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MALAYSIA. 8-11 July 2007
 APSIC 3rd International Congress of the Asia Pacific Society of Infection Control
 "Infection Control in a Global Village"
 Kuala Lumpur,
IFIC will collaborate with the APSIC on this conference
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HUNGARY 18-23 October 2007
 IFIC 8th Annual Conference
 Budapest

CHILE 7-10 October 2008
 IFIC 9th Annual Conference
 Santiago

Chair Update

Dear IFIC members,

It is with immense anticipation not to mention a hint of nervousness that I look forward to the coming year, in which I am privileged to have been requested to fulfil the functions of the Chair of the Board of IFIC Trustees.

The trepidation stems from following in the footsteps of Patricia Lynch whose past 4 years of exceptional leadership of the Federation have seen a massive leap in both quantity and quality. IFIC now has more member organizations than at any other time in the past. Educational materials of ever improving quality continue to be available free of charge whilst our annual congresses have built a reputation of excellent academic content geared for both developed and developing country representatives as well as offering excellent real-time networking opportunities.



Michael Borg
 Chair, 2007 IFIC Board

Any such feelings are however well overshadowed by the sense of anticipation from the opportunities that the coming year offers the Federation, both in terms of its continuing evolution as well as improvement in the level of support that we can provide our member organisations. The IFIC Board has identified the need to continue the revamp of our website, www.theifc.org, to make it an ever more useful source of information through regular updates, innovations and continuing inclusion of new educational materials. Work on a totally updated edition of Basic Concepts is also in hand. The Board is also looking forward to working

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Farewell

As you know, my term ended December, 2006. It has been an honor to serve as the IFIC Chair, and a pleasure to work with all of you. You have seen the number of member associations increase substantially, to the current 69 societies from 58 countries. The number of projects and conferences supported by IFIC has also increased dramatically. In all the countries, there has been good evidence of growth in the form of meetings, conferences and membership. None of this would have been possible without the work of the truly exceptional and outstanding IFIC Board of Directors. There is no adequate way to express my gratitude to them and to you for the great strengthening in our organization.

Many challenges remain. Our world has become surprisingly small in the last decade. I hope to see progress, supported by the member societies, on three of those challenges.

- We saw the potential for global transmission of respiratory diseases including SARS and influenza; both of these are readily transmitted in health care facilities and will require global education, surveillance and prevention.

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IFIC Scholarships Awarded at the 7th Congress in South Africa 2006

Scholarships

Ms. Duong, Vietnam
Ms. Ndhlovu, Zambia
Dr. Khanani, Pakistan
Mr. Gobte, Cameroon

Travel Grants

Dr. Lugina, Tanzania
Ms. L. Nisbet, Namibia
Dr. Alfadihassan, Sudan
Dr. Zeggwagh, Morocco

IFIC Strategic Partners 2006-2007

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

Contributions to IFIC can be sent to:

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Chair Update continued

more closely with our corporate members from industry, whose financial support as well as interactive feedback is highly valued. We are also excited to assist the World Health Organisation in promoting their Global Patient Safety Campaign, particularly concentrating on hand hygiene. Feedback from the 2006 IFIC Congress in South Africa as well as the Open Forum held in conjunction with the recent Hospital Infection Society conference in Amsterdam indicated that the provision of educational materials and other general support to promote hand hygiene in both healthcare institutions as well as in the community was high in the priority of the delegates present. Our collaboration with WHO, as well as the establishment of a Special Interest Group within IFIC dedicated to hand hygiene, should provide a step in the right direction to help our members achieve their aims.

I am confident that our joint efforts will maintain the momentum of the Federation towards its overriding mission statement of providing essential tools, education materials and means of communication for the infection control professions whom we represent.

Michael Borg
Chair, 2007 IFIC Board

Many thanks to Patricia Lynch for serving as the **IFIC** Chair the past four years!

Treasurer's Report

From Nizam Damani

(Audited accounts – Jan-Dec 2005)

Income (UK£) 28,393

- 3,279 Membership fees
- 5,995 Patron member fees
- 10,139 Scholarship donations
- 8,980 Other income

Expenditure (UK£) 23,024

- 16,240 Direct charitable expenditure
- 6,784 Administrative expenses

Net funds (UK£) 45,872 available on 31st December 2005

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of IFIC was held at the RAI Conference Centre in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, in conjunction with the Hospital Infection Society conference on Monday, 16 October.

New members of the IFIC Board were elected during the meeting. They are:

Carol Goldman RN BScN CIC, Infection Control Consultant, Toronto Ontario, Canada

Carol Goldman has been working in the field of infection prevention and control since 1978. She

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Farewell continued

- AIDS continues to march unimpeded into new locations, affecting more people every day; it is disappointing to see it still transmitted through health care procedures, affecting patients and health care workers.
- Education for health care workers in regard to infection prevention is inadequate.

There are now great successes to build on.

- Prevention of ventilator-associated pneumonia, catheter related bloodstream infections and urinary tract infections have had spectacular results in some facilities using accessible methods; this success must be quickly used in all facilities.
- The WHO-directed Global Patient Safety Challenge is providing strong leadership in some of the most important areas of infection prevention, and needs our vigorous support, in all our countries.

IFIC itself is developing capacity rapidly, due in part to the extraordinary work of the Board, but also due to collaboration with individuals and leaders from our member societies. We have the vision to accomplish far more than is presently being done; progress will be more efficient with greater participation and the benefits will spread more rapidly.

Again, thanks for your support, and welcome Dr. Michael Borg as the new Chair.

Patricia Lynch
Chair, 2006 IFIC Board

The First Global Patient Safety Challenge, One Year On

The First Global Patient Safety Challenge of the World Alliance for Patient Safety, *Clean Care is Safer Care*, has shown that it is possible to mount a powerful global response in a bid to curb the spread of infection in health-care settings in all countries of the world

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/resources/en/>. With improved hand hygiene at its core, the first Challenge offers an opportunity to all countries, organizations, teams and individuals to put their efforts behind the first ever global movement concerned with improving hand hygiene in health care. The World Alliance for Patient Safety welcome the support of all professional organizations involved in the field of infectious disease and infection control, in supporting Clean Care is Safer Care.

So far thirty six countries and regions representing over 55% of the world's population have signed on to the Global Patient Safety Challenge "Clean Care is Safer Care"

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/statements/en/index.html> .

On 10 November, 13 countries — Australia, Belgium, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Germany, Kenya, Finland, Luxembourg, Singapore, Sudan, Uganda and the United States— pledged commitment to the initiative . Seven countries and autonomous regions — Bangladesh, Hong Kong SAR, China, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, Spain—reported on their first year of achievements via a video link

http://www.who.int/patientsafety/events/06/year_of_cleaner_care/en/index.html .

Julie Storr BN RN RHV MBA
Project Manager, Global Patient Safety Challenge 1
World Alliance for Patient Safety
World Health Organization

IFIC Scholarship Awards 2005

**Victor D. Rosenthal,
Argentina**
Risk Factor Analysis of Nosocomial Infections In Hospitals, the International Nosocomial Infection Control Consortium (INICC)

**Ansar hmad Ansari,
India**
Catheter related blood stream infections: road to 0% bsi at asian heart institute & research centre

**Nkwan Jacob Gobte,
Cameroon**
Ongoing surveillance and control, of neonatal staphylococcus aureus infections in the obstetry unit

**Galina Kuznecova,
Latvia**
Mrsa and Allergy

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STILL TIME TO ENTER THE INFECTION CONTROL TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Last year's winners are pictured below
- could your team win this year?



1ST PRIZE £5,000

Craigavon Area Hospital Group Trust, Northern Ireland

The judges unanimously awarded the first prize to Craigavon Area Hospital Group Trust for their outstanding teamwork and communication, that has resulted in both good outcomes for patients and significant financial savings.

2ND PRIZE £1,000



Banso Baptist Hospital, Cameroon

The judges felt that the team had, with very limited resources and in a relatively short timescale, revolutionised the standards of hygiene and infection control in this hospital.

3RD PRIZE £500

Health Protection Agency, Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, England



HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

ENTER THE 2006/2007 AWARDS

For details of how to enter the 2006/2007 Oxoid Infection Control Team of the Year Awards, please contact Val Kane, Awards Co-ordinator, at the address shown below or visit www.oxoid.com. **The closing date for receipt of entries is 31 January 2007.**



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Annual General Meeting continued

IFIC Scholarship Awards 2005 continued

Mirosław Jawien, Poland

Surgical Site Infection Following Cholecystectomy, Comparison Of Procedures Performed With And Without A Laparoscope

Conita Hs Lam, Hong Kong

The Professionalization of Infection Control Nurses in Hong Kong

Elizabeth Anne Scicluna, Malta

Increased Needlestick Risk in Junior Medical Doctors, Due to Limited Undergraduate Practical Training

Fombe Justin Ngalla, Cameroon

"Trained Birth Attendants" (Tbas) Prevent Perinatal HIV Transmission

is a past president of CHICA, and has represented CHICA on many committees including the Ministry of Health of Ontario, Public Health Branch on the Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases and The Global Consensus Conference on Infection Control Issues Related to Antimicrobial Resistance Advisory Committee. As well, she was a member of the task force which developed the 1999 APIC/CHICA Professional and Practice Standards. Presently she is a member of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Regional Infection Control Network Working Group. She is the co-author of many publications including the College of Physicians and Surgeons "College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario" She has a strong interest and experience in education.

Jane Murphy, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Infection Control, Dublin Ireland

Jane's interest in Infection Control Nursing began in 1990 when the Director of Nursing kindly sent her to the Infection Control Course at Beaumont Hospital Dublin. Her background was in Intensive Care nursing so it was a welcome opportunity to enhance her career. In 1996 she took up a new position of Infection Control Nurse at the National Infectious Diseases Hospital, Cherry Orchard, Dublin. This was a tremendous challenge as not alone was it a new post but it also covered 14 sites initially. These sites included Hospital, Community, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities.

The Infection Control Nurses Association and particularly the Irish Regional members were her support mechanism. In 1999 she was selected as Co-Coordinator and NEC representative for the Irish Regional group of the ICNA. She was elected to the Finance and General Purposes Committee during four year period on the NEC.

Currently she is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the ICNA. At Regional level she has represented the ICNA on two working parties at the Department of Health and Children. She has also been on a sub committee of the National Diseases Surveillance Centre reviewing the list of Notifiable Diseases.

Jane moved to her present position at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown in 2003. She looks forward to this new challenge as a member of the Board of IFIC.

Walter Popp, Prof. Dr. med. University Medical Center, Essen Germany

Walter Popp qualified in medicine at the RWTH Aachen. He worked for over 6 years at the Miners' Association Hospital Bochum-Langendreer (Ruhr University of Bochum, Germany) and received a specialization in Internal Medicine. In 1989 he went to the Institute of Hygiene and Occupational Medicine of the University Hospital Essen, Germany. There he received specializations in Occupational Medicine, Hygiene and Quality Management in Medicine. He was member of the MAK commission in Germany for 10 years (corresponding to the TLV Committee).

Since 1999 he has been Director of Hospital Infection Control at the University Hospital Essen and chief of the Department of Hospital Hygiene. Additionally, he is medical director of the School for Disinfectors of the Fire Brigade Essen and of the Instruklean Academy, Duisburg, Germany. Since 2006 he has been a member of the board of the German Society for Hospital Hygiene (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Krankenhaushygiene, DGKH).

Scholarship Awards For the Eighth Congress of the IFIC Budapest, Hungary 18 – 21 October 2007

Submission deadline: 15 May 2007

The IFIC places great emphasis on the participation of delegates from developing countries at its annual Congress. In order to facilitate this attendance, the Federation in conjunction with the Local Organizing Committee is making available a number of scholarships.

Scholarships:

At least one main award will be granted, consisting of:

- **free registration** to the conference
- refund - against receipts - of travel expenses, based on the cheapest economy itinerary (up till a **maximum of Euro €800**)
- a subsistence allowance of **Euro €300** to cover 4 nights accommodation at a three star hotel.

A number of smaller bursaries are also usually awarded, covering:

- free conference registration
- a subsistence allowance of **Euro €300** to cover 4 nights accommodation at a three star hotel.

In addition, all scholarship recipients will be invited to present a write-up of their conference presentation, of not less than 1000 words, to be considered for publication in the International Journal of Infection Control. The paper must be presented in full not later than 2 months from the date of the conference and will be reviewed by the scientific committee. If deemed acceptable, an **additional award of Euro €200** will be made at the conference.

Applicants

Applicants must be active in the practice of infection control.

- Preference will be given to participant(s) living in countries with limited resources, particularly in the case of delegates from members societies affiliated with IFIC.
- Participants must present a paper, if possible in oral format. However poster presentations will be accepted from delegates not sufficiently proficient in the English language.

Submissions:

Two types of submissions are accepted:

Research style paper – these types of submissions study a specific aspect of infection control. Abstract should be formally structured into Introduction; Methods; Results; Conclusions. Preference will be given to submissions from low resource countries or regions where published information is currently lacking

“How we did it” – these submissions would be a more descriptive account of how infection control practitioners or teams tackled a specific I.C. challenge or brought about improvement in the prevention or control of healthcare associated infections in their institution or country. Abstracts can be presented in a descriptive non-structured style.

Application forms together with submission instructions and deadlines can be downloaded [from here](#).

Awards:

Applications will be reviewed by a committee established by the IFIC Board, whose decision will be final. Applicants will be informed of the success or otherwise of the application by email reply to the address indicated on the application form. A list of awardees will also be published on the IFIC website.

The scholarship grant will be given in the form of a **cash refund** to the delegate at an award ceremony during the Congress. Scholarship recipients are to make and pay for their own travel and accommodation arrangements; it is also their full responsibility to ascertain whether a visa is required for travel and obtain it well in advance of the conference. In addition, all scholarship recipients are required to confirm acceptance of their award and proof of travel arrangements (purchased air ticket and/or confirmed accommodation arrangements) by not less than 2 months from the date of the conference. Failure to do so may result in the scholarship being withdrawn and offered to another candidate.

Requests for information on conference registration, accommodation, social events or the scientific programme should not be sent to the above address but forwarded **directly** to the local organizing committee as follows:

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