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Chair Update

Message from the Chair and Greetings from the IFIC Board



Terrie Lee
Chair, 2019
IFIC Board

Greetings from the 2019 IFIC Board! We have been working on many projects, but will have more to report to you after our spring board meeting. This year's meeting is slightly delayed due to the timing of the annual conference. We look forward to meeting you next month in Quebec City, Canada for our 2019 IFIC Conference being held in collaboration with Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) - Canada. Please join us 26-29 May 2019 for an event that promises to be full of scientific best practices from around the world, with educational opportunities for everyone. Poster and oral abstract presentations will be included, along with occasions to meet with industry representatives. Of course, one of the most compelling reasons to attend is the chance to network with friends and colleagues from around the globe, enhancing our understanding of the science and practice of infection prevention and control. We hope to see you there in beautiful Quebec City!

During the Conference, the IFIC Board will be presenting the **Graham Ayliffe Award of Excellence** to an individual in honoring the memory of Professor Graham Ayliffe. Professor Ayliffe was a founding member of IFIC, and a pioneer in infection prevention and control program development, not only in the UK, but at the global level. He was a mentor to many, and it is in his memory that our award is given in recognition of a lifetime of contributions to international efforts in the prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections.

This year, the recipient of the Graham Ayliffe award is **Professor Michael A. Borg**, Head of the Departments of Infection Control and Sterile Services, Mater Dei Hospital, Msida, Malta. Michael served as a member of the IFIC Board for eight years, beginning in 2003, and as its Chair 2007-2010. While leading IFIC, Michael



achieved recognition for IFIC as an up and coming Society, and his inclusive approach opened the doors for the creation of the concept of "regions," with worldwide representation and participation. This also set the basis for some interesting collaboration with commercial partners. Following his terms on the IFIC Board, Michael continued service to IFIC as Chair of Scientific Program Committee for IFIC's annual conferences, helping to set the standard for international infection control meetings, and launching the IFIC Conference as a "must attend"

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annual event. He is well-known as an expert in infection control, behavior change, and now sterile processing principles. He has mentored countless colleagues from every corner of the world, and we are very pleased to recognize his many contributions to our field. We hope you will join us in congratulating Michael on this achievement!

We look forward to seeing you in Quebec City at the IFIC/IPAC Canada Conference later this month!

Please contact me if you have questions or issues to discuss.

Terrie B. Lee, IFIC Chair
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IFIC gets a new logo!



The International Federation of Infection Control
Where great minds meet



The IFIC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday, 28 May 2019, at the Quebec Convention Centre, 2:00-3:00 PM. Room will be announced at the conference.

IFIC annual conference 2019

2019 Conjoint Conference

IPAC Canada and IFIC announce the 2019 Conjoint Conference in Québec City, Canada

Date: May 26 - 29, 2019

Event Location: Québec Convention Centre

Headquarter Hotel: Hilton Québec

More information on :

<https://ipac-canada.org/ipac-canada-annual-conference.php>

Watch: <https://youtu.be/E9ObOWM2Ttk>



IFIC / IPAC Canada Conference Making the most of the Exhibit Hall

- Learn about new technologies
- Network with industry experts from across the globe
- Hundreds of products and services
- Give your input into products you use in practice
- Build great working relationships

Don't miss the official opening of the Exhibit Hall and Opening Reception!

Sunday, May 26 | 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | All welcome!

Additional Exhibit Hall hours:

Monday, May 27 | Noon to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, May 28 | Noon to 3:00 pm

Run or Walk for IFIC



Fun 5 km Run or 2.5 km Walk

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 | Registration 6:00 am | Start 6:30 am | Québec Convention Centre
Breakfast for Run/Walk participants | 7:00 am – 8:00 am | Québec Convention Centre

IFIC / IPAC Canada Conference Special Event



Cabane à sucre

L'En-Tailleur

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019 | 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm | Île d'Orléans

5th May 2019—World Hand Hygiene Day

Some highlights from 5th May 2019

A concise communication in ICHE journal and in IJIC (*Int J Infect Control 2019, v15:il doi: 10.3396/IJIC.v15i2.005.19*)

Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology (2019), 1-2
doi:10.1017/ice.2019.86



Concise Communication

Clean care for all—it's in your hands: The May 5, 2019, World Health Organization's "SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands" campaign

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What else to point the importance of WHO's campaign?... A song ... **"It's in your hands!"**

WHO's ambassador Professor Didier PITTET gives his voice to promote the 2019 "SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands" campaign.

Watch on :

<https://youtu.be/ABzRdMw26E0>

Lyrics

Hands, do more than wave
'cause hands kill
And they can save.
You.
You are the key.
Life's in our hands
So sing with me.
You.
You are the key.
Life's in our hands
So sing with me.

(chorus)

**Hands are such a simple thing
But our hands can change most
everything.
Keep care safe, give life a chance,
Clean care for all, it's in your hands.
Hands are such a simple thing
But our hands can change most
everything.
Keep care safe and take a stand,**

Clean care for all, it's in your hands.

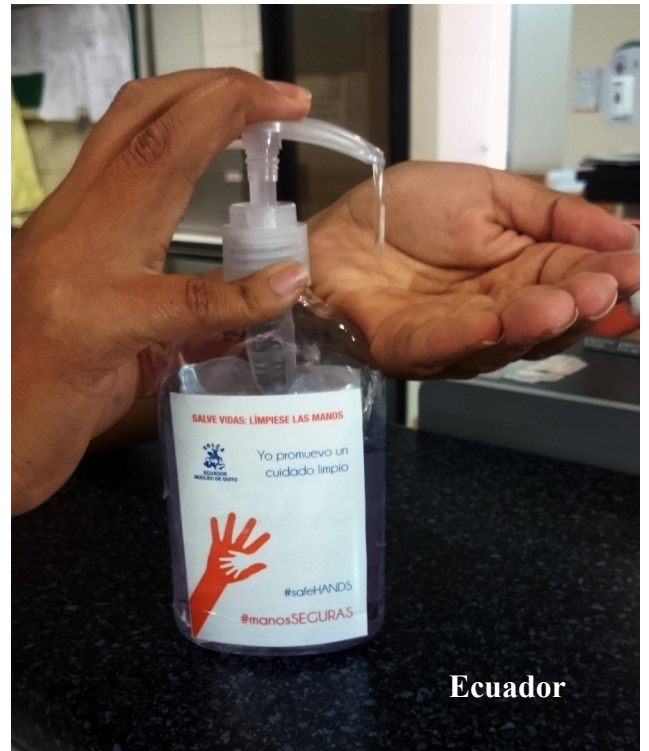
Safe,
Clean cares saves lives.
Rubbing our hands
Helps us survive.
Come and join the fight.
Demand clean care,
It is your right.
Come and join the fight.
Demand clean care,
It is your right.

(chorus)

All around the world
All around the world (D. Pittet)
Let's join our hands
Let's join our hands (D. Pittet)
And let's be heard.
And let's be heard. (D. Pittet)
Rub your hands for you,
Rub your hands for you, (D. Pittet)
For those you love
For those you love (D. Pittet)
And patients too.
And patients too. (D. Pittet)
All around the world
Let's rub our hands
And let's be heard (heaaaaaard).

(chorus)





5th May 2019 in pictures (Twitter, Facebook, Google, ...)



See also :

<https://www.who.int/infection-prevention/campaigns/clean-hands/en/>

WHO
HEALTH WORKERS
 Champion clean care. It's in your hands.
 #InfectionPrevention #HandHygiene #HealthForAll





Be part of the WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean YOUR Hands campaign
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IT'S IN OUR HANDS!

Hand hygiene is one of the best ways to stop the spread of infections.





Only one picture isn't from the 5th May ...

WHO Global Infection Prevention and Control Network

Evidence, guidelines and publications

Setting standards through the development of WHO evidence-based recommendations and operating procedures, drives appropriate infection prevention and control (IPC) practices. Guidelines give direction on the effective application of IPC programmes, the safe use of invasive devices, the right infrastructure and resources to achieve good IPC standards, including actions such as hand hygiene at the point of care. Based on systematic reviews, as well as presenting practical country examples, expert consensus guidelines developed by WHO are inherently linked to focusing on implementation and mean that countries and health facilities can prioritise practical actions for improvement based on these reviews.

Hand hygiene



Hand hygiene

Injection safety



Injection safety

Focus on AMR



Focus on AMR

Surgical site infections



Surgical site infections

Core components for IPC



Core components for IPC

Other interventions



Other interventions

The IFIC's new website!

Please visit our website and give us any feedback: **What do you think?**

<http://theifc.org/>



International Journal of Infection Control

The International Journal of Infection Control (IJIC) our fully open access journal continues to be published quarterly. Editor Kathy Suh, of Canada, has been focusing efforts on improving the turnaround time between submission of manuscripts and the final publication decision.

IJIC welcomes submissions that cover topics of interest related to infection control, especially from low and middle resource settings, and encourages members of IFIC societies to submit their research and practice findings to IJIC (<https://www.ijic.info/index>).

SUBMIT MANUSCRIPTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INFECTION CONTROL

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 staff working in infection control (IC) to disseminate research and practice information, and encourage IC initiatives on an international level. IJIC welcomes submissions that cover topics of interest related to infection control, especially from low and middle resource settings, and encourages members of IFIC societies to submit their research and practice findings.

IJIC is a fully open access journal, available online at www.ijic.info. It is published online only, usually quarterly. There is no cost for publication of accepted manuscripts, or for access to the journal. Submission is performed online and you can keep track of the whole process in the authors' section of the IJIC website.

For more information, please refer to the journal website. Once on the website, the Instructions for Authors outlines the different categories of manuscripts as well as general guidelines for manuscript preparation and formatting. We look forward to your submissions!

See the current issue of the journal:

<https://www.ijic.info/issue/>

The editors and staff of IJIC would like to thank those individuals who served as peer reviewers for manuscripts submitted in 2018.

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Philadelphia, PA USA 12-14 June 2019
<http://ac2019.site.apic.org/>

[Infection Prevention Society \(IPS\) 12th Annual Conference](#)



Liverpool , United Kingdom, 22-24 September 2019
<https://www.ips.uk.net/>



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Infection Prevention Network Kenya

The **IPNET-Kenya Conference** is on **27-30th November 2019** in Kisumu Kenya.

ICAN continues to offer knowledge and skills in Africa using the Zoom platform. This is where SME share their knowledge and skills in various IPC/AMR issues affecting Africa and the participant contribute what's happening in their locality and what changes they can make.

THE PHOENIX RISING

RESILIENCE & RE-EMERGENCE IN INFECTION PREVENTION
IPCNC CONFERENCE 2019



The 2019 Infection Prevention and Control Nurses College NZNO Conference, will be held at St Margaret's College, Christchurch, New Zealand, 23 – 25 September.

The theme for our conference is **RESILIENCE, RE-EMERGENCE AND LEADERSHIP**.
Kia kaha, kai maia, kia manawanui.
Be strong, be brave, be steadfast.

Keynote speakers from around the world will bring their considerable knowledge and expertise to share with you. Alongside our keynote speakers, other experts will provide learning opportunities that will have direct relevance to your knowledge, practice and consumer outcomes.

Keynote Speakers to include

- Prof Andreas Voss, Professor of Infection Control & Clinical Microbiologist, Netherlands
- Prof Shaheen Mehtar, Chair Infection Control, Africa Network, South Africa
- Julie Storr, RGN, BNurse, MBA, Nurse consultant, Service Delivery and Safety & IPC, S3 Global, UK
- Associate Professor Siouxsie Wiles, Principal Investigator, Bioluminescent Superbugs Lab, University of Auckland

Call for Abstracts is now open

The organising committee invites submissions for either oral or poster presentations. Full details available on the conference website – www.ipconference2019.co.nz
Submissions close 6 May 2019.

Registration

Online registration will open early March and we look forward to receiving your registration and welcoming you to the garden city. For further information www.ipconference2019.co.nz or email joanne@conferenceteam.co.nz

IPCNC 2019 Conference New Zealand

Christchurch,
New Zealand 23-25 September 2019

<https://www.infectioncontrol.co.nz/education/ndicn-conference/>

Croatian Congress of Clinical Microbiology and infectious Diseases, CROCMID 2019



<http://www.crocmid2019.com/en/home/>

Split, Croatia, 24- 27 October 2019



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In 2019, the French society of Hospital Hygiene (SF2H) celebrates its congress 30th anniversary. The special event will be held in Strasbourg from 5th to 7th June 2019. As special guest, Professor Didier Pittet will make a lecture about “Healthcare associated infections prevention : from dogma to scientific reality” (in French).

An international session in English will handle about “Environmental cleaning and disinfection: time to upgrade our strategy?” (5 June).



<https://sf2h.net/congres/xxx-congres-national-sf2h-strasbourg-5-7-juin-2019>



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