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Chair Update



Judith Richards
Chair, 2012
IFIC Board

A warm hello to all our readers!

This issue celebrates IFIC's 25 years, and, thanks to the efforts of our past Treasurer and now Archivist Nizam Damani, there is a special edition of the newsletter that brings a short history of IFIC's funding, its development and growth.

I hope you enjoy reading all about it, even perhaps spotting yourself, or old friends, in some of the photographs Nizam and this Newsletter Editor, Candy Friedman, have been able to gather for us. Twenty five years is a "coming of age", and we all realize how much Infection Prevention and Control has changed in this time. From a back room, "Cinderella" specialty, it has now moved to the forefront of health care in many countries.

On the back of international efforts on Hand Hygiene, there is now an emerging understanding of what we do, a realisation that IP&C is much more than hygiene, and that efforts to prevent, control and manage infection are key to patient well-being and safety. Hospital managers are becoming keener to embrace this culture of safe care, and the international efforts to reduce device-related infections, offer

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AGM—SAVE THE DATE

The next IFIC Annual General Meeting will be held Friday, 12 October from 12:30 - to 2:00 p.m. In Zagreb.

IFIC CONFERENCE

The Twelfth Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC2012) will run from Wednesday 10 October 2012 until Saturday 13 October 2012 and will be held in collaboration with the Croatian Society for Medical Microbiology and Parasitology in Zagreb, Croatia.

The official language of the Congress shall be English, however simultaneous translation into Croatian will also be available in selected sessions. Further information on the Congress can be accessed from the website: www.ific2012.com

CONGRESS VENUE

Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
Address: Borne 2, Zagreb 10000, Croatia
Website: www.hotel-sheratonzagreb.com



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IFIC CONFERENCE

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REGISTRATION

Conference registration has commenced. 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, using either credit card or bank transfer.

	Until 31 July 2012	After 31 July 2012	On site registration
Developing countries	€300	€350	€400
IFIC Associate members	€300	€350	€400
Other delegates	€375	€450	€500
Accompanying persons	€100	€125	€150

Registration fee for participants includes:

- access to scientific sessions and exhibition areas
- Congress bag, abstract CD, and scientific programme
- welcome reception
- all coffee breaks plus light lunches during full days

Registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

- welcome reception
- two half-day city tours

ACCOMMODATION

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

Further travelling information is also available at: http://www.hotel-sheratonzagreb.com/how_to_reach_us.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

As with previous editions, IFIC2012 will guarantee an outstanding educational experience for a multi-disciplinary delegate mix from medical, nursing and other backgrounds. This shall be achieved through a combination of state-of-the-art lectures, symposia, pro-and-con debates and industry organised sessions. The academic programme will be regularly updated on the congress website.

In addition, IFIC conferences are recognised as venues for effective networking and experience sharing between the participating delegates. This will be enhanced through numerous small group workshops and buzz groups as well as the general organisation of the event.

Delegates will also have an extensive opportunity to share their research and experience through oral as well as poster presentations.

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cleaner facilities, ensure the appropriate use of antibiotics, and respond with prompt action to prevent and deal with outbreaks, are very encouraging.

There is still a lot to be done, not least in encouraging and supporting those countries and facilities where these concepts may not be so advanced.

Sharing the learning, and the experiences acquired, are invaluable ways of ensuring that the next 25 years are even more productive. IFIC's aim is to move from strength to strength, to be recognized as the leader in international networking, and thus to bring together Societies and practitioners engaged in infection prevention and control.

We believe that, in addition to the projects we are developing, the Special Interest Groups, our Journal, and the learning materials we are able to produce (Basic Concepts book, teaching slides), it is our annual Conference that offers the best opportunities to interact with friends and colleagues, and share our vision.

To this end, our 2013 Conference planning is already under way. It will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, thus once again bringing the IFIC experience to Latin America.

This Newsletter also includes a call for expressions of interest to host the 2014 meeting somewhere in Europe. To all those Societies that have approached us in the past, please come forward with your proposals!

As for this year, we are well under way. The scholarships have been decided, we have received a healthy number of submissions for posters and oral presentations, and our scientific programme is very exciting. So, once again, we hope to see you in Zagreb!

Judith Richards, MD
Chair, 2012 IFIC Board

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 an **Associate 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, etc. We hope you will all enjoy it!

IFIC CELEBRATES ITS 25th ANNIVERSARY!

In this 25th year since the founding of IFIC, the Board of Trustees would like to recognise all those who were the initiators of what is currently IFIC and those who contributed to its Board activities.

Be sure to check out the 25th anniversary special edition of the newsletter!



SURVEY—DISPOSAL OF WASTE (faeces & urine)

Dear colleague,

Faeces and urine are produced by every human and, of course, every patient.

Faeces (and to a smaller extent urine) can transport microbes and infect other patients. Excretion of multi antibiotic resistant microorganisms via faeces is a recognised risk. Therefore, knowledge about the handling of faeces and urine in hospitals is of great interest, however very little is known on a worldwide basis.

This is the reason why IFIC is leading an initial small study to gather more information about this issue. The aims are to understand the likely problems in different continents, areas and countries in the world and define realistic goals to improve the situation.

It is hoped the results will also help to provide recommendations and help develop guidelines in defining training and education in this area for healthcare professionals.

We would therefore like to invite you to fill in a brief questionnaire. It should take no longer than a couple of minutes to complete. To open the online survey, please click this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IFICwaste>.

If the survey does not open automatically, you can copy the link and paste it in the address bar of your internet browser.

In acknowledgement of your participation, MEIKO – an IFIC Strategic Partner – is offering 10 free registrations to the Twelfth Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control that will be held on 10 – 13 October 2012 in Zagreb, Croatia, as well as 25 free print copies of the textbook: IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control, to participants who reply to the survey **by 15 August**. Winners will be chosen by lot from the respondents who have answered by that date and have provided a contact email.

Thank you for your participation!

NEW EDITION OF 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 was made possible through an unrestricted educational grant from BD. The International Federation of Infection Control is extremely grateful for their support.



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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Recipients of IFIC Full Scholarship	Abstract title
Ms. Agita Melbarde-Kelme Pauls Stradins University Hospital Riga, Latvia	The effectiveness of infection control in Pauls Stradins University Hospital
Mr. Joseph Tannous King Abdulaziz Medical City Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Ventilator associated Pneumonia surveillance in adult intensive care unit at King Abdulaziz Medical City, Riyadh 2008-2011
Recipients of IFIC Partial Scholarship	Abstract title
Dr. Uday Kelkar Central Government Health Scheme, Government of India Pune, India	Face masks: how often do we need to change them?
Ms. Deborah Maria Xuereb Mater Dei Hospital Birkirkara, Malta	High transmissibility of carbapenem resistant <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> in an intensive care unit

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





Wednesday, 10 October 2012

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
12:00	Foyer			Delegate registration starts	
14:30 - 15:30	Room B Room C Room Opatija+Pula	SIG business sessions	Session titles TBA	Lecture titles TBA	Speakers TBA
15:30	Room A + Foyer			Coffee break	
16:00 - 17:00	Room B Room C Room Opatija+Pula	SIG business sessions	Session titles TBA	Lecture titles TBA	Speakers TBA
18:00	Room B + C			Opening ceremony	
18:30	Room B + C	Keynote lecture		Back to the future: 25 years of IFIC	Anna Hambreus
19:00	Room A + Foyer			Welcome cocktail reception	

Thursday, 11 October 2012

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
08:30	Room B	IFIC symposium	Surveillance	What are we surveying? It's all about definitions	Egil Lingaas
				Process surveillance	Judith Richards
				Outcome surveillance	Nizam Damani
	Room C	HIS symposium	Challenges of multi-resistant gram negatives	Pseudomonas	Tim Boswell
				Acinetobacter	David Enoch
				Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase producers	Peter Wilson
	Room Opatija +Pula	German and French Societies for Hospital Hygiene symposium	Patient safety through international cooperation	Improving hospital hygiene in Mongolia: the MeshHp project	Walter Popp
				Promoting healthcare-associated infection control through hand hygiene: an experience in Mali	Olivia Keita-Persé
				Help from high resource countries in low resource countries – what you can do and what you should avoid	Edith Fischnaller
10:00	Room A + Foyer			Coffee break	
10:45	Room B + C	Keynote lecture		Reuse of medical devices – negotiating the maze	Adam Fraise
11:30	Room B+C	Pro-con debate	Zero-tolerance to healthcare infections	An achievable goal	Michelle Farber
				Just a sound bite	Michael Borg
12:30	Room A + Foyer			Light lunch break and poster rounds	
14:00	Room B	Industry symposium: Antimicrobial Copper	The latest scientific, clinical and practical data	Rapid death of pathogens on copper under simulated clinical contamination conditions: the development of understanding	Bill Keevil
				How important is the clinical environment in combating healthcare-associated infections? Copper in clinical trials now clearly shows the linkage between environment and reduced risk of infection	Michael Schmidt
				Reducing healthcare-associated infections with simple interventions using copper alloys: improving outcomes in a time of austerity	Panos Efstathiou
	Room C	European Network (EUNETIPS) symposium	Link professionals in healthcare facilities	Overview	Rose Gallagher
				Country experiences	see programme
				Discussion	Silvio Brusaferrò
Room Opatija +Pula	Free papers 1	Oral delegate presentations	see programme	see programme	
15:30	Room A + Foyer			Coffee break	
16:00	Room B	Croatian and Bulgarian Societies symposium	How to fight antimicrobial resistance: from theory to practice	How to improve antibiotic prescribing	Arjana Tambić-Andrašević
				How to improve hand hygiene	Rossitza Vatcheva-Dobrevska
	Room C	Workshop	Hand hygiene	Hand hygiene in outpatient care	Benedetta Allegranzi
				Hand hygiene in home healthcare and in everyday life	Sally Bloomfield
Room Opatija +Pula	Free papers 2	Scholarship presentations	see programme	see programme	
Evening				Free	

Friday, 12 October 2012

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
08:30	Room B	IFIC symposium	Infection prevention in intensive care	Incidences and consequences of surgical site infections and central line-associated bloodstream infections	William Rutala
				Prevention of ventilator associated pneumonia - sifting the minefield of guidelines	Egil Langaas
				Antibiotic stewardship in intensive care	Judith Richards
	Room C	IPS symposium	Using audit and quality improvement tools to improve patient care – the UK experience	Using audit tools to improve patient care in the UK – a practice perspective	Pat Cattini
				Quality improvement and the development of quality improvement tools – how does this differ from audit?	Neil Wigglesworth
				Using quality improvement tools – the way ahead?	Claire Kilpatrick
	Room Opatija +Pula	WHO symposium	Combating antimicrobial resistance	The global approach to combat antimicrobial resistance	Danilo Lo Fo Wong
				Combating antimicrobial resistance: a country perspective	Constantin Rimis
				Developing strategies to limit emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance in health care settings	Sergey Eremin
10:00	Room A + Foyer	Coffee break			
10:45	Room B + C	Keynote lecture	Multiresistant bacteria - up the creek without a paddle!		Gunnar Kahlmeter
11:30	Room B+C	Pro-con debate	Environmental disinfection: what works best?	Mechanical systems	William Rutala
				Elbow grease	Adam Fraise
12:30	Room A + Foyer	Light lunch break			
12:30	Room Opatija +Pula	IFIC Annual General Meeting			
14:00	Room B	Croatian Society of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology symposium	How to organize hospital acquired infection prevention and control in a country – Croatian experience	Yearly survey for structure and process indicators in Croatia	Smilja Kalenic
				Education for hospital acquired infection prevention and control: from the beginning	Ana Budimir
				Surveillance of hospital acquired infections in Croatia	Zrinka Bošnjak
	Room C	Free papers 3	Oral delegate presentations	see programme	
	Room Opatija +Pula	Infection Control Africa Network symposium	The African report – perspectives of infection prevention and control in Africa	Containment programmes with limited resources - injection safety	Abimbola Sowande
				What are the pitfalls for implementing antimicrobial stewardship?	Sade Ogunsola
The impact of education in infection prevention and control on African healthcare facilities				Shaheen Mehtar	
15:30	Room A + Foyer	Coffee break			
16:00	Room B	CHICA workshop	Outbreak management	Outbreaks that do not follow the rules	Jim Gauthier
	Room C	Industry symposium	Topic TBA	Outbreak survival tips	Carol Goldman
	Room Opatija +Pula	Free papers 4	Member societies presentations	Lecture titles TBA	Speakers TBA
19:00	Gala dinner				see programme

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WHO free teleclasses

Teleclasses recordings from 2011 can still be accessed and a new schedule for 2012 is available, courtesy of Webber Training. Teleclasses will be held monthly and will 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>.

08/15/12, 2:30 pm (CET): Processing medical devices in settings with limited resources: a neglected priority for infection prevention (**N. Damani**, Portadown, United Kingdom)

05/09/12, 12:30 pm (NYT): Successes and challenges in developing and implementing bundles in infection prevention (**D. Goldmann**, Boston, USA)

02/10/12, 2:30 pm (CET): The role of education in infection control in low- and middle-income countries (**S. Mehtar**, Cape Town, South Africa)

7/11/12, 2:30 pm (CET): Measuring impact: key to infection control scaling up and sustainability (**J. Reilly**, Glasgow, United Kingdom)

05/12/12, 1:30 pm (Sydney time): New developments in infection control for renal dialysis – an update (**W.H. Seto**, Hong Kong, China)

Saturday, 13 October 2012

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
08:30	Room B	IFIC symposium	Operating room design and surgical site infections	Surgical site infections and operating room design and construction	Hanan Amer
				Ventilation and airborne infection	Anna Hambreus
				Operating suite design and logistics – clothing, supplies, cleaning	Ulrika Ransjö
	Room C	APIC symposium	A conceptual model of professional competency for the current and future infection preventionist role	APIC's conceptual model of infection prevention competency	Michelle Farber and Katrina Crist
				Certification - the core competency	Barbara Russell and Terrie Lee
				Perspectives from limited resource countries	Pola Brenner and Nagwa Khamis
	Room Opatija +Pula	Swedish Association for Infection Control symposium	Prevention of healthcare associated gastroenteritis	Norovirus-environmental prevention strategies	Birgitta Lytsy
				Killing of <i>C. difficile</i> endospores in hospital	Torbjörn Norén
				Bedpans as potential vectors in the transmission of gastrointestinal pathogens	Gertie Knippenberg
10:00	Room A + Foyer			Coffee break	
10:45	Room B+C	Keynote lecture		Prudent use of antibiotics in hospitals: a European perspective	Dominique Monnet
11:30	Room B+C	Lecture		My favourite infection control papers of 2011	Tim Boswell
12:30	Room A + Foyer			Closing of the congress Distribution of scholarship grants and best poster awards	

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.

8th International Healthcare Infection Society (HIS) Conference and Federation of Infection Societies (FIS) annual conference

19-21 November 2012
BT Convention Centre, Liverpool
<http://www.fis-infection.org.uk/>

Infection Prevention Society (IPS) Conference

1-3 October 2012
Arena and Convention Centre (ACC), Liverpool
<http://www.infectionpreventionconference.org.uk/>

CHICA 7th ANNUAL 5K RUN OR 2.5K WALK FOR IFIC

During CHICA-Canada's 2012 National Education Conference, delegates helped IFIC by running and walking for IFIC's scholarship fund at the 7th Annual Charity Run/Walk!!

There were 40 runners and walkers. Approximately \$4000 CAD was raised and the winners are:

First Male Runner to cross the Finish line: Jim Gauthier (Braveheart, Slayer of Germs)

First Female Runner to cross the Finish line: Jennifer Grant

Honorary mention: Tara Donovan who was one step behind Jennifer

First Walker to cross the Finish line: Maria Ralph and Anne Bialachowski - they were walking together

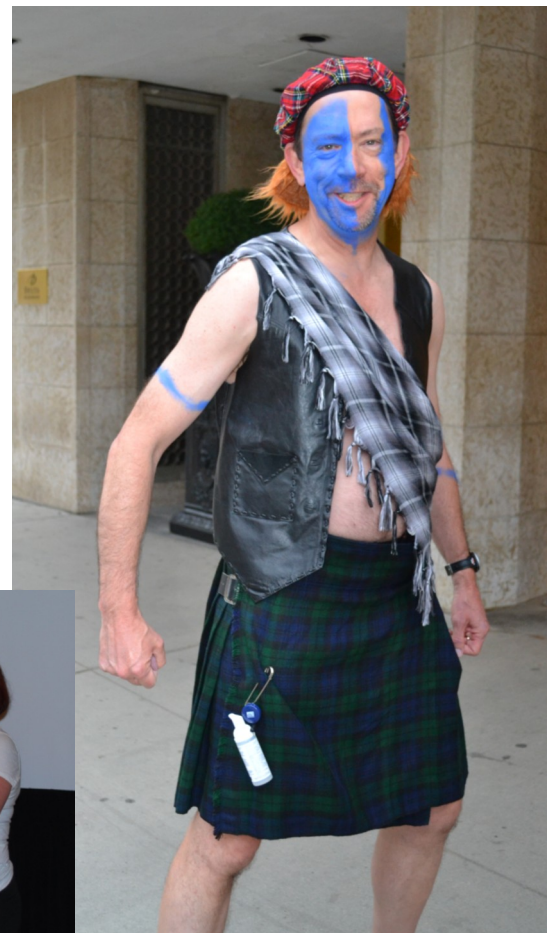
Most funds raised by a single participant: Sue Lafferty

Chapter with the highest proportion of member participation: CHICA-Sask-PIC



Local Volunteers were: Mike Losie, Sandra Sabulsky, David Spearin, Peter Freimanis, Dennis Temple, Jill Friedt, Nadine Zello, and Colleen Stoecklein.

A very special thank you to Brenda Temple for organising and coordinating the event and to David Green the National Sales Manager of DEB Canada which sponsored the IFIC Run for the 4th year!!



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 (Ulrika Ransjö, Steve Barrett, and Bill Newsom). Thank you to all those who submit their papers to IJIC and please keep them coming! <http://www.ijic.info/>

International Journal of Infection Control has just 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, Ms Elizabeth Anne Scicluna elizabeth.scicluna@theific.org

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Original Articles

Telemetry leads harbor nosocomial pathogens. N Safdar, J Drayton, J Dern, S Warrack, M Duster, M Schmitz

Comparison of efficacy profiles for minimum lethal concentrations (MLCs) of some commonly used commercial hospital microbicidal detergent-disinfectant products for disinfectants and sporicidal activity. F Deshaies, D Ahmed, R Massicotte, G Pichette, P Belhumeur, A Assanta Mafu

Mobile phones and nosocomial infections. R Ibrahim Badr, H Ibrahim Badr, N Mansour Ali

A prospective survey of percutaneous injuries in dental post graduates during periodontal procedures. R Bali, N Pandit, Z Bali, D Thapar

Leading Hand Hygiene from the Circle of Concern to the Circle of Influence. N Wai Khuan

Practice Forum

Safer patient care through better Peripheral Intravenous Catheter management. E Tartari Bonnici

Impact on Health care associated Infection rates by Continuous training of Nursing staff in our hospital. R Mani, R Rao

Short Reports

Nebulizer induced superinfection and sepsis with *Chryseobacterium indologenes* in a postoperative patient with *Acinetobacter baumannii* pneumonia: a case report and review. K Padmaja, V Lakshmi, Y Sreekanth, R Gopinath

Letters to the Editor

What is the distance between saying and doing? M Carneiro, M Suzana Persch, J Grotto Souza, E Carlosso Krummenauer, J Aparecida Alves Machado

Announcement: Martin S Favero Award

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the IFIC Board, and the awards Committee of the 2012 IFIC Conference, it gives me great pleasure to announce Dr Anna Hambræus as the winner of the MS Favero award.

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

We are delighted with this decision, and will be looking forward to Dr Hambræus' keynote presentation at the 25th IFIC Conference in Croatia, where she will be presented with this award.

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



World Health Organization

Congratulations to everyone who has worked hard to be part of the celebrations for the fourth year of WHO **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** global annual campaign. The commitment has once again been overwhelming and demonstrates that there is truly a global momentum for improving patient safety through clean hands year on year. This year has seen celebrations on a number of days, including on 5 May in many countries where Saturday is a regular working day, as in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, and in many other parts of the world on 7 May. A new congratulations message is now available to acknowledge all your efforts regarding 5 May!

Felicidades a todos aquellos que con su arduo trabajo, se han unido a la cuarta celebración anual consecutiva de la campaña mundial de la OMS **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands**. La respuesta alrededor del mundo, ha sido una vez más abrumadora y demuestra que existe realmente un impulso global para mejorar la seguridad del paciente a través de la higiene de las manos. Este año ha sido testigo de celebraciones a lo largo de varios días, incluyendo el 5 de mayo en muchos países donde el sábado es un día laborable, como en la Región del Mediterráneo Oriental, y el 7 de mayo en muchas otras partes del mundo. Como un reconocimiento a su esfuerzo y a su apoyo para este 5 de mayo, sírvase encontrar este mensaje de felicitación en nuestra web

Félicitations à tous ceux dont le travail permet la célébration annuelle de cette campagne mondiale **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands**, pour la quatrième année consécutive. Votre engagement démontre une nouvelle fois la nécessité de faire progresser la sécurité des patients par l'amélioration de l'hygiène des mains année après année. Cette année, les célébrations du 5 mai se déroulent sur plusieurs jours, notamment le 5 mai dans les pays où le samedi est un jour ouvrable, comme dans la région Est-Méditerranéenne de l'OMS, mais aussi le 7 mai dans les autres régions du monde. En reconnaissance de votre investissement, un message de félicitations vous est adressé, à l'occasion de ce 5 mai 2012.

Reminder on the global burden of endemic health care-associated infection

The global burden of endemic health care-associated infection still needs to be addressed. The WHO report on this topic, issued in 2011, still provides key information on this problem and points out lessons learned and future perspectives.

· [Read the report on the burden of endemic health care-associated infection worldwide](#)

What have we achieved together in 2012?

Registrations for SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

New countries are still coming on board every year. In 2012 we aimed to have at least five new countries part of **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** in order to extend the impact of clean hands in health care and reach a total of 155 countries involved.

We are delighted to announce that over the last weeks six countries (**Afghanistan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Zambia**), have joined us with health-care facilities participating in this exciting global movement for the first time. This is again an incredible achievement for these countries that have chosen to focus on this topic while they face many other challenges. Thank you to those individuals who led in achieving these registrations!

Total registrations this year have reached **15 047 health-care facilities from 156 countries** which corresponds to more than **3.7 million patient beds** and means almost **10 million health-care workers** trying to improve patient safety. See the latest registration numbers per country now! · [Registration numbers](#)

Many already participating countries have continued to increase their health-care facility registrations. Thank you for continuing to spread the message and for using this global annual campaign to help achieve clean hands at the point of patient care. It doesn't end on 5 May, both registrations and action can and should continue every day, every month, every year.

Announcing new ministry of health pledges to tackle patient safety and health care-associated infection!

This year two new country ministries of health have signed the WHO pledge, Afghanistan on 10 April 2012 and Lebanon on 3 May 2012. Again, this is a great achievement and very encouraging for others.

Announcing new countries joining WHO CleanHandsNet!

WHO CleanHandsNet (CHN) is an informal network of coordinators/leaders of hand hygiene activities, with the aim of sharing experiences and learning from each other. This year we are pleased to announce that the following countries have joined CHN: **Argentina, Bulgaria, Hungary, Ethiopia, Serbia, South Korea**. More countries are expected to meet the [WHO criteria for participation](#) in the next future.

Announcing the first results of the WHO Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment global survey

This survey was launched in 2011 and we are pleased to announce that today the first results are posted on the [WHO web pages](#).

2119 health-care settings from 69 countries submitted their complete Framework results to WHO. We want to thank everyone who committed to undertaking this exercise and those who facilitated participation, such as hand hygiene campaign coordinators from many countries, WHO regional focal points for patient safety, other WHO staff from country offices and many stakeholders around the

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world. It not only helps to maintain the global profile of hand hygiene but in every health-care facility, it truly helps to direct action. The WHO Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment Framework can still be used; it has been downloaded over 73 000 times since it was issued on 5 May 2010; one of the most popular WHO tools ever!

5 May 2012 call to action - 'What's YOUR plan?'

This year we promoted action in each month of 2012 leading up to 5 May; an action each month to help you plan and improve practices. These were based on your WHO Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment Framework results and called '5 Steps to 5 May'. The Template Action Plans were then made available by WHO in 2012 to support you all with your improvement efforts. These have been downloaded over 6000 times. WHO also received copies of examples of local action plans - thank you to those who shared these with us. Like the WHO Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment Framework, you can use the WHO template action plans any time. These are available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

Advocates for SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands

WHO has again provided links to [web pages](#) which have featured **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** 5 May and associated hand hygiene activities. We hope that these features will be retained day on day, year on year to maintain the local and global profile of the campaign. This is critical for the long-term sustainability of **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands**.

Announcing a new collaboration to enhance the role of advocates

Launched today, the [Private Organizations for Patient Safety](#) (POPS) led by the WHO Patient Safety programme will work with key advocates in the private sector to improve the spread, implementation and impact of hand hygiene. POPS will be a computer-based platform for knowledge sharing to promote compliance with WHO recommendations, share information and enhance hand hygiene product availability and accessibility in all parts of the world.

Available today!

This year again we are pleased to announce the support of Webber Training in broadcasting Professor Didier Pittet's free teleclass, 'Keeping the hand hygiene agenda alive: acting on data, and the influence of global surveys'. Three different opportunities will be available on 7 May:

· at 2.30 pm CET and 1.30 pm NYT in English · at 4 pm CET in French

Please [register](#) and join this teleclass!

Cette année encore, nous avons le privilège d'annoncer, grâce au soutien de *Webber Training*, la diffusion de la conférence (accès libre) donnée par le Professeur Didier Pittet: «Maintenir l'hygiène des mains au sommet de l'agenda: données récentes et impact des enquêtes mondiales».

Trois diffusions auront lieu au cours de la journée du 7 mai 2012:

· en anglais – à 14:30 CET et 13:30 NYT · en français – à 16:00 CET

SVP enregistrez-vous et rejoignez la [téléclasse](#)!

If you haven't yet seen or used Professor Didier Pittet's and/or Sir Liam Donaldson's video messages in support of hand hygiene, you can still [access these](#). You can also download the [podcasts](#) "audio files" based on these videos.

Today WHO will make available the following new tools tool or translations:

- New posters on hand hygiene in outpatient and home-based care and long-term facilities in [French](#) and [Spanish](#)
- New pocket leaflet on hand hygiene in outpatient and home-based care and long-term facilities in [English](#)
- New hand hygiene observation forms for outpatient and home-based care and long-term facilities in [English](#)
- Hand hygiene posters and a pocket leaflet in [Russian](#)
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In 2012, together we have kept the **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands campaign alive; there is ongoing engagement around the globe and it is clear that we can all continue to contribute to action every day. If you are taking action in support of **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** you are already helping to save lives!**

Thank you again for all your efforts. You are our main contacts and advocates and we very much appreciate your support. Congratulations again on another successful 5 May!

WHO Patient Safety: Clean Care is Safer Care team

Previous **SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands** newsletters can be used to help you develop your own messages to encourage others to take action.

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