Dear Colleagues,

A warm hello to all our readers.

This Newsletter is packed with information about IFIC activities, and in particular I would like to draw our readers’ attention to two key items:

We have always stated that our key aim is to facilitate networking amongst those working in the field of Infection Prevention and Control. To achieve this, it is fundamental to have the views of our members, whichever category they are in. A truly representative Board of Trustees can only represent its members if their requirements are known.

To this end, and as promised, the Membership Survey is now available on line (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/1W7Gy2V). We have divided it in two separate areas, one for Member Societies, and one for Associate Members, and on behalf of the IFIC Board, we would be grateful for your support in supplying as many replies as possible.

We strongly encourage you all to fill in the questionnaire. Your thoughts will be essential in helping the Board decide where resources are needed, and how to direct our efforts, and will help shape the future direction of IFIC.

To encourage replies, we will be awarding 3 free registrations for our next Conference, to be held in Malta in March 2014, to 3 different Member Societies, to use for one of their own members. We will also have 3 additional free registrations for Associates, all to be allocated by a draw amongst the completed returns, after the closing date.

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NEXT IFIC CONFERENCE

The Thirteenth International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control will run from Wednesday 2 October 2013 until Friday 4 October 2013 and will be held in collaboration with the XIII Argentine Congress on Epidemiology, Infection Control and Patient Safety, ADECI, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the Panamerican Hotel & Resort.

Keynote lectures will cover infection control: the other side of the moon and Environment and infection preventions. Session titles include: Infections in the ICU; Education models; Disinfection; Use of antimicrobials; Governmental regulation; Reuse of single-use devices; Admission screening; Bundles and checklists; and Surgical site infections.

See page 11 for programme information.
Chair Update, continued

It is also my pleasure to announce the start of the application process for IFIC’s first major grant. This scholarship (value up to £25,000/30,000) has been established to offer an opportunity for mentorship exchange between a mentor from a centre of expertise and a student from a low/medium resource centre. The purpose is to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and expertise in order to achieve best practice in infection prevention and control. For additional information please go to www.theific.org.

The Conference season is definitely amongst us, and IFIC Board members have been busy representing the Federation at various prestigious international meetings.

I would like to extend my warmest personal thanks to colleagues from CHICA-Canada (now renamed Infection Prevention and Control-Canada) for their kind welcome on my first visit to their Conference, and to the lovely city of Ottawa. I took part in the Run for IFIC event, which saw more runners than ever, and in spite of the early 6:30 start was so well organized and so scenic that it made the early wake-up call more than worthwhile!

A number of colleagues, including Dr M Borg (Past Chair of IFIC) were able to attend the APIC meeting in Fort Lauderdale, and our thanks also to them for their kind and openhearted invitation.

It was during this event that Candy Friedman, our Newsletter Editor, received the prestigious Carol DeMille Achievement Award for Leadership in the field of IP&C. Our warmest congratulations to Candy for this well deserved recognition of her work!

ICPIC also took place in Geneva, and we know that it was a great success, attracting members from all over the world thanks to the generous support offered by the organizers.

Our own Conference, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 2 to 4th October in partnership with colleagues from ADECI, is now shaping up really well. For further information and registration details, please go to our web site (www.theific.org), or contact the local organizers.

We all look forward to seeing you there!

Dr Judith Richards (MB BS, FRCPath, UK), Chair, 2013 IFIC Board

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Announcement: Martin S Favero Award

On behalf of the IFIC Board, and the awards Committee of the 2013 IFIC Conference, it gives me great pleasure to announce Prof. Shaheen Mehtar 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 & control, and kindly sponsored by Advanced Sterilization Products, Irvine, CA, recognizes the lifetime achievements of those who have made a significant contribution to the field of Infection Prevention and Control worldwide.

We are delighted with this decision, and will be looking forward to Dr Mehtar’s keynote presentation at the 26th IFIC Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 2 to 4th, where she will be presented with this award.

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

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

Once again the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association – Canada (CHICA-Canada) held its Annual Run (this was #8) for IFIC at CHICA’s 2013 Educational Conference in Canada’s capital city of Ottawa. The run/walk is in aid of the CHICA-Canada Scholarship that helps assist infection control professionals from under-funded or under-resourced countries to attend the annual IFIC Educational Congress.

This year the event was organized by Jo-Anne Janigan and Michelle Larocque-Levac who charted the route from the conference hotel along the Rideau Canal with a loupe behind Parliament Hill and back to the Westin Hotel. A total of 40 people participated as well as the 12 marshalls who assisted along the route. Yet again, Deb Canada was a co-sponsor of the run.

We congratulate the winners:
- Tara Donovan - Fastest Woman
- Jim Gauthier - Fastest Man
- Terrance Smith - Fastest Walker
- CHICA Southern Alberta Chapter won for the most donations raised!!

We also congratulate and thank all those involved, those who donated/sponsored the participants, and CHICA-Canada for its unwavering support and commitment to IFIC.
**Nominations to the IFIC Board**

The Board of Trustees of the International Federation of Infection Control is calling for nominations to the Board from member societies in **Region C (Europe 2)**. The term of office for this position requires a 4 year commitment from January 1st 2014 - December 31st, 2017.

We encourage all society members to nominate a candidate from a member society in the **Group C** region who you believe will effectively represent that membership and the profession of Infection Prevention and Control. Participation on the Board of Directors is a leadership experience that provides rich opportunity for personal and profession growth.

*Region C = Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, FYR Macedonia, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Republic of Moldavia, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan*

Check the web to see which societies from this region are IFIC members. [http://www.theific.org/membersocieties2.asp](http://www.theific.org/membersocieties2.asp)

Nomination forms have been sent to all contact persons from Group C. If a form is needed, or if you need to identify the region you represent, please contact Carol Goldman, IFIC Secretary at carol.goldman@theific.org

**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](http://webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php).

**YOU CAN PAY FOR A FULL YEAR SUBSCRIPTION**

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

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

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

**FREE-ACCESS RECORDINGS LIBRARY - RECENT ADDITIONS**

- June 10, 2013 - Infection Control During Disasters, with Steven Bock and Mie Saijo
- June 4, 2013 - Global Patient Safety, with Sir Liam Donaldson
- April 11, 2013 - Improving Health Care, with Dr. Rashad Massoud
- April 9, 2013 - Innovation and New Indicators in Hand Hygiene Monitoring, with Dr. John Boyce
- March 12, 2013 - Practical Strategies to Control the Spread of *C. difficile* in Healthcare, with Phenelle Segal
- March 11, 2013 - Detecting *C. difficile*: Is There Light at the End of the Colon?, Dr. Stephen Brecher
- March 7, 2013 - Rationale for Dental Infection Control, with Dr. Raghunath Puttaiah
- March 6, 2013 - Patient Participation in Hand Hygiene Promotion and Improvement: Pros and Cons, Dr. Maryanne McGuckin, & Prof. Yves Longtin
- May 17, 2012 - Bug Basics - Essential Microbiology for Everyone, with Jim Gauthier

**NEW POSTERS!!**

Twelve new infection prevention and control posters are available. The downloadable jpg and pdf files are posted at [http://webbertraining.com/freeposterdownloadsc97.php](http://webbertraining.com/freeposterdownloadsc97.php) (along with the 61 that were already available there). Thanks to project sponsors Virox Technologies, Accel, Sage, GOJO, Diversey, and 3M.
Dear colleagues:

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

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

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

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

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

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

We look forward to meeting you in Buenos Aires!

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

Estimados colegas:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Look at the WHO and 5 May 2013 web pages for updates and new documents! You will find:

- 5 May 2013 featured on the WHO home page
- WHO News Release issued on 3 May 2013
- Updated map of SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands registrations
- Updated map of countries/areas running hand hygiene campaigns
- New guidance document: Hand hygiene promotion in health care - Tips for patients
- New page and hand hygiene tools translated in Arabic. We thank very much the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office for support to finalize these tools.
- New page and hand hygiene tools translated in Chinese
- Spanish version of the WHO Guide on Hand Hygiene in Outpatient and Home-based Care and Long-term Care Facilities. We thank very much the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality of Spain for outstanding collaboration to develop this document and translate it in Spanish.
- Videos by Sir Liam Donaldson, WHO Envoy for Patient Safety, and Professor Didier Pittet. These will highlight the focuses of 5 May this year and can be used for celebrations and events on and around 5 May.

AGM ANNOUNCEMENT!

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INFECTION CONTROL

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) will take place during the 13th International Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

All IFIC member delegates, other representatives of member societies and Associate Members are invited to attend.

DATE: Thursday October 3, 2013
TIME: 1300-1400hrs
PLACE: Room to be determined
      Panamericano Hotel & Resort,
      Carlos Pellegrini 551
      Buenos Aires, Argentina
International Journal of Infection Control

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

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

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Editorial Commentary
Stephen P Barrett

Original Articles
Acinetobacter baumannii bloodstream infections in a tertiary hospital: Antimicrobial resistance surveillance. N Al-Mously
Catheter related blood stream infections in ICU: A study from North India. R Gahlot, et al
Compliance with treatment of latent Tuberculosis infection in healthcare workers. C Abad, et al
Evaluation of biological debris on reusable endodontic instruments subjected to different cleaning methods prior to sterilization. P Khullar, et al
Health care waste disposal among private dentist in an Indian city: It's time to act. V Khandelwal, et al
Behaviour change intervention to reduce caregivers’ exposure to patients’ oral and nasal secretions in Bangladesh. ES Gurley, et al

Practice Forum
Mongolia: Infectious diseases and situation of hospital hygiene. W Popp

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 [IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control](http://www.theific.org/basic_concepts/index.htm).

IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control is available in languages other than English thanks to BD, Meiko, Board members, and our member societies. A recent addition is the Spanish translation—with thanks to BD. Chapters 1, 4, 10 and 12 of the French version are also available—with thanks to Meiko. Brand new—Hungarian chapters 1-3, 20, 22 and 28 thanks to the Hungarian Society of Infection Control Practitioners [Magyar Infekciókontroll Társaság]. Check the web site for updates during 2013 as chapters are added!

Information Resources in Infection Control

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

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

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

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

*USA, Canada, Japan, Israel, Australia & New Zealand  ** South & Central America, Mexico & West Indies

MEMBER FEES

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

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

We would like to acknowledge and thank our Corporate Partners for their support and assistance in the fulfillment of our projects and initiatives.
### SAVE THE DATES!

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## NEXT IFIC CONFERENCE
### PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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Peter Pronovost (teleconference) |
| 10.00 - 10.45 am | Coffee break                                                           |
| 10.45 - 11.30 am | Keynote lecture 2
Markus Dettenkofer
"Environment and infection preventon" |
| 11.30 am - 12.30 pm | Pro - Con debate 1
Governement regulation in infection control? Benefits and pitfalls |
| 12.30 - 2.30 pm  | Industry Symposises                                                    |
| 2.30 - 4.00 pm   | Round Table 1 - Regional initiatives in infection control: can models be replicated? |
| 4.00 - 4.30 pm   | Coffee break                                                           |
| 4.30 - 5.30 pm   | Interactive Workshop 1 - How to assess hand hygiene adherence           |
|                  | ABC 1 - Transmission based precautions                                   |
| 5.30 - 6.00 pm   | ABC 2 - Simple recipes for undestable tasks                            |
| 6.00 - 7.00 pm   | ABC 3 - Infection Control from A to Z                                   |

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Stella Maimone
"Infection control: the other side of the moon" |
| 11.30 am - 12.30 pm | Pro - Con debate 2
Admission screening: risk based or universal? |
| 12.30 - 2.30 pm  | Industry Symposises                                                    |
| 2.30 - 4.00 pm   | Round Table 5 - Surgical site infections                               |
| 4.00 - 4.30 pm   | Coffee break                                                           |
| 4.30 - 5.30 pm   | Interactive Workshop 2 - Help! An outbreak                             |
| 5.30 - 6.00 pm   | ABC 4 - Bundles checklists: New tools for old problems                 |

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| 11.30 am - 12.30 pm | Pro - Con debate 3
Re-use of single use devices: never or justifiable? |
| 12.30 - 2.30 pm  | Industry Symposises                                                    |
| 2.30 - 4.00 pm   | Scholarship papers                                                     |
|                  | Free delegate papers                                                   |
| 4.00 - 4.30 pm   | Coffee break                                                           |
| 4.30 - 5.30 pm   | Keynote lecture 5 - “Looking in the crystal ball: infection control in the next decade in South America” Pola Brenner |
|                  | Closing ceremony and prize awards                                      |

*This programme may be amended.*
CONFERENCE VENUE
Hilton Malta Hotel
Portomaso, St. Julians PTM01, Malta
Website: http://www.hiltonmaltahotel.com

REGISTRATION
Conference registration will commence from 15 August 2013. Registration can be performed online or by downloading the registration form from the congress website and mailing / faxing it to the organisers. All applications should be accompanied by payment of the full registration fee.

ACCOMMODATION
A range of hotel accommodations 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.

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR
Confidence Event Ltd.
P.O. Box 42, H-1506 Budapest, Hungary
Phone: +361 3953929; Fax: +361 3953929
E-mail: info@ific2014.com

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* refer to website for list of eligible developing countries

Registration fee for participants includes:
- access to scientific sessions & exhibition
- congress bag & abstract CD
- IFIC educational resources
- welcome reception
- coffee breaks
- buffet lunches during full days
- IFIC Associate membership for 2014

Fee for accompanying persons includes:
- welcome reception
- two half-day tours

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME
IFIC2014 will guarantee an outstanding educational experience for a multidisciplinary delegate mix from medical, nursing and other backgrounds. This shall be achieved through a combination of symposia, state-of-the-art lectures, pro-con debates and industry organised sessions. The academic programme will be regularly updated on the congress website. IFIC conferences are recognised as venues for effective networking and sharing of experiences. Delegates will also have an extensive opportunity to share their research and experience through oral as well as poster presentations.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
Abstracts will be accepted through the conference website from 15 August 2013. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 15 October 2013. The final decision will be communicated to the authors by 30 November 2013. Submissions can be either research based or practice orient ed.

IFIC SCHOLARSHIPS
IFIC will again facilitate attendance through a number of scholarships. Further information can be obtained from the congress website as well as www.theific.org from 01 June 2013. The deadline for scholarship applications is 15 September 2013.

INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION
Ample opportunities will be available for industry participation through exhibition booths, symposia and other sponsorships. IFIC conferences are characterised by the participation of key decision makers and senior representatives from infection control societies worldwide.
IFIC Martin S. Favero 2014 Award
for Active Contribution to Global Infection Prevention & Control

This award has been created to honour the international contributions of Martin S. Favero, Ph.D. in the field of infection prevention & control and is kindly sponsored by Advanced Sterilization Products, Irvine, CA.

It aims to recognize the lifetime achievements of those working in the field of infection prevention and control, who have made significant contributions to global infection prevention. One recipient will be selected each year and will receive the award at the annual conference of International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC).

Eligibility

Persons eligible for the Martin S. Favero Award should be professionals practicing infection prevention and control within a health care setting for at least three years. They should additionally meet the following criteria:

1. Be a recognized expert who has made significant contributions to the field of infection prevention and control at an international level, especially in developing countries and/or limited resource regions.
2. Have evidence of outstanding and significant contributions to the fields of infection prevention as evident by publications (e.g., peer-reviewed scientific publications, chapters in professional texts, etc.) and/or presentations at national and international professional conferences.
3. Achieved international recognition as an investigator and authority in infection prevention.
4. Have a reputation for giving an excellent presentation.
5. Must not have received the award in previous years.

Application/Nominations

- Nominations are solicited from IFIC member societies as well as Patron & Associate Members.
- Nominees will be judged by an appointed selection committee which will examine the curriculum vitae, a nomination letter and at least one letter of support.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations must be submitted on or before 30th September, 2013.

Nomination Process

- Completed applications should be addressed to the Chair, International Federation of Infection Control through an email sent to awards@theific.org. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- The email should include:
  - Full details of the nominating member.
  - A nominator's written explanation for choosing the candidate
  - A current curriculum vitae that includes research activities, publications, international activities relevant to the subject of infection prevention.
  - One letter of support and two professional references; each professional reference must include name, title, address, phone number and email address, if available.

Selection Process

- The IFIC Chair will assemble a team of at least three (3) persons to serve as the selection committee for this award.
- The selection committee will review the applications using a scoring grid based on pre-established criteria and scoring guidelines.
- The winning nominee will then be submitted to the Chair for approval.

Award Process

- The winner will be notified of the decision by end December 2013, and invited to attend the annual IFIC conference, present the Marty S. Favero keynote lecture and receive the Award.
- IFIC will also inform Martin S. Favero (or his designee) and Advanced Sterilization Products of the winner.
- The organizations/persons submitting a nomination will be sent a letter notifying them of the name of the winner, and thanking them for their efforts.