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Chair Update



Judith Richards
Chair, 2014
IFIC Board

Once again, a warm welcome to this issue of our Newsletter.

This will be my last issue as Chair of IFIC. The four years since I took over this role have just flown by, and been a fantastic experience. I have been greatly privileged to work on the Board with an outstanding group of people from all over the world, and met many more during my term of office. The range of experiences, backgrounds, and inputs have helped to create a great atmosphere, and helped us to develop even further, moving forward with exciting new projects, and providing and participating in memorable educational events.

The Association has continued to evolve and expand. The changes we brought about in our system of geographical representation on the Board have helped to develop strong partnerships, and enabled better participation of and from all areas around the globe.

Our electronic journal, IJIC, is now published four times a year, and we will shortly be able to report its impact factor. Together with the updated web site, and the translations of the Basic Concepts book, plus the availability of the e-based PowerPoint supported course (based on the book), we hope to reach out to an even wider infection prevention and control audience.

The annual conference has grown, and is now recognised as one of the leading infection prevention and control educational events, offering excellent scientific quality, opportunities for networking, and value for money. Our thanks to all those who contributed to these developments, especially to those member societies who have offered freely the support and participation of some of their key scientific leaders. The strong presence of some of our corporate partners has also contributed in great part to make these events highly successful, and our thanks to them.

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NEXT IFIC CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the 15th IFIC Congress in New Delhi, India, 22-24 March 2015. It will be held along with the 13th HISICON as a joint event in the field of infection prevention and control in India.

The Hospital Infection Society - India is an association of medical professionals with a special interest in the prevention and control of hospital infections. Founded in 1991, the society presently has more than 700 members.



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Chair Update continued

We have completed the membership survey. It is greatly encouraging to see the number of responses that rate the services offered by IFIC as excellent or good. Interesting comments have also been received, and are currently being reviewed. We aim to ensure they help our future direction.

These initiatives have only been possible through the hard work and commitment of our Board members, and especially to those working with the Board in an ex-officio capacity, as well as to those offering administrative support services. My heartfelt and warm thanks to all of them.

Finally, my best wishes to the incoming Chair, Terrie Lee, who will undoubtedly serve IFIC in an excellent way, and help sustain and develop further the organization.

Thank you.
Judith Richards
Chair, IFIC, June 2014

NEW IFIC MEMBERS

Infection Control Association (Singapore) www.icas.org.sg

Chairperson/President	Dr Ling Moi Lin
Vice President	A/Prof Helen Oh
Secretary	Ms Lee Shu Lay
Treasurer	Ms Chua Gek Hong
Office bearer	Ms Lily Lang Ren Lee
Office bearer	Ms Goh Swee Eng

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Office bearer	Legeza Kostyantyn

WANT TO JOIN IFIC AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER? GO TO
[http:// www.theifc.org/reg1b.asp](http://www.theifc.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

The WHO programme “Clean Care is Safer Care” has expanded its mandate to a number of new infection prevention and control (IPC) topics over the last couple of years, while maintaining hand hygiene promotion at the heart of its work. They have started to work on the prevention of surgical site infections and catheter-related bloodstream infections (CRBSI), injection safety, as well as antimicrobial resistance, with underlying main focus on IPC in developing countries.

PROHIBIT: a comprehensive study on IPC and CRBSI prevention across Europe

The Prevention of Hospital Infections by Intervention & Training (PROHIBIT) is a project funded by the European Commission and based on a consortium of European institutions coordinated by the Infection Control Programme and WHO Collaborating Centre on Patient Safety at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. WHO HQ participated in designing the project and is leading its dissemination. PROHIBIT was rolled out from 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2014. Its main objectives have been to understand the variations of HAI prevention in Europe and to test the success of a strategy to prevent CRBSI. Some important publications have already been generated by PROHIBIT and many more are being prepared.

<http://www.who.int/patientsafety/implementation/bsi/prohibit/en/index.html>

Update on the WHO 5 May 2014 global surveys

The WHO 5 May 2014 global surveys (<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/global-surveys/en/>) were closed on 15 June 2014. 420 health-care settings participated in the WHO “Laboratory-based Survey on MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT ORGANISMS (MDROs) in Health Care”, while data on 10 438 operated patients were submitted for the “Survey on the use of SURGICAL ANTIBIOTIC PROPHYLAXIS”. Data is available nationwide for some countries!

These surveys will provide invaluable information to complement the recently issued comprehensive WHO “Antimicrobial resistance: Global report on surveillance 2014” (<http://who.int/drugresistance/en/>) and will inform and drive future actions to combat antimicrobial resistance.

Events, training and information

World Sepsis Day – WHO urges all of you to participate in World Sepsis Day (<http://www.world-sepsis-day.org>) on 13 September 2014! Over 200 national organizations from more than 40 countries across all continents have committed to celebrating World Sepsis Day! WHO fully supports the activities of the Global Sepsis Alliance to raise awareness of the burden of sepsis and to promote best approaches for the prevention, monitoring and management of sepsis.

2nd International Course on Implementation in Infection Control – This is a course organized by the Infection Control Programme and WHO Collaborating Centre on Patient Safety at the University of Geneva. International experts in implementation science are part of the faculty. The work of WHO on hand hygiene promotion will be presented by Professor Allegranzi. Register as soon as possible for this course, which will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 22-23 September 2014. (https://global.aesculap-academy.com/go/?action=AkadEventData&event_id=388640&evdate=388649)

ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course - Infection Management in the Elderly: Room for Improvement – This course is a unique opportunity to get top experts’ advice and participate in interactive discussions about the challenges to prevent, diagnose and manage infections in the elderly. Among many other interesting themes, Professor Benedetta Allegranzi and Dr Maria Luisa Moro will discuss the problems of multidrug resistance and IPC in long-term care facilities and nursing homes. Register as soon as possible for this course, which will be held in Annecy, France, on 2-3 October 2014! (https://www.escmid.org/profession_career/educational_activities/escmid_courses_and_workshops/infection_management_in_the_elderly_room_for_improvement/)

ICAN 2014 Conference – Register for and send your abstract to the 5th Infection Control African Network Conference (<http://www.icanetwork.co.za/conferences/next-ican-conference/>) to be held in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 3 to 5 November 2014! The WHO Clean Care is Safer Care team will make several presentations on surgical site infections, injection safety and hand hygiene, including a keynote from Professor Didier Pittet.

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, 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

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—Walter Popp

Reviews

Life on the edge for the Indian dentist: A look at infection control and its application for Indian dental offices. AF Farias, S Rai, T Rao

The evidence-based principles of VAC dressing applications; A review of the literature. R Mafi, M Malahias, DJ Jordan, S Hindocha

Original Articles

Surveillance of surgical site infections after gastrointestinal surgery in the south region of the Netherlands. A Ramcharan, E Smeets, M Rouflart, F Tiel, C Bruggeman, S Breukink, J Tordoir, C Baeten

In vitro efficacy of triclosan coated polyglactin 910 suture against common bacterial pathogen causing surgical site infection. M SenGupta, D Banerjee, M Sengupta, S Sarkar, S Nag, RKM Singh

Improved control of nosocomial *C. difficile* transmission by daily use of an oxygen-releasing sporicidal disinfectant. M Hell, D Schmid, E Simons, C Bernhofer, M Voith, A Wagner, H Salmhofer, D Achleitner, P Stalzer, F Allerberger

Combination of two methods for *Legionella* disinfection of water systems (cooling towers and potable water) in a Spanish hospital. J-M Rivera, J-M Aguiar, A Vos-Arenilla, L Aguilar, M-J Gimenez, J-J Granizo

Practice Forum

Reducing blood culture contamination rate: A quality assurance project in a Malaysian tertiary hospital. S R Ramli, S Zahari, A Sadri, ZF Aziz, A Francis

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.

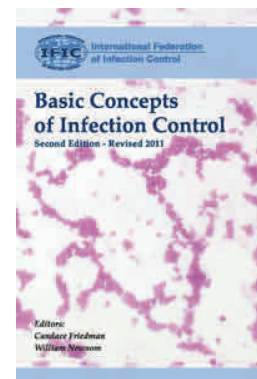
Practice Forum: Submissions of a more descriptive account of how IC practitioners or teams tackled a specific challenge or brought about improvement in the prevention or control of healthcare-associated infections in their institution or country. 2000 words maximum; unstructured format.

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

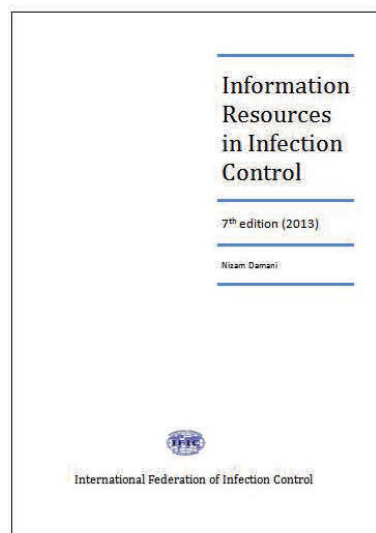
IFIC continues with its aim to provide up-to-date, scientifically sound tools and educational materials that can be used by professionals the world over. This new edition of IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control builds on its predecessors, enhancing and updating in a scientific way the knowledge required 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.



Helping all people
live healthy lives

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—6, 10 and 12 of the French version are also available—with thanks to Meiko. Hungarian chapters 1-3, 6-9, 11, 20, 22 and 28 thanks to the Hungarian Society of Infection Control Practitioners [Magyar Infekciókontroll Társaság]. Chapters translated into Arabic include 1-10. **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 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!

SUNNY START FOR 9TH ANNUAL IFIC RUN/WALK

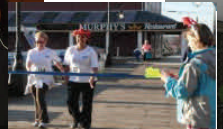
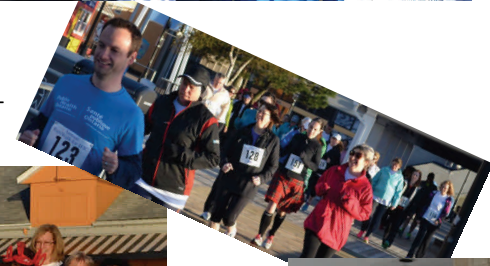
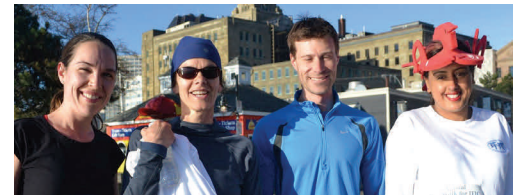
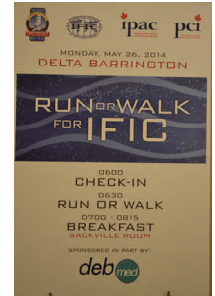
Monday May 26th, 2014 participants of the Infection Prevention & Control –Canada 2014 National Education conference took to the Halifax Harbour waterfront to participate in the 9th annual run/walk for IFIC. The run/walk is in aid of the IPAC-Canada Scholarship that helps assist infection control professionals from under-funded or under-resourced countries to attend the annual International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC) education meeting.

This year’s event was organized by Tanya MacNeil. Participants’ enjoyed seeing the sun rise and were eager to get started with their run/walk as it was a chilly morning at 2° Celsius. They were not chilly for long, as they took in scenes along the waterfront starting at the Dockyard Clock and preceding to the Seaport market and back. Many brave bug killing Infection Control Professionals joined Braveheart, Slayer of Germs (Jim Gauthier) and donned a kilt to raise funds in support. There were a total of 55 participants and 10 volunteers to help out along the way. Deb Canada was again a co-sponsor of the run/walk. The event has netted a contribution of \$4,889.

We congratulate the winners, they were:

- 1st male runner - Jacin Lapoint
- 1st female runner - Bronwen Edgar
- Fastest walker: Bal Sidhu
- Most sponsorship - Jim Gauthier
- IPAC-Eastern Ontario Chapter won for the most donations raised!

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





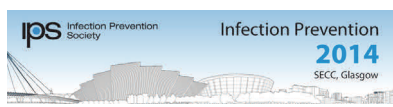




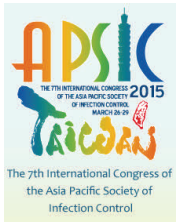
IFIC BOARD REGIONAL COORDINATORS

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

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

SAVE THE DATES!

<p>Fifteenth International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control New Delhi, India 21-24 March, 2015</p> 	<p>ADECI 2014 Congress Buenos Aires, Argentina 17-19 September</p> 
<p>IPS Glasgow, Scotland 29 September - 1 October, 2014</p> 	<p>ID Week Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 8-12 October, 2014</p> 
<p>European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Vienna, Austria 22-24 October, 2014</p> 	<p>5th ICAN Conference Harare, Zimbabwe 3-7 November, 2014</p> 
<p>9th Healthcare Infection Society International Conference (with French Society for Hospital Hygiene) Lyon, France 16-18 November 2014</p> 	<p>7th International Congress of the Asia Pacific Society of Infection Control Taipei, Taiwan 26-29 March, 2015</p> 

See <http://www.ipac-canada.org/ific/ific.php> for more information.

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



CBIC Update

June 2014

2014 Practice Analysis

The Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc., (CBIC) provides direction and administers a certification process for infection prevention and control professionals. CBIC performs a practice analysis (PA) survey every 5 years to assess the current practice of infection prevention and control. The last PA survey was conducted in 2009. CBIC conducted the 2009 survey to ensure its certification examination focuses on current infection prevention practice.

CBIC appoints a Task Force to develop the survey, approve the sampling plan and oversee the distribution and analysis of the responses. The purpose of the Practice – or Job Task – Analysis is to identify the responsibilities of the infection preventionist (IP) / Infection Prevention and Control Professional (ICP) in order to maintain a content valid certification examination that is representative of the IP/ICP. Typically, Practice Analyses are conducted every four to five years.

The final survey has been distributed electronically to those actively involved in infection prevention and control in multiple health care settings throughout the world. All CICs were strongly encouraged to respond so we could capture data on the current practice of infection prevention and control accurately. The CBIC Board greatly appreciates those who have participated in the survey. We are working diligently to compile the results and are excited to share the analysis in the next couple of months.

French Translation of the CIC® Examination

Beginning in November 2014, CBIC will be offering the CIC® examination in French. The Computer-Based Test will be translated into French and will be offered at all Prometric testing sites internationally. Additional updates will be provided later this year.

CBIC President Attended IFIC Conference

CBIC was pleased that our 2014 President, Kathy Suh, MD, CIC, was able to attend the 2014 IFIC Conference in Malta. As a member organization of IFIC, CBIC welcomes the opportunity to network with our international colleagues at important educational activities such as the IFIC conference and we look forward to the 2015 conference in New Delhi.

Reminder for 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 **Regions A (Europe 1), B and F**. The term of office for this position requires a 4 year commitment from January 1st 2015 - December 31st, 2018.

We encourage and invite society members to nominate **“One” candidate from Group A and F** and **“Two” candidates from Group B** who, you believe, will effectively represent your membership and the profession of Infection Prevention and Control. Please note that each Society can offer only one nomination.

Nominations will only be accepted from IFIC Member societies/organisations, **which have paid their IFIC membership fee for the current year**. Participation on the Board of Directors is a leadership experience that provides rich opportunity to grow at the personal and professional level.

Nomination forms will be sent to all contact persons from Groups **A, B and F**. If another form is needed, or if you need to identify the region you represent, please contact Nagwa Khamis, IFIC Secretary, at nagwa.khamis@theifc.org



ICAN/ ICAZ invite you to

5th ICAN Conference 2014

Meikles Hotel, Harare, Zimbabwe



3rd -7th November 2014



An excellent Scientific Programme awaits you

Keynote Speakers

Prof Didier Pittet

Prof Syed Sattar

Prof James Hakim

Important Dates for your diary

Early registration by 31st August, 2014 \$300

Late Registration \$350

**Closing date for submission of abstracts
31st July, 2014**

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ICAZ Chair: & Scientific Chair Prof. Val Robertson

Contact : Neriser Sibhanda: e-mail. lucidevents0@gmail.com

For more information on obtaining a bursary, abstract submission, registration or accommodation, please visit the website on <http://www.icanetwork.co.za/>

IX Pan-American Conference Hospital Acquired Infections and I International Conference of Hospital Acquired Infections, Guayaquil Ecuador

July 30th to August 2nd Sheraton Hotel Guayaquil. <http://www.asociacioncontroldeinfecciones.com/>

Topics:

- Infection Control in Intensive Care Units
- Outbreaks
- Multidrug resistant Organism
- Sterilization News
- Surveillance
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