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Chair Update

Hello and welcome to the January issue of IFIC News. I trust that each of you and your organizations have begun to work on new infection prevention and control priorities as we enter 2016. The IFIC Board held its fall board meeting in Malta, immediately prior to the IFIC Behavior Change Course. This three-day course was an exciting opportunity to address many issues that are important to infection prevention and control programs around the world – how can we change the behavior of healthcare workers so that we reduce the risk of infection? Professor Michael Borg did a fantastic job of planning and directing this course, taught by an impressive faculty from several countries. Course participants engaged in workshop activities and helped to plan strategies for improvements in our own organizations. Many thanks to Michael and his wonderful staff for making us feel so welcome again in beautiful Malta! See page 8 for pictures of the event.

On behalf of the IFIC Board, I am very happy to welcome the two newest members of our Board. **Anne-Marie Andersen** comes from the Society of Infection Control Nurses in Denmark. She is the Infection Control Nurse at Aarhus University Hospital in Aarhus and will be helping to represent infection control societies from the western European region. We also welcome **Dr. Po-Ren Hsueh** from the Infection Control Society of Taiwan. Representing societies from the Asian region, Professor Hsueh works in the Divisions of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Departments of Laboratory Medicine and Internal Medicine at National Taiwan University and Hospital. We look forward to working with both of these new board members in 2016.

IFIC2017 will be held in association with Associação Paulista de Epidemiologia e Controle de Infecção Relacionada à Assistência à Saúde in the beautiful city of Sao Paolo, Brazil. More details soon.





2016 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).



Go to http://www.ific2016.com/ for complete information—and see pages 5 and 7—9.







Chair Update continued from p. 1

Our next board meeting will be held immediately prior to the 2016 IFIC Congress in Vienna, Austria. All board members will be present at the conference and available to speak with any of you that week. We hope you join us for this important event, taking place at the Austria Trend Hotel Savoyen. Along with representatives from the Austrian Society for Hygiene, Microbiology and Preventive Medicine and IFIC, the planning committee has produced a conference that is not to be missed. We are grateful to Walter Koller, Martin Wagner, Birgit Willinger, Markus Hell, Michael Borg, Judith Richards, and Egil Lingaas for bringing together such a promising event!

In one highlight of the conference, IFIC will be recognizing Dr. Benedetta Allegranzi from the World Health Organization with the Graham Ayliffe award. Given in honor of Graham Ayliffe, one of IFIC's founding members, this award is meant to recognize an expert who has made significant contributions to the field of infection prevention and control at an international level and has long supported IFIC activities. We are excited to have Dr. Allegranzi speak to us about her work, and to have this opportunity to acknowledge her contributions at the IFIC Conference!

I look forward to meeting many of you in Vienna. Please let us know how IFIC can serve your needs by contacting us with questions or concerns. You can contact your regional representative, as noted on our website, or contact me directly.

Terrie Lee Chair, IFIC (tleewv@msn.com)

NEXT AGM

Friday, 18 March, 2016
Paris/Wein/Turin Rooms
Austria Trend Hotel Savoyen, Vienna, Austria

MANY THANKS TO PROFESSOR SMILJA KALENIĆ

Professor Smilja Kalenić is the former head of the Clinical Institute for Clinical and Molecular Microbiology, Clinical Hospital Center, and head of the Reference Centre for Hospital Infections Croatian Minis-

Dr. Kalenić served on the IFIC Board from 2002-2009 and then transitioned into a new role as Editor -in-Chief of the International Journal of Infection Control (IJIC). Having taken over from Dr Judith Richards as editor of IFIC's journal, she worked tirelessly to develop the journal even further into its electronic format.

try of Health. She has published numerous articles in professional journals.

During her time as IJIC Editor, and working closely with the Journal's administrator, Elizabeth Scicluna, and with her Assistant Editors, she increased its publication to four issues per year. She strived constantly to increase its readership and to enhance the quality of the submissions received. She retired from this position at the end of 2015, having also contributed greatly to the Abstracts and Scholarships Committee of the Annual IFIC Conference. Dr. Kalenic has offered to continue as an Assistant Editor for this upcoming year.



The International Federation of Infection Control thanks Dr. Kalenić for her many years of valuable service and contributions to our organization.

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INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEE SCHOLARSHIP





IPAC Canada and Sage Products LLC are pleased to announce the launch of the **Sage International Attendee Scholarship**. The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to eligible infection prevention and control professionals from under

nancial assistance to eligible infection prevention and control professionals from under-resourced nations to attend an IPAC Canada National Education Conference.

The maximum amount granted to each recipient per award year would be the equivalent of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00 CAD). Applicants will not necessarily receive the full amount. The award will include registration for the entire conference, including both pre and post conference education sessions, economy air travel, and a maximum of five (5) nights' accommodation, and meals. In addition, the applicant will receive one complimentary ticket to the conference special event(s).

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: January 31, 2016. Go to http://www.ipac-canada.org/ opps_sage_international_scholarship.php for more information.

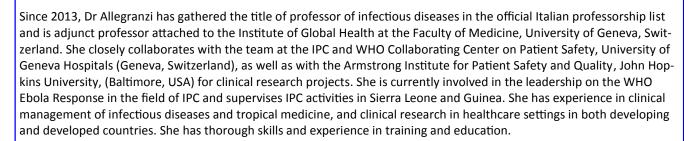
Professor Graham Ayliffe Certificate of Excellence

The IFIC Board established a new, unique prize, recognising the achievements of key individuals around the globe. This will be known as the "Professor Graham Ayliffe Certificate of Excellence". Professor Ayliffe was a member of IFIC's first board of trustees. He has a long and distinguished career in medical microbiology and hospital infection control.



Benedetta Allegranzi, MD, DTM&H, is a specialist in infectious diseases, tropical medicine, infection prevention and control (IPC) and hospital epidemiology. She currently works at the World Health Organization (WHO) HQ (Service Delivery and Safety department), leading the "Clean Care is Safety Care" programme (http://www.who.int/gress/on

ment), leading the "Clean Care is Safer Care" programme (http://www.who.int/gpsc/en/) which is the global IPC programme at WHO HQ.



She is the author or coauthor of more than 150 scientific publications, including articles published in high-profile medical journal such as the *Lancet Infectious Diseases, New England Journal of Medicine* and the *WHO Bulletin*, and six book chapters. In addition to all of this, she has supported IFIC for many years, attending conferences and delivering numerous lectures over the years, as well as supporting IFIC initiatives.



International Journal of Infection Control

Dr. Kathryn Suh, from Canada, is the Journal Editor. She is supported by Elizabeth Scicluna as Journal Administrator and an excellent Board of Assistant Editors (Smilja Kalenić, 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 Smilja Kalenic

Original Articles

Fate of airborne coagulase-negative staphylococci. S Sudharsanam, S Mathias, R Barani, M Sugumar, J Janardhanan, R Annamalai, S Swaminathan, P Sri-kanth

The effect of daily chlorhexidine baths on nosocomial meticillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection in MRSA-colonized patients admitted to general wards. GC Willis, ST Ooi, ML Foo, PL Ong, BB Cheng Tan, D Li, Y Chen, FLC Chng

Incidence and risk factors of abdominal surgical site infection in a Nigerian Tertiary Health care centre. AA Adejumo, M Nuhu, T Afolaranmi

Performance improvement project in the sterile processing department at a university hospital in Egypt - Redesign to centralize the process. RH Elsokkary, RA Ramadan, MH Soliman

Gender differences in hand hygiene among Saudi nursing students. JP Cruz, CP Cruz, AS Diab Al-Otaibi

Practice Forum

Knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding TB infection control among health science students in a TB-endemic setting. H-M van der Westhuizen, K Kotze, H Narotam, A von Delft, B Willems, A Dramowski

Short Reports

<u>Prevention and management of infection associated with transrectal ultrasound guided prostate biopsy in Ireland</u>. CF Ni Bhuachalla, E Nolan, D Galvin, CM Buckley, F Fitzpatrick

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.

We are looking forward to your submissions.

World Health Organization

WHO's infection prevention and control (IPC) activities occupy a unique position in the field of patient safety since IPC is universally relevant to health workers and patients at every single health-care encounter. Building upon previous achievements by various units at WHO, including the *Clean Care is Safer Care* programme, a new **IPC Global Unit** (IPC-GU) was set up in November 2015 within the WHO Service Delivery and Safety (SDS) department to provide a comprehensive, integrated IPC function focused on strengthening national and international IPC capacity to improve practices and change behaviour.

This is all aimed at achieving safer, high quality patient care. One of the most profound lessons of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak is that without robust IPC best practices and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) infrastructure in health care, the capacity of fragile health systems to withstand shocks caused by highly transmissible infections is severely compromised. In addition, the attainment of global commitments such as preventing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and achieving safe, high quality universal health coverage (UHC) is put at risk without well-functioning IPC/WASH programs at every level of the health system. The EVD outbreak resulted in an intense and refreshed focus on IPC strategies and actions in every region of the world, as well as within WHO. The IPC-GU will lead WHO's work on IPC and will work collaboratively with related units within SDS, in particular Patient Safety & Quality and the new unit on quality UHC, as well as with other related departments and units at the three levels of WHO and other key stakeholders.

You can find some more introductory information and details on the IPC-GU *mission*, *vision*, functions, objectives and technical areas of work at http://www.who.int/gpsc/ipc/en/. Governance of the IPC Global Unit (IPC-GU) is based upon the provision of regular advice and mentorship from the WHO Special Envoy on Patient Safety (Sir Liam Donaldson), and guidance by a Technical Steering Group and an External Advisory Board.

As one part of our work, on 5 May this year once again we will support global efforts to sustain hand hygiene improvement. This year the focus is hand hygiene in surgical services knowing that as part of an IPC programme, such action can prevent patient infections and reduce an avoidable burden on health systems. You can find more information at http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/

In June 2016, WHO will be holding a global event on IPC in Geneva chaired by the Director General and other authorities. At this event, new WHO work outputs will be launched, including the WHO surgical site infection prevention guidelines, the WHO Core Components for IPC programmes document, and the new WHO injection safety global campaign. Scientific discussion on emerging topics will be catalyzed by leading experts and country representatives. During this event, they will also highlight the main achievements of the *Clean Care is Safer Care* programme which commemorated 10 years of work in 2015.

2016 IFIC CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE VENUE

Austria Trend Hotel Savoyen Rennweg 16, Vienna, A-1030, Austria

www.austria-trend.at/Hotel-Savoyen-Vienna/en/

REGISTRATION

Conference registration is open. Early bird reduced fees are applicable until 1 February 2016. Registration can be performed online or by downloading the registration form from the congress website and e-mailing/faxing it to the organisers. All applications should be accompanied by payment of the full registration fee.

BASIC CONCEPTS—UPDATE!

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. Basic Concepts of Infection Control is being updated to incorporate new scientific knowledge since the 2011 edition. Chapters will be reviewed and brought up-to-date by an international panel of experts, and new chapters will be added to ensure this new edition provides a sound comprehensive knowledge base.

The current edition of 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 were made possible through an unrestricted educational grant from BD. The International Federation of Infection Control is extremely grateful for their support.

The 2011 edition of Basic Concepts is available in languages other than English thanks to BD, Meiko, IFIC Board members, and our member societies.









Course on Behaviour Change in Infection Prevention & Control

IFIC held its first course on Behaviour Change in Infection Prevention & Control in Malta in November 2015. Participants worked in small groups to expand their skills in influencing improved infection prevention and control compliance among healthcare professionals.





WEDNESDAY, 16 March 2016

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
12.00 - 20.00	Foyer			Delegate registration	
09.30 - 16.30	Olympia- Mancini 1			OEGHMP Fortbildungstag Krankenhaushygiene	
14.00 - 16.00	Olympia- Mancini 2			Pre-conference IFIC session	TBC
18.00 - 18.30	Olympia- Mancini 1 & 2			Opening ceremony	
18.30 - 19.00	Olympia- Mancini 1 & 2	Keynote lecture		Semmelweis: the man behind the myth	Manfred Rotter
19.00 - 19.30	Olympia- Mancini 1 & 2	Keynote lecture		How we manage the future	Christoph Kucklick
19.30 - 21.00	Olympia- Mancini 3 & Foyer			Welcome cocktail reception	

THURSDAY, 17 March 2016

TIME	MEETING Room	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER		
07.30 - 08.30	Paris / Wien / Turin	Meet the expert		Intelligent IT in adverse healthcare event prevention and control	Walter Koller, Klaus-Peter Adlassnig		
Olympia- Mancini 1	Ohrmpio		Behaviour change in infection prevention and antibiotic stewardship	Same principles, different practices: diversity in antibiotic prescribing practices across different countries and continents	Stephan Harbarth		
				Understanding infection control non-compliance: can behaviour theory help?	Michael Borg		
				How can we get better compliance with infection control guidelines?	Andreas Voss		
				Clinical benefit and risks of ERCP	Barbara Tribl		
			Infection prevention	Epidemiology of infections associated with ERCP	Petra Gastmeier		
08.30 - 10.00 Olympia- Mancini 2			in ERCP and other invasive endoscopic procedures	Caveats and common pitfalls during endoscope reprocessing in clinical practice	Ojan Assadian		
				Invasive endoscopy - technical aspects of instruments, reprocessing equipment and sterile supply	Tillo Miorini		
		Paris / Wien / APIC/IPAC Canada/ Turin CBIC symposium	My top infection control intervention	Maintaining a culture of patient safety	Suzanne Rhodenizer Rose		
	Paris / Wien /			IPC risk assessment for optimal program planning	Terrie Lee		
	Turin			Enabling core IPC skills for all healthcare workers	Ruth Carrico		
				Strategic leadership	Mary Lou Manning		
10.00 - 10.45	Olympia- Mancini 3 & Foyer			Coffee break			
10.45 - 11.30	Olympia- Mancini 1 & 2	Keynote lecture		Hospital organisation, management, and structure for prevention of health-care-associated infection – what are the essentials?	Stephan Harbarth		
11 20 10 20	Olympia-		Infection control can only improve with more	Yes	Gary French		
	Mancini 1 Pro-con deba & 2	Pro-con debate	and better evidence based medical studies	No	Michael Borg		
12.30 - 14.00	Olympia- Mancini 3 & Foyer			Light lunch break			
13.00 - 14.00	Poster area		Poster rounds Poster rounds				
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THURSDAY, 17 March 2016

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14.00 - 15.30	Olympia- Mancini 1	Oral delegate presentations			
	Olympia- Mancini 2	Industry symposium		3M Infection Prevention	TBA
	Paris / Wien / Turin	Keypad workshop		Prevention of infection in haemodialysis units	Judith Richards, Regina Sommer
15.30 - 16.00	Olympia- Mancini 3 & Foyer			Coffee break	
	Olympia-	Symposium	Surveillance	HAI and AMR surveillance and control in Austria	Reinhilde Strauss
	Mancini 1	Symposium	Surveillance	Surveillance of antibiotic resistance in Europe and beyond	Hajo Grundmann
16.00 - 17.00	Olympia- Mancini 2	Industry symposium			
	Paris / Wien / OEGHMP/IFIC		Key food and water issues in the health- care setting	Food	Martin Wagner
		UEGHMP/IHC		Water	Egil Lingaas

FRIDAY, 18 March 2016

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
07.30 - 08.30	Paris / Wien / Turin	Meet the Expert		Wound antisepsis	Ojan Assadian
		IFIO	My favourite papers on	Prevention of urinary tract infections	Martin Kiernan
	Olympia-			Environmental decontamination	Jon Otter
	Mancini 1	IFIC symposium		Hand hygiene	Donna Moralejo
				Healthcare associated fungal infections	Birgit Willinger
		French/German society symposium	Improving infection control by learning from high-reliability organisations	Building patient safety throughout infection control: achievements and challenges	Pierre Parneix
08.30 - 10.00	Olympia- Mancini 2			Vision zero in the German social accident insurance	Sabine Herbst
	Mancini 2			How to enhance nuclear safety in a sustainable way?	Frédéric Ménage
				The safety vision and strategy of the aircraft industry	Martin Egerth
		IPS symposium	At the cutting edge: infection prevention in surgery	Infection prevention in surgery – a human factors approach	Neil Wigglesworth
	Paris / Wien / Turin			One together: working together to prevent infections across the surgical pathway	Deborah Xuereb
				It's cold in here - the evidence for patient warming	Heather Loveday
10.00 - 10.45	Olympia- Mancini 3 & Foyer			Coffee break	
10.45 - 11.30	Olympia- Mancini 1 & 2	Keynote	lecture	Healthcare-associated bacteria: transmission and spread	Hajo Grundmann
11.30 - 12.30	Olympia- Mancini 1 & 2	Olympia- Pro con debate i	What is the main impact of antibiotic stewardship programmes?	Saving money	Andreas Voss
				Reducing resistance	Agnes Wechsler-Fördös
12.30 - 14.00	Olympia- Mancini 3 & Foyer			Light lunch break	
12.45 - 13.45	Paris / Wien / Turin			IFIC Annual General Meeting	

FRIDAY, 18 March 2016

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER	
	Olympia- Mancini 1	Oral delegate presentations				
14.00 - 15.30	Olympia- Mancini 2	Industry symposium	Water quality in healthcare	Process and quality control of water systems - what is needed?	Regina Sommer	
14.00 - 15.50		Pall Medical	facilities	Prevention of waterborne infections - what can be done?	Markus Hell	
	Paris / Wien / Turin	Keypad workshop		Outbreak!	Judith Richards, Nizam Damani	
15.30 - 16.00	Olympia- Mancini 3 & Foyer	Coffee break				
	Olympia- Mancini 1	WHO symposium	New insights on the global burden and prevention of surgical site infections	The burden of SSI in developing countries: a meta-analysis	TBC	
				Do we get surgical antibiotic prophylaxis right? A WHO global survey and evidence-based recommendations	Nizam Damani	
				Surgical unit-based safety program in Africa: a successful model for reducing SSI through infection prevention and control and culture change	Benedetta Allegranzi	
16.00 - 17.00	Olympia- Mancini 2	Industry symposium				
	Paris / Wien /	en / EUNETIPS sympo-	Capacity and training in infection	Infection control/hospital hygiene capacity building in European countries with limited resources	Monica Licker	
	Turin	sium	prevention and control - have we got it?	Infection control/hospital hygiene training for European healthcare workers	Francesco Auxilia	
Evening		Gala dinner (optional)				

SATURDAY, 19 March 2016

TIME	MEETING ROOM	PRESENTATION TYPE	TOPIC	LECTURE TITLE	PRESENTER
07.30 - 08.30	Paris / Wien / Turin	Meet the expert		Submitting your first successful paper - what journal editors look for	Kathryn Suh
		IFIC symposium	Gram-positives:	Community MRSA	Gary French
	Olympia- Mancini 1			Clostridium difficile	Markus Hell
				VRE	Petra Gastmeier
			Infection control in intensive care	Adult patients	Barbara Steinlechner
Mano	Olympia- Mancini 2	OEGHMP symposium		Neonatal patients	Angelika Berger
08.30 - 10.00	Wallon 2			Making a business case for infection control – chances and pitfalls	Agnes Wechsler-Fördös
	Paris / Wien / Turin	HIS symposium	Multi resistant Gram Negative HAIs: has the horse bolted the stable?	CRE/CPE/CRO - demystifying the microbiology and opportunities for genome sequencing	Jon Otter
				MDR ESBL across Europe - can we turn back the tide?	Peter Wilson
				The challenges of patient isolation - what can we do when there is no room at the inn?	Martin Kiernan
10.00 - 10.45	Olympia- Mancini 3 & Foyer			Coffee break	
10.45 - 11.30	Olympia- Mancini 1 & 2	Ayliffe Award oration		Essential components for IPC programmes in low-resource settings and beyond – what have we learnt from the Ebola epidemic?	Benedetta Allegranzi
11.30 - 12.15	Olympia- Mancini 1 & 2	Closing keynote lecture		Adapting infection control practices to past, present and future challenges	Didier Pittet
12.15 - 12.30	Olympia- Mancini 1 & 2			Closing of the congress Distribution of scholarship grants and best poster awards	

SAVE THE DATES!

Sixteenth International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control

Vienna, Austria 16-19 March 2016





34th Annual Infectious Diseases Conference Feb 5-6, 2016 Sacramento, California, U.S.A. Information



Infection Control, Sterilization and Decontamination in Healthcare Congress

Feb 25-26, 2016 London, U.K. <u>Information</u>



17th International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID)

Hyderabad, India 2-5 March 2016



13. Kongress für Krankenhaushygiene

Berlin Mitte, Germany 10-13 April 2016



IPAC Canada 2016 National Education Conference and 40th Anniversary Celebration

Niagara Falls, Ontario 15-18 May 2016



APIC's 43rd Annual Conference

Charlotte, North Carolina, USA 11-13 June 2016



6th Infection Control Africa Network Congress

Johannesburg, South Africa 23-28 September 2016



See http://www.ipac-canada.org/educ_calendar_internat.php and https://www.escmid.org/dates_events/calendar/ for more information.

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(Cada tres semanas)

Viernes: de 18.00 a 22.00

Sábado: de 08.00 a 12.00 de 14.00 a 18.00

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LONDON'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY





We have not convened an Advisory Board AGM since 2012 due to relocation of NRIC to a new home at University College London (UCL) in 2013, but are now contacting you to provide an up date and share some exciting news. Evaluation prior to the move to UCL demonstrated that our users increasingly required policy, guidance and research from a global perspective. It became clear that a website searching for and sharing international evidence in infection prevention and control, infectious diseases and public health was a priority.

As in the past our community of users drive what we provide: the National Resource for Infection Control has now received a 'facelift' using a new cutting edge technology and will be re-launched as the 'International Resource for Infection Control (iNRIC) 2015 as part of International Infection Prevention Week 2016.

A research grant "NRIC meets ICAN" has also enabled us to reach out to our international colleagues in Africa. A survey study identifying infection prevention and control information needs of healthcare staff in Africa led the expansion of the evidence-based resources on iNRIC to support infection control professionals with local resources at the point of care in Africa. We also have exciting developments underway using mobile technology, apps and game-based training.