



International Federation of Infection Control

# IFIC e-News

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## Chair Update



Judith Richards  
Chair, 2014  
IFIC Board

Dear Colleagues,

To all our readers, a very happy, peaceful and productive 2014, and welcome to a new issue of the e-Newsletter! Once again, on looking back, we realize what a hectic year 2013 has been. The decision to move our Conference to the Spring of each year, not taken lightly, meant that at the same time as we were planning our major overseas Conference, we had to embark on the planning of our 2014 Conference in Malta.

We were very fortunate to have ADECI as our partners in Argentina, and thanks to the excellent organization provided by their supportive colleagues from Samara-Enrique, most difficulties were ironed out. Over 750 delegates from more than 30 countries were able to join us for a state-of-the-art meeting with a fantastic panel of international speakers. We now look forward to the wonderful blend of history, friendliness, and beauty that Malta offers for our 14th Conference.

The strengths offered by the uniqueness of the multi-organization infrastructure of IFIC allows us continuous opportunities for networking and collaboration. We would like to thank all of you who responded to our survey questionnaire. The results are now being analysed, and will be published shortly. The responses will definitely help us to shape the future of the organisation, as we understand better what you think of the Federation, how best it can serve you, what needs to be done to improve our effectiveness, and how we can further help to enhance your opportunities to network within your region and beyond.

The IFIC web site is also undergoing major changes, and we hope that, once fully activated, you will find it easier to navigate, and full of the information you require to make the most of your Society.

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are available to all of you, providing opportunities for discussion of topics of special interest. Please ensure your active participation, otherwise they may be considered redundant or superfluous, and cease to function. We would like to thank those who have volunteered to act as the new Chairs and Secretaries of these groups (for more details please go to [www.theifc.org](http://www.theifc.org)), and welcome them wholeheartedly.

As every year, a huge thanks to our Corporate Partners, who enable us to continue with some major developments and projects. These would not be possible without them.

Once again, my best wishes to everyone, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Malta.

Thank you.

Judith Richards

Chair, IFIC, January 2014

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## NEXT IFIC CONFERENCE

The Fourteenth International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control will run from Wednesday 12 March until Saturday 15 March 2014 and will be held in St. Julian's, Malta, at the Hilton Malta.

See page 8 for programme information.



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## IFIC AGM 2014 — NOTICE OF DATE

The 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>! It starts at 12:45 in the Catra Room at the Hilton, ending by 14:00.



## 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>.

These free-registration teleclass topics are on the 2014 schedule:

- FEBRUARY
  - ⇒ 13 - Eliminating Preventable Harm Through Building a Reliable Culture of Safety
- MARCH
  - ⇒ 7 - How to Prevent the Spread of Multi-resistant Bacteria
  - ⇒ 27 - Integrating Human Factors with Infection Prevention and Control
- APRIL
  - ⇒ 8 - Antibacterial Efficacy of Atmospheric Pressure Non-Thermal Plasma
  - ⇒ 9 - Highlights on Surgical Site Infection Prevention: The New CDC Guidelines and More
  - ⇒ 24 - Are We Too Clean for Our Own Good? The Hygiene Hypothesis and its Implications for Hygiene, Lifestyle, and Public Health
- MAY
  - ⇒ 5 - Special Lecture for May 5 International Hand Hygiene Day
  - ⇒ 26 - Too Posh to Wash
  - ⇒ 27 - Infection Control in Long Term Care

## Announcement: Martin S Favero Award

On behalf of the IFIC Board, and the awards Committee of the 2014 IFIC Conference, it gives me great pleasure to announce Professor Richard ( Dick) Wenzel as the winner of the 2014 MS Favero award.

This award, created to honour the international contributions of Martin S. Favero, Ph.D., in the field of infection prevention & control, and kindly sponsored by Advanced Sterilization Products, Irvine, CA, recognises the lifetime achievements of individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of Infection Prevention and Control world wide.



We are delighted with this decision, and very pleased to have Dr Wenzel joining us at the 27th IFIC Conference in Malta (March 12 to 15<sup>th</sup>), where he will be presented with this award and will deliver the opening keynote presentations.

Dr J Richards, MB BS, FRCPath, Cert Med Ed, DipHICC, IFIC Chair

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[http:// www.theific.org/reg1b.asp](http://www.theific.org/reg1b.asp)—75£ for a 3-year membership  
 (£15/three years or £5/year fee for individuals from low income countries)

## World Health Organization

**Mark the dates of 2-5 May in your diaries.** Any one of these days will be ideal for focusing local action on supporting the WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands (SL:CYH) campaign.

Goal in 2014:

- To highlight the role of hand hygiene in combatting antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by making sure the WHO 5 Moments are core to protecting patients from resistant pathogens.
- To emphasize the problem of AMR that can arise from patient care interventions.

In brief, the WHO plans will include:

- Surveys that will aim to address the global situation on AMR and antimicrobial use in specific areas;
- Follow-up on hand hygiene promotion and improvement worldwide through the WHO Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment Framework;
- New promotional materials, such as posters, and scientific information that will highlight the link between hand hygiene action and prevention of resistant organism spread.

Both hand hygiene improvement and AMR are high on the agendas of WHO and governments - the time is right to act and to give further support to national and regional initiatives already under way. See the WHO call to action at <http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/>.

SL:CYH registrations: Registrations always continue after 5 May each year, driven by activities and messaging which often has an ongoing viral effect. WHO has reached 16,220 registrations in 168 countries. Thank you to everyone for this commitment.

Goal in 2014:

- Have at least one registered facility in each country and have entire regions with all countries with registered facilities. [http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/SLCYH\\_no-registrations.pdf](http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/SLCYH_no-registrations.pdf)

Help WHO reach this target – we need spread to have the desired impact in support of the campaign's goal; Bringing people together to improve and sustain hand hygiene action to reduce and prevent HAI around the globe', whether caused by sensitive or resistant organisms.

For 5 May, WHO connects with key stakeholders, as well as individual health-care settings. This aims to give further coordination to and support for local action. These groups include:

- CleanHandsNet (CHN) – read more [http://www.who.int/gpsc/national\\_campaigns/en/](http://www.who.int/gpsc/national_campaigns/en/)
- Private Organisations for Patient Safety (POPS) – read more <http://www.who.int/gpsc/pops/en/index.html>
- A core group of hand hygiene experts/leaders from around the world working with WHO
- Organizations and societies
- WHO regional and country offices
- Individuals who promote action and messages through social media.

If you are part of a national or international network dedicated to AMR that could promote 5 May 2014 messages to combat AMR through hand hygiene practices, please contact WHO at [savelives@who.int](mailto:savelives@who.int).

## 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, Elizabeth Gillespie, Bill Newsom, Walter Popp, and Judith Richards). 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](mailto: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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### Editorial Commentary

Elizabeth Anne Scicluna

### Original Articles

A review of the winter influenza strategy for hospitals within a major district health board in New Zealand following the 2012 Influenza season. M Schousboe, LC Jennings

Tuberculin skin tests among medical students at risk for nosocomial transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Yazd, Iran. F Behnaz, M Mohammadzadeh, G Mohammadzade

Factors associated with needle stick and sharp injuries among healthcare workers in Felege Hiwot Referral Hospital, Bahir Dar, Northwest Ethiopia: facility based cross-sectional survey. L Walle, E Abebe, M Tsegaye, H Franco, D Birhanu, M Azage

Handwashing practice among healthcare providers in a teaching hospital in Southern Nigeria. S Bello, EE Effa, EE Okokon, OA Oduwole

Hand hygiene knowledge and practices among healthcare providers in a tertiary hospital, south west, Nigeria. TA Ekwere, IP Okafor

### Short Reports

Sepsis due to Aeromonas hydrophila: Case report. P Kanne, V Lakshmi, K Dakshinamurthy

## 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.

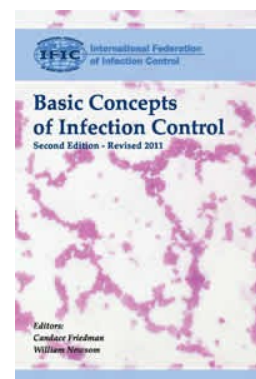
Practice Forum: Submissions of a more descriptive account of how IC practitioners or teams tackled a specific challenge or brought about improvement in the prevention or control of healthcare-associated infections in their institution or country. 2000 words maximum; unstructured format.

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

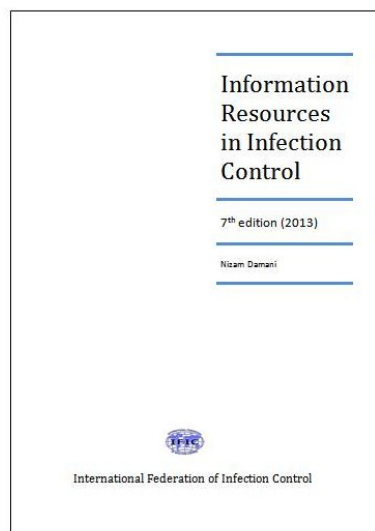
IFIC continues with its aim to provide up-to-date, scientifically sound tools and educational materials that can be used by professionals the world over. This new edition of IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control builds on its predecessors, enhancing and updating in a scientific way the knowledge required 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](http://www.theific.org/basic_concepts/index.htm).



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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 2012-3 addition is the Spanish translation—with thanks to BD. Chapters 1—5, 10 and 12 of the French version are also available—with thanks to Meiko. Hungarian chapters 1-3, 20, 22 and 28 thanks to the Hungarian Society of Infection Control Practitioners [Magyar Infekciókontroll Társaság]. **Chapters translated into Arabic will be available soon. Check the web site for updates 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!**

## 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:	Biljana Carevic/Anni Juhl-Jørgensen
Asia:	Patricia Ching Tai-Yin
EMRO:	Nagwa Khamis
Africa:	Abimbola Sowande

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\*\* South & Central America, Mexico & West Indies

## NEW CORPORATE PARTNER

IFIC welcomes Dr. Schumacher as a new corporate partner! Dr. Schumacher is an internationally recognized wipe specialist with a high degree of flexibility, funded know-how and top-quality management. Their assortment of wipes ranges from baby care, personal care, cosmetic, caring and cleansing wipes for household purposes and disinfection wipes. Meanwhile about 100 million packs - with 5-6 billion ready to use wipes - are produced each year for these various applications.

The company offers customized solutions in the private label sector - from an initial idea to a final product launch. Furthermore the individual development of all soaking liquids, packaging and folding refers to our customer wishes and requirements.

The quality of non-woven wipes is also according to the standards of consumer organizations such as "Stiftung Warentest", "ÖkoTest" or the Swiss Magain "Bolero" and "Deutscher Allergie- und Asthmabund" (German Allergy and Asthma Association) and was rated positively.

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**SAVE THE DATES!**

<p><b>Fourteenth International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control</b> St. Julian's, Malta 12-15 March 2014</p> 	<p><b>Fifteenth International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control</b> New Delhi, India 2015</p>
<p><b>12. Kongress für Krankenhaushygiene</b> 30 March — 2 April 2014 Berlin, Germany</p> 	<p><b>16th International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID)</b> 2-4 April 2014 Cape Town, South Africa</p> 
<p><b>European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases</b> Barcelona, Spain 10-13 May 2014</p> 	<p><b>Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada)/ Prévention et contrôle des infections Canada (PCI Canada) 2014 National Education Conference</b> Halifax, Nova Scotia 25-28 May</p> 
<p><b>APIC Annual Conference 2014</b> Anaheim, California 7-9 June</p> 	<p><b>6th International Infection Control Conference of HKICNA</b> Hong Kong 1-3 August, 2014</p> 
<p><b>9th Healthcare Infection Society International Conference (with French Society for Hospital Hygiene)</b> Lyon, France 16-18 November 2014</p> 	<p><b>7th International Congress of the Asia Pacific Society of Infection Control</b> Taipei, Taiwan 26-29 March, 2015</p> 

See <http://www.chica.org/ific/ific.php> for more information.



## FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INFECTION CONTROL

12-15 March 2014 | Hilton Malta, St. Julians, Malta  
[www.ific2014.com](http://www.ific2014.com)



### CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC2014) will run from Wednesday 12 March 2014 until Saturday 15 March 2014. The official language of the congress shall be English. Further information on the congress can be accessed from the website: [www.ific2014.com](http://www.ific2014.com)

### CONFERENCE VENUE

#### Hilton Malta Hotel

Portomaso, St. Julians PTM01, Malta

Website: <http://www.hiltonmaltahotel.com>

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### REGISTRATION

Registration can be performed online or by downloading the registration form from the congress website and mailing or faxing it to the organisers. All applications should be accompanied by payment of the full registration fee, either using credit card or bank transfer.

	Until 31 January 2014	After	On site registration
Developing countries	€300	€350	€500
IFIC Associate Members	€300	€350	€500
Other delegates	€350	€400	€500
Accompanying	€100	€125	€150

#### Registration fee for participants includes:

access to scientific and exhibition areas and sessions, congress bag and scientific programme, abstract CD including IFIC educational resources, welcome reception, coffee breaks, buffet lunches during full days.

#### Registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

welcome reception, two half-day tours.

### ACCOMMODATION

A range of hotel accommodation will be available in various categories and price ranges. Hotel bookings will be possible from **01 September 2013** via the congress website.

### SOCIAL PROGRAMME

An interesting social programme, including half and full day tours and excursions, will also be available.

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

As with previous editions, IFIC2014 will guarantee an outstanding educational experience for a multi-disciplinary delegate mix. This shall be achieved through a combination of state-of-the-art lectures, symposia, pro-con debates, workshops and industry organised sessions.

Much has happened in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) over the past decades. Awareness about hand hygiene has increased exponentially; new tools such as care bundles have materialised. Yet, we still face a common challenge: persuading colleagues to change behaviour and adopt evidence based IPC practices that have been proven to make a difference.

As a result, the theme chosen for the conference is:

#### Understanding behaviour; Implementing change

IFIC 2014 will aim to underline the problems we all face in our attempts to introduce changes in practices that will lead to clear, sustainable improvements in the prevention and control of healthcare infections. The programme will present experiences from all over the world to help understand IPC behaviour and potential approaches to affect change. The conference will be a unique opportunity for individuals involved or interested in IPC to learn and participate in topics which are rarely featured in conferences, including:

- Behaviour change strategies to improve IPC compliance
- Simplifying the message, achieving behaviour change
- Achieving change through improved audit and feedback
- Recognising and addressing IPC dogmas & rituals
- Transposing change management theory into healthcare settings
- Novel approaches to change management in infection control
- Accelerating the integration of human factors with IPC
- Understanding and addressing organisational culture
- Educating for change
- Learning from others: success stories in IPC
- In addition, other sessions / topics will discuss:
- Pro-con debates:
  - Laminar flow in orthopaedic operations
  - Cost-effectiveness of barrier precautions
- Implementing evidence-based Infection Control in Intensive Care
- Addressing the threat of MDR Gram negatives.
- Reducing MRSA bacteraemia in high incidence countries
- Prevention of surgical site infection
- Antibiotic stewardship
- Prevention of bloodstream infections
- Prevention of urinary tract infection
- Infection control in limited resources
- Prevention of healthcare associated pneumonia
- Endoscope decontamination
- Prevention of sharps injuries
- Terminal disinfection of patient rooms

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

All abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted in English. The deadline for abstract submission is **15 November 2013**. Submissions can be:

- **Research-based:** describing a formal study on a specific aspect of infection prevention and control.
- **"How we did it":** a more descriptive account how a specific healthcare associated infection challenge was tackled and/or improvement achieved.





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### WEDNESDAY, 12 March 2014

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
12.00 - 17.30	Foyer			Delegate registration starts	
14.30 - 15.30	Gifen	Workshop		How to use ORION to plan and publish intervention studies or outbreak reports	Sheldon Stone
14.30 - 17.00	Catra	Workshop		How to do a risk assessment of an organization	Terrie Lee
16.00 - 17.00	Gifen	Symposium	Member society presentations	National survey on sharp injuries in Bulgarian hospitals: current approaches for implementation of EU Directive 2010/32	Rossitza Vatcheva-Dobrevska
				Using a 3-day workshop in creating awareness and establishing hospital-associated infection surveillance system in Thai hospitals	Akeau Unahalekhaka
				IFIC survey on global practices related to disposal of faeces and urine	Walter Popp
18.00 - 18.30	Portomaso	Opening ceremony			
18.30 - 19.15	Portomaso	Keynote lecture	Favero Award	TBA	
19.15 - 21.00	Foyer	Welcome cocktail reception			

### THURSDAY, 13 March 2014

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
07.30 - 08.15	Gifen	SIG Business Meeting		Safe Needles	
	Catra	SIG Business Meeting		Construction	
08.30 - 10.00	Portomaso I	IFIC symposium	Understanding behaviour, achieving change	Introducing/managing change in infection prevention and control	Martin Wale
				Adapting change strategies to the local culture	Michael Borg
				Using social marketing interventions to promote infection prevention and control behaviour	Senia Rosales
	Portomaso II	IPS symposium	Improvement methodologies for more effective outbreak management	Recognising human factors in outbreak detection and management	Heather Loveday
				Novel techniques to identify outbreak causes and contributing errors	Evonne Curran
				Outbreak investigation in the context of organisational culture	Neil Wigglesworth
	Catra	State of the art lectures	What's new in	Incidence and consequence of surgical site infections	William Rutala
				Surveillance	Jacqueline Reilly
Antibiotic stewardship				Uwe Frank	
				Prevention of IV device associated blood stream infections	Nizam Damani
10.00 - 10.45	Foyer	Coffee break			
10.45 - 11.30	Portomaso	Keynote lecture		Behaviour change strategies to improve infection control and antibiotic stewardship	Alison Holmes
11.30 - 12.30	Portomaso	Pro-con debate	Laminar flow in orthopaedic operations	Essential if you can afford it	Peter Hoffman
				Unnecessary - even dangerous	Petra Gastmeier
12.30 - 14.00	Foyer	Light lunch break and poster rounds			



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### THURSDAY, 13 March 2014

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
14.00 - 15.30	Portomaso I	Industry Symposium	B.Braun	TBA	TBA
	Portomaso II	Maltese society symposium	Reducing MRSA bacteraemia in a high incidence setting - the Maltese experience	Surveillance and root cause analysis	Michael Borg
				Peripheral cannulae Central lines	Ermira Tartari Deborah Xuereb
				Hand hygiene Renal dialysis	Noel Abela Claire Farrugia
	Gifen	Workshop		Clean hands do save lives: simplifying the message, achieving behaviour change	Julie Storr Claire Kilpatrick
Catra	Industry symposium	3M	TBA	TBA	
15.30 - 16.00	Foyer	Coffee break			
16.00 - 17.00	Portomaso I	Industry symposium	MEIKO	TBA	TBA
	Portomaso II	WHO Symposium	Burden and prevention of surgical site infections: a global	The burden of surgical site infections worldwide	Benedetta Allegranzi
				Surgical site infection prevention: the WHO perspective	Benedetta Allegranzi
				Surgical site infection prevention in settings with limited resources	Nizam Damani
	Gifen	French & German society symposium	Role of regulations and guidance to achieve change	Scientific guidelines as a key component of change: the French experience	Pierre Parneix
				Law, structure and behaviour – experiences from Germany	Walter Popp
Catra	Free papers	Scholarship presentations	As per programme		
Evening	Speakers tour and reception (invitation only)				

**FRIDAY, 14 March 2014**

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
07.30 - 08.15	Gifen	SIG Business Meeting		Ambulatory Care	
	Catra	SIG Business Meeting		Safe Childbirth	
08.30 - 10.00	Portomaso I	IFIC symposium	Recognising and addressing dogmas and rituals	Operating theatres	Hilary Humphreys
				Cleaning	Peter Hoffman
				Hand hygiene	Jacqueline Reilly
	Portomaso II	HIS symposium	Behavioral change to reduce MRSA and C. difficile	UK MRSA and C. difficile decline: better infection control or simply natural evolution?	Michael Cooper
				Which UK initiatives worked in achieving behaviour change and which were not so successful	Neil Wigglesworth
				Were the comprehensive antibiotic stewardship programmes effective in changing prescribing practice?	Carole Fry
	Catra	State of the art lectures	What's new in	Prevention of catheter associated urinary tract infections	Nizam Damani
				Infection control in limited resources	Shaheen Mehtar
				Medical device decontamination	Christina Bradley
				Prevention of healthcare associated pneumonia	Egil Lingaas
10.00 - 10.45	Foyer	Coffee break			
10.45 - 11.30	Portomaso	Keynote lecture		Achieving frontline ownership of the infection control message	Michael Gardam
11.30 - 12.30	Portomaso	Pro-con debate	Are barrier precautions cost-effective to improve patient outcomes?	Yes - they are	Jennie Mayfield
				No - they are not	Donna Moralejo
12.30 - 14.00	Foyer	Light lunch break and poster rounds			
12.45 - 13.30	Catra	IFIC Annual General Meeting			

**FRIDAY, 14 March 2014**

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14.00 - 15.30	Portomaso I	Industry symposium	ASP	TBA	TBA
	Portomaso II	SIMPIOS	Antimicrobial stewardship in southern Europe	Antimicrobial stewardship in southern Europe: where are we?	Nicola Petrosillo
				MRSA in neonatal intensive care: it is still meaningful to talk about community and healthcare acquired strains?	Caterina Mammaia
				Inter-hospital spread of colistin-resistant Acinetobacter baumannii in the intensive care unit: outbreak investigation and management	Antonella Agodi
				Surveillance and control of antimicrobial resistance: a regional experience	Carlo Gagliotti
	Gifen	Free papers	Oral delegate presentations	As per programme	
Catra	Workshop		Understanding organisational culture and its influence on infection prevention and control behaviour	Silvio Debono	
15.30 - 16.00	Foyer	Coffee break			
16.00 - 17.00	Portomaso I	Industry symposium		TBA	
	Portomaso II	Symposium	WHO	Update on MERS-coronavirus infections	Sergei Eremin
	Gifen	Free papers	Oral delegate presentations	As per programme	
	Catra	Workshop		Transposing change management theory into healthcare settings	Silvio Debono
Evening		Gala dinner			



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### SATURDAY, 15 March 2014

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
08.30 - 10.00	Portomaso I	IFIC symposium	Knowledge and skills about infection prevention and control: are we doing enough?	What are they learning; when they are learning?	Judith Richards
				Lesson planning and supportive learning environments: applying concepts of teaching and learning to teaching infection control	Donna Moralejo
				Reinforcement from patients, families and colleagues: do disclosure and transparency help the education process?	Candace Friedman
	Portomaso II	ESCMID/ECDC	MDR Gram negatives: the real Armageddon	Priorities in the prevention and control of multidrug-resistant Enterobacteriaceae in hospitals	Hilary Humphreys
				Epidemiology of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) in Europe, including cross-border issues	Dominique L. Monnet
				European guidelines to control MDR gram-negative bacteria in hospitalised patients	Uwe Frank
	Catra	State of the art lectures	What's new in	Endoscope decontamination	Christina Bradley
				Clinical waste management	Edward Krisiunas
				Safety of linen and clothing	Sally Bloomfield
				Obtaining a safer healthcare environment for infection prevention	William Rutala
10.00 - 10.45	Foyer	Coffee break			
10.45 - 11.30	Portomaso	Keynote lecture	Accelerating the integration of human factors with infection prevention and control	Julie Storr	
11.30 - 12.15	Portomaso	Keynote lecture	Evidence based infection control in intensive care	Petra Gastmeier	
12.15 - 12.30	Portomaso	Closing of the congress Distribution of scholarship grants and best poster awards			

#### Brief Newsletter for the Safe Childbirth Special Interest Group, January 2014

The Safe Childbirth Interest Group (SIG) invites infection control preventionists to join worldwide effort to address Millennium Develop Goals 4 and 5: Reduce Child Mortality and Improve Maternal Health. Brief news updates – please send in your ideas for projects, and share the work you have underway to [lindatietjen@yahoo.com](mailto:lindatietjen@yahoo.com).

Stakeholders to review accountability for Women's and Children's Health meeting was held 14-15 January, 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland. "Fourth Stakeholders meeting: Accountability for Women's and Children's Health" can be found at [http://www.who.int/pmnch/media/events/2014/accountability\\_women\\_meeting/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/pmnch/media/events/2014/accountability_women_meeting/en/index.html). Another group that offers interesting information is [www.womendeliver.org](http://www.womendeliver.org).

Best regards and I look forward to seeing you in Malta!

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