an overview of barriers, solutions and strategies for both HCWs and patient participation/empowerment. Remember that you can access an inventory of videos of patient stories on our web site. If you know of any good videos of patient stories on health care-associated infection and/or patient participation in hand hygiene, please provide us with the link by sending an email to saveslives@who.int.

You may remember that Hand Hygiene Australia had kindly agreed to make their online web-based application for hand hygiene compliance monitoring (HHCApp) freely available for use by other national campaigns or health-care facilities. This is part of an International Data Collection Project, supported by WHO, launched in February 2013. We are pleased to let you know that many facilities from 16 different countries have already joined this project so far.

Heading to 5 May, use or reuse the WHO Hand Hygiene Self Assessment Framework (HHSAF) to get a situation analysis and track progress at your facility! After completing the HHSAF, use and adapt the WHO Template Action Plans to implement your plans for local improvement! Select one action to target for 5 May 2013!

The WHO call to action this year:
- New registrations from at least 5 new countries (having no registrations), and increased registrations in countries with low numbers (at least up to 5 per country)
- Continue to focus on hand hygiene monitoring and feedback!
- Action on patient participation in hand hygiene promotion (“Patients have a voice too!”

New page dedicated to patient participation in hand hygiene: http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/5may2013_patient-participation/en/index.html

New page dedicated to monitoring and feedback: http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/monitoring_feedback/en/index.html

Hand hygiene improvement tools and strategy: http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/tools/en/
International Journal of Infection Control

Prof. Smilja Kalenic, from Croatia, is the Journal Editor. She is supported by Elizabeth Scicluna as Journal Administrator and an excellent Board of Assistant Editors (Steve Barrett, and Bill Newsom). Thank you to all those who submit their papers to IJIC and please keep them coming! Contact Ms Elizabeth Anne Scicluna at elizabeth.scicluna@theific.org

International Journal of Infection Control recently published its latest issue at http://www.ijic.info/. We invite you to review the Table of Contents here and then visit our web site to review articles and items of interest. Thanks for the continuing interest in our work.

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT MANUSCRIPTS

We invite you to submit your manuscripts to be considered for publication in the International Journal of Infection Control (IJIC). The aim of the journal is to provide a forum for infection control (IC) professionals to disseminate research and practice information and encourage IC initiatives on an international level.

The journal is fully electronic and can be accessed at http://www.ijic.info. The submission is performed online and you can keep track of the whole process in the authors’ section of the IJIC website. Submissions can be:

Review articles: 5000 words maximum; comprehensive references; 5-10 key words; unstructured abstract up to 250 words.

Original articles: 5000 words maximum; comprehensive references; 5-10 key words; unstructured abstract up to 250 words.

Short reports: Case reports can be submitted if they illustrate some exceptional point in the field of infection prevention and control. 1000 words maximum; up to 10 references.

Practice Forum: Submissions of a more descriptive account of how IC practitioners or teams tackled a specific challenge or brought about improvement in the prevention or control of healthcare-associated infections in their institution or country. 2000 words maximum; unstructured format.

Letters to the editor: Correspondence to the Editor may refer to material published recently in IJIC or alternatively describe brief accounts of new observations or on other matters of interest. 500 words maximum; unstructured format.

Looking forward to your submissions.
BASIC CONCEPTS

IFIC continues with its aim to provide up-to-date, scientifically sound tools and educational materials that can be used by professionals the world over. This new edition of IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control builds on its predecessors, enhancing and updating in a scientific way the knowledge required as a foundation on which local policies and procedures can be developed. Most chapters have been reviewed and brought up-to-date by an international panel of experts, and new ones have been added to ensure this new edition provides a sound comprehensive knowledge base. IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control is available at http://www.theific.org/basic_concepts/index.htm.

The publication and dissemination of this book in English was made possible through an unrestricted educational grant from BD. The International Federation of Infection Control is extremely grateful for their support.

Basic Concepts is available in languages other than English thanks to BD, Meiko, Board members, and our member societies. A recent addition is the Spanish translation—with thanks to BD and Chapter 1 of the French version—with thanks to Meiko. Check the web site for updates during 2013 as chapters are added!

Information Resources in Infection Control

The 7th edition (2013) of the Information Resources in Infection Control is now available on IFIC’s web site. The aim of the IFIC Information Resources in Infection Control is to provide key references, publications and website addresses to infection prevention and control practitioners worldwide. The booklet is updated on an annual basis. Many thanks to Dr Nizam Damani for updating this valuable resource.

Want these infection prevention and control resources on your smartphone, tablet or e-reader? It’s easy to do—just download the PDF file from IFIC’s web site & save it to your book app—it will be available whenever you want to view it!
NEW MEMBER SOCIETY

Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd (ACIPC) - previously known as AICA – the Australian Infection Control Association.

President: Marija Juraja
President Elect - Professor Anne Gardner
Immediate Past President – Claire Boardman
Company Secretary: Sylvia Gandossi
Member: Ms Robyn Birch
Member: Annie Wells
Member: Alan McLean
Member: Ms Lindy Ryan
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Member: Professor Anne Gardner
Member: Ms Megan Reilly

We would like to acknowledge and thank our corporate Strategic Partners for their support and assistance in the fulfillment of our projects and initiatives

MEMBER FEES

As per resolution at the 2012 AGM, please note there has been an increase in the fees: £120 for Societies annually, £75 for Associate Members for a three year membership, and £15/three years or £5/year fee for Associate Membership for infection control practitioners working in low resource countries.

In certain circumstance, the IFIC Board will consider exemption from low resource countries. All requests should be sent to registration@theific.org for consideration. The exemption will be awarded on yearly basis. See the Membership web site for further details. http://www.theific.org/membersocieties.asp.
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