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Chair Update



Judith Richards
Chair, 2011
IFIC Board

IFIC's mission is to facilitate worldwide networking of those active in Infection Prevention & Control through enhanced communications, and provision of tools and educational materials. To this end, we are now embarking on a series of high profile initiatives and projects, which we hope will be of use to all our readership, and which we will be sharing with you over the coming months.

As a starting point IFIC's book "Basic Concepts in Infection Control" is undergoing a thorough overhaul. All major chapters have been revised, and new chapters added. Under the excellent leadership and editorship of Candy Friedman, supported by Bill Newsom, we hope to have the new edition ready for our October conference. Thanks to a generous grant from BD, not only will we have the printed English edition, but we are also embarking into ensuring there will be Spanish, French and Portuguese/Brazilian translations available shortly after that.

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Eleventh Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control

The International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC), a world-wide umbrella organisation of Societies and individuals working in the field of infection prevention and control, is - true to its goal of providing leadership in education and networking - proud to be associated with the Societa Italiana Multidisciplinare per la Prevenzione delle Infezioni nelle Organizzazioni Sanitarie (SIMPIOS) in the organization of its 11th International Conference, to be held in the beautiful city of Venice.

The challenges of infection prevention and control are the same worldwide, what varies are the resources available to deal with them. This Conference will not only bring state of the art, evidence-based information to inform strategies, it will also allow opportunities to explore how to move forward when faced with low resource settings as well as enable practitioners to network in a convivial, supporting environment.



Key note presentations from internationally renowned speakers will be supplemented by workshops, debates on key issues, and industry symposia. We strongly encourage the submission of free papers, and will support delegates' attendance through a number of scholarships.



The Congress will run from Wednesday 12 October 2011 until Saturday 15 October 2011.

The official language of the Congress will be English; however simultaneous translation to Italian will also be available in selected sessions. Further information on the Congress can be accessed from the website: www.ific2011.com

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The lecture tour of South America (see p. 8) is an excellent example of how educational events can contribute to sharing ideas and exchanging experiences, and we hope to build on this model for future activities.

Our collaboration with the WHO continues apace. In addition to the supporting activities on the Hand Hygiene programme, we have now participated in the first meeting of the Global Network for Infection Prevention and Control. As this WHO-led programme develops, we look forward to enhancing this collaboration, and identifying ways in which we can work together to further mutual support and benefit.

It probably does not need reminding our readers that the 2011 IFIC Conference will be taking place in Italy (Mestre, Venice) in October. We are very excited to be in this wonderful city, and very pleased with the collaboration with the local society SIMPIOS. And we hope to see as many of you as possible at what promises to be a great meeting!

The AGM will take place as usual during the Conference, on Friday 14th at midday. Please remind those representing your Societies to be there, as their participation is important. We would also like to hear from you, through your delegates, how IFIC can help further, and be of use to all of you.

And finally, this year we have a large number of vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Requests for nominations have gone out to all Member Societies, but there are still some gaps. Please consider carefully our Hon Secretary's letter, and ensure your part of the world is represented on the Board.

Thank you.

Judith Richards, CHAIR, 2011 IFIC Board

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Congress Venue

NH Laguna Palace Hotel

Viale Ancona, 2; Mestre 30172; Venice; Italy

Website: www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/italy/venice-mestre/nh-laguna-palace.html

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Accommodation

A range of hotel accommodation will be available in various categories and price ranges. Hotel bookings will be possible from the Congress website. An interesting social programme, including half and full day tours and excursions, will also be available.

Registration

Early bird reduced fees will be applicable until 31 July 2011. Registration can be performed online or by down-loading the registration form from the Congress website and mailing or faxing to the organisers. All applications should be accompanied by payment of the full registration fee, either using credit card or bank transfer.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME*

KEYNOTE LECTURES:

Infection Control in the Middle Ages: a Venetian story of quarantine and lazarettos (Opening ceremony lecture). *Giuseppe Cornaglia, Italy.*

Guidelines: How to Modify Risk Factors for Healthcare-Associated Infections *William Rutala, USA*

Education and training of infection control professionals in Europe: Do we need to start thinking outside the box? *Silvio Brusaferrero, Italy*

Martin S. Favero lecture: Multi-drug resistant healthcare-associated infections arising in the community *Gary French, UK*

PARALLEL SYMPOSIA:

High, low and getting lower: a review of global MRSA epidemiology.

Device-associated infection prevention bundles: panacea or sound-bite? *Sponsored by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) – USA*

Structures of hospital hygiene and infection control in Europe. *Sponsored by the European Network*

Sustainability and infection prevention: achieving the critical balance. *Sponsored by the Società Italiana Multidisciplinare per la Prevenzione delle Infezioni nelle Organizzazioni Sanitarie (SIMPIOS)*

Carbapenemase resistant Enterobacteriaceae: Armageddon arriving? *Sponsored by the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC)*

From Lada to Lamborghini: adapting infection control interventions to resources available.

Infection prevention in a high resource country: relevance for countries with health care systems in transition. *Norwegian Forum for Infection Control*

WHO Clean Care is Safer Care: using HAI and UN Member State data to promote global improvement of hand hygiene compliance. *Sponsored by the World Health Organisation*

A county wide approach to reduce HCAI - the UK experience. *Sponsored by the Healthcare Infection Society – UK*

PRO-CON DEBATES:

Mandatory reporting and targets for infection reduction - are these effective?

100% hand hygiene compliance: is it achievable? is it necessary?

WORKSHOPS:

Prevention of healthcare associated bloodstream infections

Professional development and competency in infection prevention. *Sponsored by the Infection Prevention Society (UK)*

Achieving an effective HCAI audit and feedback cycle. *Sponsored by the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association (Canada)*

Healthcare facility design and construction

Navigating the maze of antibiotic stewardship in hospitals

Safe needles and occupational health

Safe childbirth

MEET THE EXPERT SESSIONS:

Disinfection and Sterilization: Navigating a Maze of Different Applications and Requirements *William Rutala, USA*

The secret to successful publication in infection control journals *Smilja Kalenic, Croatia, Elizabeth Scicluna, Malta*

Applying a hand hygiene improvement model *Claire Kilpatrick, WHO*

LECTURES/SYMPOSIUM:

Prevention strategies for waterborne risks in health care. *Sponsored by the DGKH (Germany) and SF2H (France)*

The year in infection control (Closing lecture). *Judith Richard, UK*

	Until 31 July 2011	After 31 July 2011	On site registration
Developing countries	€300	€350	€500
IFIC Associate members	€350	€400	€500
Other delegates	€400	€450	€500
Accompanying persons	€100	€125	€150

* Go to <http://www.ific2011.com/PreliminaryProgramme> for the complete schedule

International Journal of Infection Control

Prof. Smilja Kalenic, from Croatia, is the Journal Editor. She is supported by Elizabeth Scilcuna as Journal Administrator and an excellent Board of Assistant Editors (Ulrika Ransjö, Steve Barrett, and Bill Newsom).

Thank you to all those who submit their papers to IJIC and please keep them coming!

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World Health Organization

Clean Care is Safer Care: Key documents

WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care (revised Aug 2009)

[Full version \[pdf 4.37Mb\]](#)

[Summary \[pdf 2.22Mb\]](#)

Guide to implementation of the WHO multimodal hand hygiene improvement strategy (revised Aug 2009)

[Download \[pdf 465Kb\]](#)

Videos

[Hand hygiene related videos](#)

Contact us

For more information about *Clean Care is Safer Care*, please contact the team at savelives@who.int.

WHO Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment Framework Global Survey update

This Global Survey was launched on 5 April. Data submission from health-care facilities completing the WHO Framework has now been extended until 15 September 2011 due to enthusiasm from countries wishing to coordinate a number of submissions. You can therefore still be part of this survey by [submitting your health-care facility's results online](#) and helping WHO to assess progress of hand hygiene improvement around the world! Enquiries can be sent to WHOframework.survey@who.int

Are you producing the WHO-recommended alcohol-based handrub formulations at your facility?

If you are, please email savelives@who.int to let WHO know and give us a contact person. We are planning a future survey on the local production of the WHO formulation in order to gather more information on ingredients' procurement, feasibility, costs, difficulties, tolerability.

**VIII Congreso Panamericano de
Infecciones Intrahospitalarias -
VIII Pan American Congress of
Nosocomial Infections**

November 14-17, 2011
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

<http://www.cpiih2011.com/>

CHICA 6th ANNUAL 5K RUN OR 2.5K WALK FOR IFIC

During CHICA-Canada's 2011 National Education Conference and it's 35th anniversary year, delegates helped celebrate with the Toronto Practitioners in Infection Control by running and walking near beautiful Lake Ontario for IFIC's scholarship fund at the 6th Annual Charity Run/Walk!! Approximately \$3600 CAD was raised and the winners are:

First Male Runner to cross the Finish line: **Jim Gauthier** – CHICA-Eastern Ontario

First Female Runner to cross the Finish line: **Celia Ambery** – CHICA-British Columbia

First Walker to cross the Finish line: **Lisa Grodzinski**

Most funds raised by a single participant: **Zahir Hirji** – CHICA-TPIC

A New Award trophy/plaque has been created to honour the highest proportion of Chapter member participation: **CHICA-Sask-PIC**

This year CHICA-TPIC challenged the other CHICA chapters in a Chapter Challenge to beat the fastest runner:

The top four runners who beat the fastest CHICA-TPIC runner are:

#1 - **Celia Ambery** – CHICA- British Columbia

#2 - **Jim Gauthier** – CHICA- Eastern Ontario

#3 - **Quintin Hewlett** – CHICA-Newfoundland-Labrador

#4 - **Marie Mc Coy** – CHICA- British Columbia

A very special thank you to Barbara Catt for organising and coordinating the event and to David Green the National Sales Manager of DEB Canada which sponsored the IFIC Run for the 3rd year!!

See you all next year in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on Monday June 18, 2012 at the 7th Annual Run for IFIC!!



See more pictures at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/debcanda/sets/72157626717314095/show/>



LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE IFIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Nominating Committee of the International Federation of Infection Control is accepting nominations from member societies to fill **5** vacant trustee positions on the Board for a **four-year term of office from 1st January, 2012 to 31st December 2015**. The composition of the IFIC Board of Trustees is comprised of both doctors and nurses.

In order to properly reflect the international concept of IFIC, the board will be elected from a specific geographic region after nomination by a member society. As well, an equal distribution of Trustee representation will be maintained between developed/high resource and developing/low resource regions, each electing five Trustees to the Board.

Nominations are being accepted from the following regional groups to fill one position from each group (see table):

Group A
Group B
Group D
Group F
Group G

For nomination forms and more information please contact Carol Goldman, Secretary before July 29:
carol.goldman@theific.org

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



Lecture Tour, South America 2011

Three countries, four major Conferences, four to six lectures each, in a very hectic but enjoyable 10 day tour! Under the IFIC banner, and with the excellent help of our local hosts, a self funding delegation consisting of E Lingaas (Norway), A Duse (South Africa), F Fitzpatrick (Rep of Ireland), E Smyth (Northern Ireland) and J Richards (England) visited and took part in these meetings held in Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Porto Alegre and Punta del Este.

At each venue, more than 200 delegates gathered to hear presentations on all aspects of Infection Prevention & Control. The international panel shared their expertise and experiences on topics that ranged from SSI surveillance, management of MRSA, control of MDR Gram negatives, and *C.difficile*, to application of hand hygiene and hospital hygiene programmes, and development of liaison practitioners programmes. Presentations by local speakers, reflecting their own experiences, then allowed for lively exchanges, question and answers sessions, and interesting debates.

It was encouraging to see the interest and attention the field of infection prevention and control is receiving, and its integration into the patients' quality and safety agendas.

The visit culminated in one of the visitor's (JR) attendance and participation at the Panamerican Congress of Infectious Diseases, where a one day pre conference workshop on IP&C was attended by more than 500 delegates from all over South America, and beyond.

My colleagues and I would like to express our thanks to the local organizers, Drs R Durlach (Buenos Aires) and H Bagnulo (Montevideo) and Ms Maria de Lourdes Ravanello (Porto Alegre) for the excellent organization, and for looking after us so well. We would also like to extend our gratitude to their teams and colleagues. Their warmth, and hard work translated into a very satisfying visit, enhanced by all the kind invitations that cemented the social aspects, and created new friendships.

J Richards
IFIC Chair, 2011

Announcement: Martin S Favero Award

IFIC is pleased to announce that the 2011 winner of the Martin S Favero award is Professor G French, from the UK. This award, created to honour the international contributions of Martin S. Favero, Ph.D. in the field of infection prevention & control, is kindly sponsored by Advanced Sterilization Products, Irvine, CA.

It aims to recognise and support Infection Prevention and Control Practitioners who have made significant lifetime contributions to global infection prevention.

This year's recipient, selected from an impressively strong international field, will receive the award at the annual conference of International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC), and deliver one of the Conference's key note lectures. Our warmest congratulations to Professor French.

Teleclass Lecture Series

Syed A. Sattar, PhDa, and Paul Webber; University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine; Webber Training Inc. Teleclass Education is a telephone-based, internet-supported lecture series, run entirely by volunteers around the world. Registration fee is \$40 per teleclass per site - some teleclasses are free registration, including each marked as "WHO Teleclass". **Participants from developing nations are entitled to full access without charge.** For more information on registrations, refer to www.webbertraining.com or [in-fo@webbertraining.com](mailto:info@webbertraining.com).

You require access to a telephone and access to e-mail, or a computer with internet access and speakers. Teleclasses take place over the telephone so you can join wherever there is a phone. The presenter's slides and handout notes, and the number of the Bridge Line and PIN code are e-mailed to all registrants at least 48 hours in advance of the teleclass so access to e-mail is necessary. A data projector could be employed to project the speaker's slides. Teleclass recordings are posted to the web site, usually within 2 days for unlimited access.

Teleclasses depend on telephone technology called Bridge Lines. A Bridge Line is a special telephone line that allows audio conferencing. The Bridge Line phone number and PIN code number are sent out to all registrants two days before the teleclass date. At the scheduled time all registered sites dial the number, punch in the PIN code number when requested, and are automatically in the conference.

Professionals from developing nations are provided with unlimited access to teleclass materials, including slides, handouts, and on-line recordings.

SCHEDULE

August

11—**Effects of Narrative as Culture-Centric Health Promotion (Free Teleclass)**: Dr. Linda K Larkey, College of Nursing & Health Innovation, University of Arizona

17— **The Mask in Infection Control - Understanding the Issues for Appropriate Practice (Pacific Teleclass)**: Prof. WH Seto, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong

31—**Latest Update on Clostridium difficile Control (Free WHO Teleclass - Europe)**: Dr. Andreas Widmer, University Hospital of Basel, Switzerland

September

8—**Practical Aspects of Hospital Infection Control for Influenza**: Dr. Fidelma Fitzpatrick, HPSC and Beaumont Hospital, Ireland

19—**Stronger Together (Free British Teleclass)**: Anne Bialachowski, Past President, CHICA-Canada

Live broadcast from the Infection Prevention Society conference

21—**Current and Emerging Global Issues (Free British Teleclass)**: Sir Liam Donaldson, Chair, World Health Organisation Patient Safety Live broadcast from the Infection Prevention Society conference

27—**Voices of CHICA – Part 2 (Free Teleclass)** Community and Hospital Infection Control Association of Canada Board and Guests

29—**Nosocomial Transmission of Influenza and Healthcare Worker Vaccination** : Dr. Helena Maltezou, Hellenic Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Greece

October

4—**MRSA - Is Search & Destroy the Way To Go? (Free WHO Teleclass - Europe)**: Prof. Andreas Voss, Nijmegen University Medical Center, The Netherlands

6—**Using Metals in Infection Prevention - A Welcome Addition or a Retrograde Step?**: Dr. Carol Pellowe, Thames Valley University

13—**Infection Prevention and Control in Long Term Care Facilities**: Prof. Bjørg Marit Andersen, Oslo University, Norway

26—**Public Health Lessons Learnt from the Christchurch Earthquakes (South Pacific Teleclass)**: Dr. Ramon Pink, University of Otago, New Zealand