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Chair Update



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Chair, 2015
IFIC Board

Greetings to all of our IFIC members!

We have recently returned from the IFIC Congress, held in collaboration with the Hospital Infection Society India (HISI), in New Delhi, 22-24 March. Many thanks to the IFIC Conference Committee members, Dr. Michael Borg (Chair), Dr. Judith Richards, and Dr. Egil Lingaas. We were given such a gracious welcome by the HISI Board members and the Chair of the conference planning group, Dr. Raman Sardana.

IFIC 2015 was delivered in an atmosphere of learning, sharing, and networking, and all with the goal of reducing the risk of healthcare-associated infections in patients around the world. Sessions included the latest information in our field presented in lectures, symposia, workshops, and a chance to meet with experts for an exchange of ideas on given topics.

We congratulated this year's recipient of the Martin Favero award, Dr. Wing-Hong Seto. We also viewed posters presented, as well as exhibits from generous sponsors who supported the conference. We were treated to top-notch speakers from our host country, India, as well as from various countries who participated as representatives of IFIC Member Societies.

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UPDATE—Group G

Two congresses were held by ESIC and SPIC-EGYPT in October and November 2014 aimed at promoting and updating IPC knowledge and practice among IPC professionals in Egypt. In Tunisia, the "STHSS" conducted its annual instructive course on 2- 4 December 2014. The Arab Health in Dubai included the IPC Chapter in its January 2015 Congress.



NEXT IFIC CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the 16th IFIC Congress in Vienna, Austria, 16-19 March 2016. It will be held along with the Austrian Society for Hygiene, Microbiology and Preventive Medicine (Österreichische Gesellschaft für Hygiene, Mikrobiologie und Präventivmedizin).



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Chair Update continued

Like many of the participants, I especially enjoyed discussions with our colleagues from India and the opportunities to become familiar with the beautiful culture there. On behalf of the IFIC Board, I say a heart-felt thanks to all of our Indian colleagues for a very special conference in a beautiful location. Several pictures from the conference can be found in this newsletter (special thanks to Aaron Cauchi and Glenda Schuh).

The global nature of the IFIC Conference makes it a unique and impressive opportunity to interact with expert contemporaries from around the world. IFIC will be continuing that tradition when we meet in 2016 in Vienna, Austria. I invite you to come and participate in what promises to be an exciting event!

Terrie Lee

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IFIC 2015 Award Recipients

Archana Nikam, Infection Control Nurse
Seven Hills Hospital, Mumbai, India

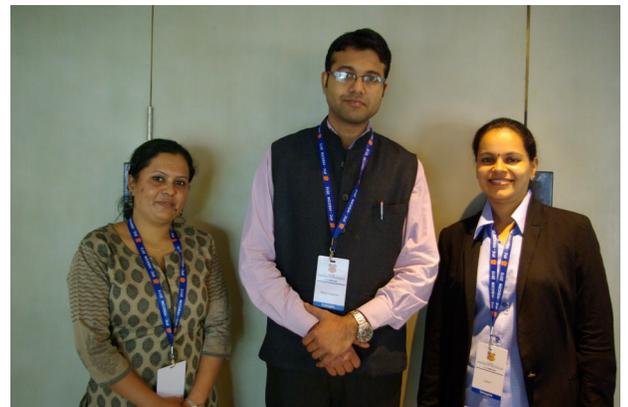
- Effective of Privileging and Training Program on Reduction of CAUTI Rates
- Effective Reminder System on Compliance to Anti-microbial Prophylaxis in Cardiac Surgery

Prince Varghese, Infection Control Nurse
Aiiims Trauma Center, New Delhi, India

- Epidemiology of Blood Stream Infections and Prevention Strategy at Level 1 Trauma Center in India

Latha T, Assistant Professor
Manipal College of Nursing, Manipal University

- MRSA: The Leading Pathogen of Orthopedic Infection



UPDATES—Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Ambulatory Care

The Ambulatory Care SIG meeting in India was replaced by an ambulatory care session. There will be a meeting at the next congress in Vienna to resume the launch of a toolkit.

Home Healthcare

The SIG has established a web-based resource to provide a centralised source of information on IPC in home healthcare. It is a unique web area where IFIC members, and others, can browse, find information and exchange knowledge on IPC related to the increasing amount of healthcare delivered at home to family members who are infected or are more vulnerable to infection.

Do you have relevant materials (reviews, fact sheets, teaching/self-learning resources, patient support materials) that you would be willing to share with the global IPC community? Please help support us in building this resource – and help your colleagues – by [sending them to us](#) and we will promote them on the site, with an appropriate hyperlink to your material.

The resource can be accessed from the IFH website homepage www.ifh-homehygiene.org or from the [IFIC webpage for the SIG](#).

World Health Organization

Why is WHO still promoting hand hygiene in health care? Because every year, patients in every country of the world, are still being harmed and even dying from avoidable infections caused by unclean hands. Their refreshed web pages make the message even clearer and demonstrate ongoing WHO commitment to hand hygiene action around the globe – hand hygiene at the right times saves lives. WHO Clean Care is Safer Care <http://www.who.int/gpsc/en/>

Health-care facility registrations for the WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands 5 May campaign – This year there were over 500 new health-care facility registrations. The African region had the highest increase, with both the Republic of South Africa and Sierra Leone contributing significantly to this (http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/registration_update/en/). Sign your health-care facility up for the campaign if you haven't already done so and tell others to do this too! <http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/register/en/>

Is your website featured here: http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/SLCYH_5May2014/en/? Many now are, but if yours is not, and you have posted your 5 May activities with a link back to the WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands web page, then WHO can sort this out.

WHO Hand Hygiene Self-Assessment Framework Global Survey 2015 – find out more about how you can participate in this global survey. You can submit your survey results to WHO between 1 June – 1 Sept 2015. By doing this, you support progress of hand hygiene action in your facility and worldwide and help highlight areas for further improvement, from which we can all learn (http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/EN_PSP_GPSC1_5May_2015/en/).

New hand hygiene and Ebola information – a new WHO web page has been created that features stories from Ebola affected countries as well as resources http://www.who.int/entity/gpsc/hand-hygiene_ebola/en/index.html

NEW WHO GUIDELINE

Infection prevention and control of epidemic- and pandemic- prone acute respiratory infections in health care, 2014

http://who.int/csr/bioriskreduction/infection_control/publication/en/





CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 16th Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC2016) will run from Wednesday 16 March 2016 until Saturday 19 March 2016. The official language of the congress shall be English, while the plenary session and one parallel session will offer simultaneous interpretation to German. Further information can be accessed from the website: www.ific2016.com

CONFERENCE VENUE

Austria Trend Hotel Savoyen

Rennweg 16, Vienna, Austria, A-1030

Website: <http://www.austria-trend.at/Hotel-Savoyen-Vienna>

REGISTRATION

Conference registration will commence from 15 September 2015. Early bird reduced fees will remain applicable until the 15 January 2016. All applications should be accompanied by payment of the full registration fee.

ACCOMMODATION

A range of hotel accommodation will be available in various categories and price ranges. Hotel bookings will be possible from 15 September 2015 via the congress website.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

An interesting social programme, including half and full day tours and excursions, will also be available.

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

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REGISTRATION FEES

	Until 15 Jan 2016	After 15 Jan 2016	On site registration
Developing countries*	€ 300	€ 350	€ 500
IFIC Associate Members	€ 300	€ 350	€ 500
Other delegates	€ 375	€ 450	€ 500
Accompanying persons	€ 100	€ 125	€ 150

* refer to website for list of eligible developing countries

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

IFIC2016 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 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 01 September 2015. The deadline for submission of abstract is 15 November 2015. The final decision will be communicated by 15 December 2015. Submissions can be either research based or practice oriented.

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.theifc.org from 01 July 2015. The deadline for scholarship applications is 01 November 2015.

INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION

IFIC conferences are characterised by the participation of senior representatives from infection control societies worldwide and offer unique opportunities for industry to network with these key decision makers through participation in exhibition booths, symposia and other sponsorship possibilities.

Registration fee for participants includes:

- access to scientific sessions & exhibition
- congress bag & abstract CD
- IFIC educational resources
- welcome reception
- coffee breaks
- simple lunch during full days
- IFIC Associate membership for 2016.

Fee for accompanying persons includes:

- welcome reception
- two half-day tours

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 (Kathy Suh, 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 Commentary

Editorial S Kalenic

Reviews

Challenging suboptimal infection control. D Cioffi, J Cioffi

Original Articles

The effect of applying central line insertion and maintenance bundles in a renal dialysis unit – an effort to reduce CRBSI rate. MA Fouad, AA Gabbad, MA Razik

Global practices related to handling of faeces and urine in hospitals - results of an IFIC survey. W Popp, K Zorigt, M Borg, S Zerafa, N Khamis, N Damani, A Sowande, C Friedman, C Goldman, T Lieske, T Lee, J Richards

Seroprevalence and factors associated with surface antigen of Hepatitis B virus and anti Hepatitis C virus antibody among southern region of India, Tamil Nadu. N Krishnasamy, K Rajendran, P Radhakrishnan, C Annasamy, S Ramalingam

“The cookie monster muffler”: Perceptions and behaviours of hospital healthcare workers around the use of masks and respirators in the hospital setting. H Seale, J-S Leem, J Gallard, R Kaur, AA Chughtai, M Tashani, R MacIntyre

Bacterial contamination of mobile phones of health care workers at Jimma University Specialized Hospital, Jimma, South West Ethiopia. GM Misgana, K Abdissa, G Abebe

Contaminated operating theatre foot wears: a potential source of healthcare associated infections in a northern Nigerian hospital. EO Nwankwo, AO Akande

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.

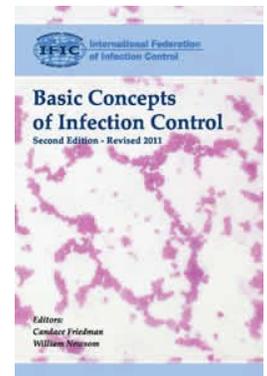
Practice Forum: Submissions of a more descriptive account of how IC practitioners or teams tackled a specific challenge or brought about improvement in the prevention or control of healthcare-associated infections in their institution or country. 2000 words maximum; unstructured format.

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.



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.



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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. Thanks to the Hungarian Society of Infection Control Practitioners [Magyar Infekciókontroll Társaság], chapters 1-3, 6-9, 11, 20, 22 and 28 have been translated. All chapters have been translated into Arabic. Simpios provided the Italian translation. The Bulgarian Association for Prevention and Infection Control “BulNoso” has recently translated Basic Concepts into Bulgarian. Check the web site for updates as chapters are added!



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America 2**:	Carolina Giuffré
Europe:	Biljana Carevic/Anni Juhl-Jørgensen
Asia:	Jeanne Pfeiffer
EMRO:	Nagwa Khamis
Africa:	Abimbola Sowande

*USA, Canada, Japan, Israel, Australia & New Zealand

** South & Central America, Mexico & West Indies

SAVE THE DATES!

<p>Sixteenth International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control Vienna, Austria 16-19 March, 2016</p> 	<p>Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada)/ Prévention et contrôle des infections Canada (PCI Canada) 2015 National Education Conference Victoria, British Columbia 14-17 June</p> 
<p>3rd International Conference on Prevention & Infection Control Geneva, Switzerland 16-19 June, 2015</p> 	<p>APIC Annual Conference 2015 Nashville, Tennessee, USA 27-29 June</p> 
<p>Infection Prevention Society Liverpool, England 28-30 September, 2015</p> 	<p>Infection Prevention & Control Nurses College Napier, New Zealand 2-4 September, 2015</p> <p>Building Beyond Napier, New Zealand 2-4 September 2015</p> 
<p>Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) Annual Conference Hobart, Tasmania 22-25 November, 2015</p> 	<p>17th International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID) Mar 2-5, 2016 Hyderabad, India</p> 

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