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Chair Update

Dear IFIC members,

It is with the most excited anticipation that we always look forward to October and, as every year, to the international IFIC conference. IFIC2008 will be groundbreaking in many aspects. It will, to begin with, be the first time that an IFIC conference will be held in the South American continent, a region where we are proud and indebted for an extensive network of member societies and organizations that have shown interest and support of the IFIC mission statement.

Every year, we end our conference with the conclusion that it was the best ever and hope that subsequent events reach the same standard; every following year the next conference invariably surpasses those expectations. I am already convinced that the same will occur in Santiago; indeed the predictions are highly positive.

The academic committee has put together a fantastic programme with a combination of topics that will interest the multidisciplinary audience that characterizes IFIC congresses. A record number of scholarship applications have been submitted, all abstracts of the highest caliber. It was extremely difficult for the independent adjudication committee to whittle down the final short list. A full pre-conference course will also be held before the actual congress commences. We are also anticipating the highest attendance ever.

All of this has been made possible through the sheer dedication of the group of magnificent professionals who form the conference organizing team. On behalf of the IFIC Board,



Michael Borg
Chair, 2008

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Highlights of the IFIC Congress 2008

In little more than a month, the opening ceremony of the 9th IFIC Infection Control Congress will kick off an intensive few days in Santiago, Chile. To date, delegates from 41 countries have registered its participation. This will be the first time that 5 continents will join together in the fight against hospital infections and to improve patient safety within their health care institutions.

This Congress has taken new approaches to ensure a more interesting experience for the delegates, industry representatives and speakers. In the first instance, it was organized fully society-oriented. The majority of the speakers were selected by infection control societies and not as individuals. Therefore the program is very participative making it possible for most of aspects that constitute problems in infection prevention and control to be discussed from the perspective of different pro-

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Donations to support the work of the Federation are welcome. Donations can be designated for either general or scholarship funds. The scholarship fund was established to increase participation at IFIC conferences for under-funded member delegates.

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I must express our grateful thanks to all of them. It is always loathsome to mention names but I cannot fail but highlight the hard work of Professors Pola Brenner and Patricio Nercelles, who over these past couple of years have turned our Chilean dream into reality.

I very much look forward to meeting you in Santiago on the 14 October and share with you all what promises to be an outstanding academic and social experience.

Thank you,
Michael Borg
Chair, 2008 IFIC Board

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professionals around the world.

The Congress will also enhance discussion and interchange of experience. Six pre-conference courses have been organised around some of the most relevant topics in infection prevention and control. Keynote lectures will be delivered by some of the most well known speakers in the field, including Didier Pittet, Seto Wing Hong, Elaine Larson and Gary French. In addition, there will be symposia, workshops, round tables and Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings incorporating more than 70 speakers from all over the world.

The Congress is also highly oriented to ensure that delegates have the opportunity to share their experiences. A total of 194 abstracts have been accepted as posters or oral presentations. Furthermore, during the three days of the Congress, delegates will have the opportunity to participate in eight industry symposia on subjects that complement infection prevention and control and patient safety.

IFIC's aim is to ensure that each Congress offers an opportunity of improvement for healthcare professionals who work daily trying to provide better service to their patients with fewer risks. We are confident that this Congress will achieve this aim and more.

And if the academic programme, meetings and social events were not enough, Chile is a very special country. It is waiting for visitors to share with them its beauty and hospitality.

The aim of the organizers has been to make this the best infection prevention and control event in Latin America this year. We hope that their efforts will leave you with the best memories for many years to come.

See you in Chile next October. Further information about the Congress is available at: www.ific2008.cl

Pola Brenner
Chair of the Congress

Michael Borg
IFIC Chair

INFECTION CONTROL SOCIETIES

At the October Congress in Chile, the Chilean Society of Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology have designed a special room to provide information and promote and encourage relationships among different participant societies.

The room is called “Salón de las Sociedades” (Hall of Societies). Each professional society will have space for one poster. The purpose of poster is to present the society’s activities. Posters will remain in the room through the entire Congress (October 14—17).

Please visit this area to learn more about these important organizations.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Invitation

The Board of the International Federation of Infection Control invites IFIC delegates and other representatives of member societies participating at the conference to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will take place on:

Wednesday, 15 October, 1700 hours at the 9th Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control, Santiago, Chile in Room 1 [Please check the final Conference programme to confirm the room].

The agenda will be distributed at the start of the meeting. Each member society, which is paid up for the year 2008, is entitled to nominate one voting delegate to represent it at the AGM.

All delegates at IFIC2008 are welcome to attend the AGM and participate in fruitful discussions on the future of the Federation and the ways it can assist the member societies as well as the global development of infection prevention and control.

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

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Tuesday, October 14, 2008	Morning preconference courses	Outbreak management Rational use of antimicrobial agents Starting in infection control
	Afternoon preconference courses	Sterilization and disinfection Patient safety Microbiology in nosocomial infections
	19:00	Opening ceremony
	19:30	Hand hygiene pledge signing ceremony
	20:30	Welcome reception
	Wednesday, October 15, 2008	8:30 Keynote
Morning sessions		Epidemiologic surveillance Nosocomial infections in pediatrics and neonatology Nosocomial infections associated with invasive procedures Oral papers – IFIC Scholarships
13:30		Corporate symposia
Afternoon sessions		WHO workshop: Your five moments of hand hygiene Problems – Gram positives New technologies to prevent nosocomial infections Oral papers – Delegate presentations
17:00		IFIC Annual General Meeting

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IFIC Patron Members 2008



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Thursday, October 16, 2008	7:30 Special Interest Groups	Hand hygiene Epidemiological surveillance
	8:30 Keynote	Adopting the bundle approach in prevention of healthcare-associated infections
	9:30 Keynote	The challenge of TB in developing countries
	Morning sessions	Epidemiological predictors Protecting the healthcare worker Antimicrobial resistance
	Afternoon sessions	Workshop: Applying the bundle concept to VAP, CVC, SSI Challenges Workshop Reuse: of medical devices Parallel session: Nosocomial pneumonia Nosocomial infections related to soft tissues, implants and blood transfusions Workshop: Isolation
	20:30	Gala dinner
Friday, October 17, 2008	7:30 Special Interest Groups	Construction and renovation Safe injections
	8:30 Keynote	Changing behavior: effective strategies
	9:30 Keynote	Challenges in prevention and control of multi-resistant Gram negative nosocomial infections
	Morning sessions	Long term care Sterilization and disinfection Big projects in nosocomial infections
	12:30	Corporate symposia
	Afternoon sessions	Parallel session: Environment and infection control Parallel session: CVC Workshop: Selection and use of chemical disinfectants and antiseptics in infection control Workshop: How to develop patient safety programs in low resource countries Workshop: Immunosuppression and nosocomial infections Workshop: Prevention of perinatal infections
	18:30	Closing ceremony



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