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Terrie Lee  
Chair, 2017  
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## Chair Update

### Message from the Chair

Greetings from the IFIC Board! Greetings from the IFIC Board! I write to you, having recently returned from our annual Congress held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where IFIC marked its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This is also the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our collaborating partner for the conference, the Sao Paulo Association of Epidemiology and Healthcare Associated Infections Control (APECIH). The opening ceremony included a cultural presentation of singing and dancing from local Brazilian artisans, setting the atmosphere for a conference full of international exchange of ideas and updates to our knowledge of best practices for infection prevention and control.

The IFIC Graham Ayliffe award was presented to Candace (Candy) Friedman, in recognition of her lifetime of contributions to international efforts in the prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections. Candy's work for IFIC included years of service in publications, both with the E-newsletter, and Basic Concepts of Infection Control text. She served on the nominations committee, and also carried out many miscellaneous tasks for IFIC. Prior to this, she envisioned a global consensus on prevention of resistant microorganisms, and led a group that included infection control societies from the US, Canada, the UK, and others. She has always been a positive force in the world of infection control, and IFIC is very grateful for her service.



Congratulations to the winners of the IFIC full scholarships! **This year, two full scholarships were awarded to:**



1. Dr. Lillian Kelly Oliveira Lopes, from the Nursing School of Federal University of Goas, Goiania, Brazil.

Her abstract: *Evaluation of biofilm formation in complex design orthopedic surgical instruments.*

Her scholarship was provided by Infection Prevention Society (IPS), UK.

Her certificate was received by Anaclara Tipple as Lillian departed just before this ceremony.

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2. Professor André Ricardo Araujo da Silva, from Fluminense Federal University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

His abstract: *Reducing gram-negative multiresistance in pediatric intensive care unit: Success of a multimodal strategy.*

His scholarship was provided by Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), USA.



### Partial scholarship was awarded to:

1. Professor Aline Massaroli, from Federal University of Santa Catarina and Baia Sul Hospital, Florianópolis, Brazil.
2. Dr. Shikha Ranjan, from KG Hospital and Post Graduate Medical Research Institute, Coimbatore, India,

### I want to thank the following organizations for their generous support of IFIC's scholarship funds:

- ◆ Infection Prevention Society (IPS), UK – full scholarship
- ◆ Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), USA – Full scholarship
- ◆ Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC), Canada – ongoing substantial scholarship support
- ◆ Northeastern Infection Control Educators (NICE), USA
- ◆ IPAC Central South Ontario, Canada
- ◆ IPAC Saskatchewan Professionals in Infection Control, Canada

The conference also included poster rounds, with IFIC Board member, Jeanne Pfeiffer, and nursing faculty from APECIH, Anaclara Tipple and Daniel Wagner de Castro Limo Santos. **The three best posters identified from judging were:**

**First Place Title:** Impact of MDRO Surveillance in Patients with Risk Factors for Colonization at Hospital Admission.



Authors: Eduardo Camacho, Ligia Maria Abraao, Christiane Schmitt, Marcia Maria Baraldi, Luciana Gouveaa Souza, Amanda Luiz Pires Maciel, Paula De Almeida, Icaro Boszczowski, Ingrid Paula Santos Nascimento

Institution: Oswaldo Cruz German Hospital, School of Nursing, University of Sao Paulo

**Second Place Title:** A Proposal of Competence-Based Education for Infection Control in Undergraduate Nursing Courses in Brazil



Authors: Aline Massarouli, Jussara Gue Martini, RO

Institution: Universidade Federal Da Fronteira Sul, State of Santa Catarina, Brazil

## Chair Update (continued)



Third Place Title: How to Improve Safety in the Largest Philanthropic Organization: The Salus Vitae Program

Authors: Joan Pinton Tomaleri, Camila Fernanda Lorenz, Camila Philbert Lajolo, Camila Sardenberg

Institution: Associação Congregação de Santa Catarina

In addition to many local and international speakers, we were happy to have the influence of the World Health Organization (WHO). Benedetta Allegranzi, from their Headquarters in Geneva, who presented information about the Core Components for Infection Prevention and Control Programs, recently released this year. She also helped with description of the new WHO SSI prevention guidelines (See page 4)

Prior to the conference, the IFIC Board held its regularly scheduled meeting. Egil Lingaas, of Norway, was recognized by the board for his service to the IFIC Board, 2010- 2017. He has been a member of the Board and was also IFIC's Treasurer. His service has been greatly appreciated, and his contributions will be missed. His departure from the Board left one position to be filled by a candidate from either Region A (Western Europe), or Region B (The Americas Region). Neil Wigglesworth, nominated by the Infection Prevention Society, UK will begin his new term in January 2018. Nagwa Khamis will complete her term as Secretary of IFIC in December 2017. Her contributions have also been greatly appreciated. Biljana Carevic will assume the office of the IFIC Treasurer, and Donna Moralejo will assume the office of IFIC Secretary in January 2018. We welcome them to these new roles.

The Board reviewed the proposals and made a decision about the location of the annual conference for the year 2020; this site will be announced soon. We are already planning for 2021. Please watch for the *Call for Expressions of Interest* to collaborate in the planning and presentation of our annual conference in 2021. This conference will be held in a non-European location. See details on pages 11-13 of E-News. If your society is interested in working with IFIC to plan the 2021 conference, please submit an application by the deadline given.

In the meantime, please plan to join us for our 2018 Congress, being held in Krakow, Poland. This will be an exciting new format for our conference, and one that will enable interaction, more exchange of ideas, and in-depth exploration of topics (See page 12 for details)  
 Krakow, Poland 25-27, April, 2018  
[www.IFIC2018.com](http://www.IFIC2018.com)

Thank you for the work that you do each day in the hospitals and agencies around the world! Contact me with any questions you have. Best wishes to each of you – Terrie B. Lee, Chair, IFIC Board [tleewv@msn.com](mailto:tleewv@msn.com)



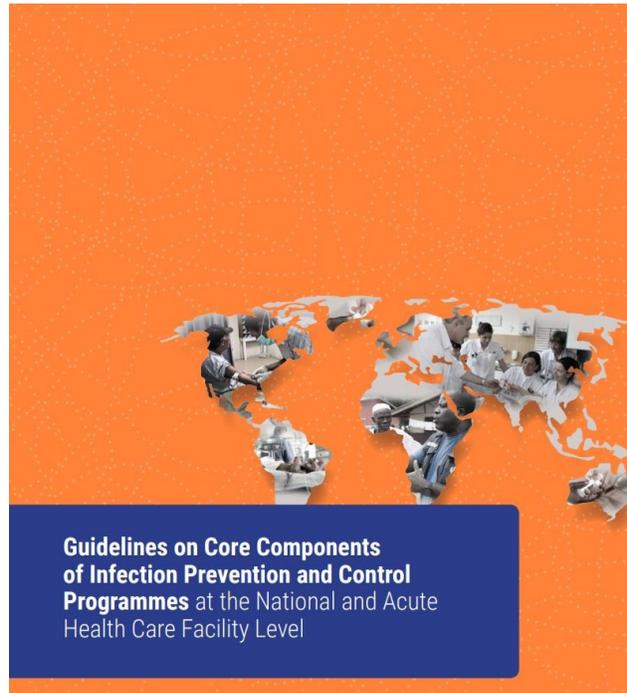
## WHO's "Global Infection Prevention & Control Priorities 2017-2021: A Call for Action."



"Global Infection Prevention and Control Priorities 2017-2021: A Call for Action." is an initiative that was developed by the Infection Prevention and Control Global Unit at WHO. Invited guest speaker at IFIC 2017, Benedetta Alegranzi, presented the *WHO Guidelines on Core Components of Infection Prevention and Control Programs* in every country. She directed attendees to the WHO website to download the resources. There is a manual and video available on the WHO website elaborating on these core components. <http://www.who.int/infection-prevention/countries/core-components/en/>

**Eight Necessary Components are described in the manual and highlighted by experts in infection prevention from around the globe:**

1. Infection Control Program supported by a dedicated budget and trained staff
2. Global standardized guidelines for the prevention of surgical site infections
3. Education and practical training based on best infection prevention practices for health care workers and other professionals
4. Healthcare associated infection surveillance and timely feedback of results both at a national and facility level.
5. Use of multimodal strategies to implement recommendations to improve practice at the point of care
6. Regular monitoring of health care practices according to standards guidelines followed by timely feedback of results both at national and agency level
7. Bed occupancy does not exceed standard capacity of the facility and staffing is adequate for workload
8. Ensure that patient care activities are undertaken in a clean hygienic environment with adequate infrastructure and equipment in particular for hand hygiene



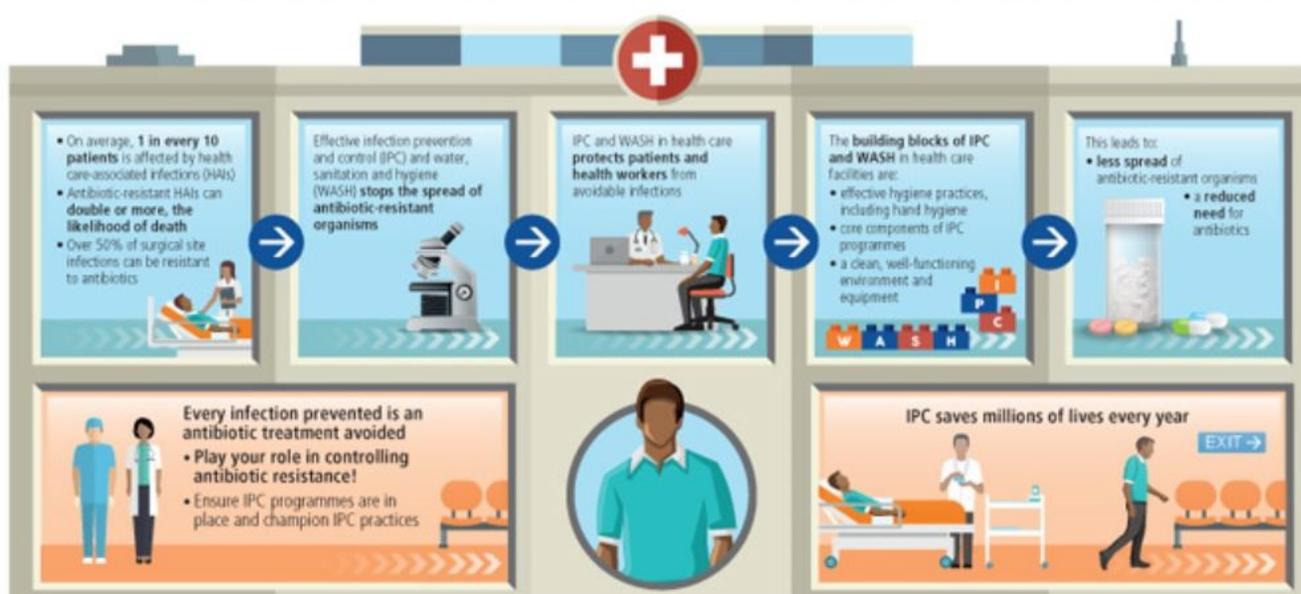
<http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/251730/1/9789241549929-eng.pdf?ua=1>



## World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) 13-19 November 2017

We can all help to support and advertise information about antibiotic stewardship! This year, World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) will be 13-19 November. This year's campaign includes an emphasis on infection prevention and control, and the close connection of these topics. [World Antibiotic Awareness Week](#)

### THE ROLE OF INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN PREVENTING ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE IN HEALTH CARE



The infographics for world antibiotic awareness week can now be found at: <http://www.who.int/infection-prevention/en/> and at <http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-antibiotic-awareness-week/2017/infographics/en/>

#### Also note the following announcements:

- Launch of the new WHO Guidelines for Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE) and Carbapenemase-producing (CP) *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Acinetobacter baumannii* during WAAW
- Presentation on these new guidelines by Professor Lindsay Grayson (Austin Health and University of Melbourne, Australia) on 13 November 2017 at 9 am CET, through Webber Training (<https://webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php?command=viewClass&ID=1378>)
- Online publication of a **Lancet Global Health Commentary** on 10 November (midnight GMT), on national and global priorities for IPC, authored by WHO staff, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) staff and other leading global health experts and informed by the organizations participating in WHO's Global Infection Prevention and Control Network (GIPCN)

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## COLLEAGUES FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE IN CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND INFORMAL MEETINGS TO ADDRESS INFECTION PREVENTION



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## International Journal of Infection Control

*The International Journal of Infection Control (IJIC)* our fully open access journal continues to be published quarterly. Editor Kathy Suh, of Canada, has been focusing efforts on improving the turnaround time between submission of manuscripts and the final publication decision. *IJIC* welcomes submissions that cover topics of interest related to infection control, especially from low and middle resource settings, and encourages members of IFIC societies to submit their research and practice findings to IJIC ([www.ijic.info](http://www.ijic.info)).

### **SUBMIT MANUSCRIPTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INFECTION CONTROL**

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 staff working in infection control (IC) to disseminate research and practice information, and encourage IC initiatives on an international level. IJIC welcomes submissions that cover topics of interest related to infection control, especially from low and middle resource settings, and encourages members of IFIC societies to submit their research and practice findings.

IJIC is a fully open access journal, available online at [www.ijic.info](http://www.ijic.info). It is published online only, usually quarterly. There is no cost for publication of accepted manuscripts, or for access to the journal. Submission is performed online and you can keep track of the whole process in the authors' section of the IJIC website.

For more information, please refer to the journal website. Once on the website, the Instructions for Authors outlines the different categories of manuscripts as well as general guidelines for manuscript preparation and formatting. We look forward to your submissions!



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Various Authors

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## Call for Expressions of Interest to Collaborate with IFIC in the Scientific Organisation of its International Conference in 2021.

The International Federation of Infection invites expressions of interest from Member Societies outside of Europe, who are interested in hosting its 21st international conference, scheduled for 2021, and collaborating with IFIC in the organisation of this international event.

IFIC's conferences are normally held between February and April of every year. Nevertheless, exceptions and compromises may be possible, especially related to weather and clashes with other major conferences in the region/globally.

The organisational model of the conference will utilize an equal share template, in which both IFIC and the Member Society will collaborate and contribute to the organisation of the event in roughly equal quantities.

### Responsibilities

The respective responsibilities and contributions of IFIC and the Member Society will be outlined in an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will be signed by representatives of IFIC and the chosen Member Society once the location of the 2021 conference is chosen.

Benefits for the collaborating member society:

Host Society members have the option of benefiting from a reduced preferential registration fee. This reduced fee should be given only to the paid up members of the Society and, if taken up, will be collected directly by the Society and then transferred to the Organiser.

**Expressions of interest** should include:

Suggestions about the city/cities where the conference could be held as well as possible conference venues (hotels/conference centres) and dates (preferably March/April).

Information about recent infection prevention and control conferences held by the member society; including: when were they held? How many attendees were present? Were these only doctors or was the audience multi-disciplinary? What was the registration fee?

An estimate of the number of delegates from the region, including neighbouring countries, that can confidently be expected to participate in the IFIC 2021 conference.

*A financial estimate that includes suggested registration fees for local delegate and a prediction of accommodation costs for speakers and delegates.*

Detailed information about visa requirements for all delegates.

Local Conference Organiser: The Society will need to propose a Local Conference Organiser, who will liaise closely with IFIC's Conference Committee in the organization of the congress. Details of the organiser should be included, including competence and experience in organising similar sized conferences in the past. Details about the proposed financial remuneration model for the local organiser should also be included; IFIC's preferred method of remuneration for local conference **organizers** is normally based around a commission on revenue generated.

Expressions of interest should be addressed to the IFIC Conferences Committee through an email sent to Terrie Lee, at: [fleewv@msn.com](mailto:fleewv@msn.com) no later than **28 February 2018**. Any queries or requests for clarifications should also be sent to the same email address. (continued on page 12)

## Call for Expressions of Interest to Collaborate with IFIC 2021 (continued)

The Conferences Committee will make a recommendation to the Executive and the IFIC Board, based on the expressions of interest received, and an assessment of the adequacy of suggested facilities, etc. The final decision will be communicated by the IFIC Board to all applicants by end of April 2018.

The Memorandum of Understanding will then be finalised and signed by IFIC and the Member Society, outlining their respective tasks in the organization of the congress and the benefits each party will be entitled to.

While the details of the MOU will be negotiated and finalised with the Member Society, some details of the MOU are likely to include the following:

The member society would be responsible for:

Appointing a conference organizing company to deal with all issues pertaining to the organization of the conference. This includes drafting and updating a business plan incorporating projections of attendance and sponsorship incomes as well as establishing a timeline of activities and ensuring that milestones and deliverables are achieved as planned. The conference organizer would also liaise with conference venues to finalize set up, food and beverage, room allocations, etc.

The member society and/or the appointed conference organizer would be responsible for:

- Appointing members of the society to an International Scientific Program Committee and liaising with IFIC members of the committee to plan the content of the program
- Identifying local and international speakers to deliver lectures and workshops in the conference, in liaison with IFIC.
- Dissemination of conference information to its members and external contacts, and encouraging attendance.
- Promoting the conference to industry by sending out a comprehensive sponsorship manual to its own company list and using its personal input to invite exhibitors to the congress, and to maximise sponsorship of the conference.
- Using its current resources to provide an English language website page with translation to the local language as required, an abstract submission platform, a registration platform, and a conference application.
- Appoint an Abstract Review Committee to review local abstract submissions
- Appoint a registration supervisor to coordinate receipt, payment and registration of attendees and to supervise bilingual on-site registration staff.
- Facilitating all other aspects of the conference including accommodation, audio-visual support, exhibits, programs, conference app, communication, special events, etc., in liaison with IFIC.
- Developing a conference budget, in consultation with IFIC, processing finances, submitting required fiscal reports, and completing a final reporting.
- Maintaining all insurances relating to the conference, including general liability, accident insurance, and conference cancellation.

IFIC would be responsible for:

- Appointing official IFIC representatives to the International Scientific Program Committee
- Appointing international speakers for lectures within a program to be agreed upon by both IFIC and the hosting society (excluding delegate free papers)
- Advertising, selecting, and paying for a number of IFIC scholarships to the conference. These will be open to all IFIC member societies, and adjudicated by the IFIC scholarship committee.
- Linking to the abstract submission platform through its website.
- Appointing an Abstract Review Committee to review international abstracts submitted.
- Using the local registration form as the template, alter the registration form for international registration. Post the registration form for use by international attendees. (Continued on page 13)

## BASIC CONCEPTS—THE NEW 2016 EDITION!

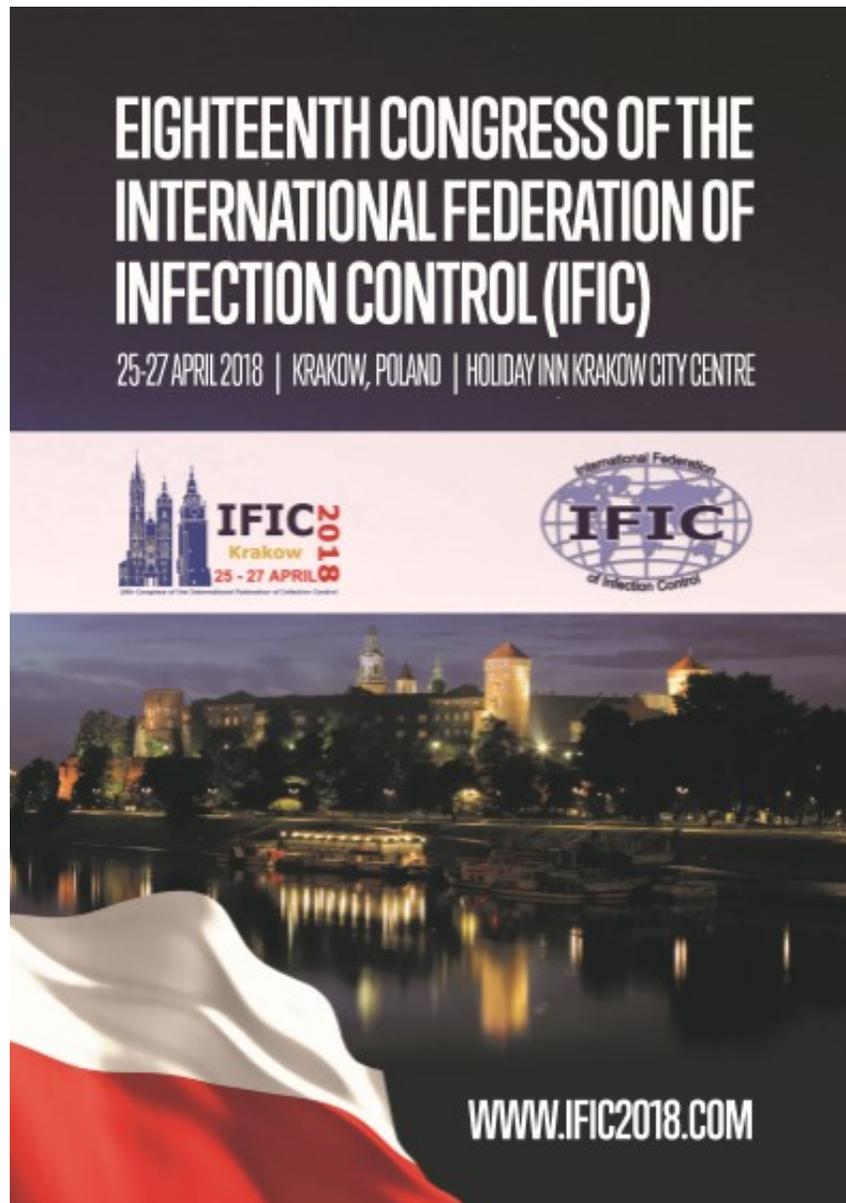
The 2016 edition of IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control is now available at <http://theifc.org/basic-concepts-book/>. This 3rd edition builds on its predecessors, enhancing and updating in a scientific way the knowledge required as a foundation on which local policies and procedures can be developed. All English language chapters have been reviewed and brought up-to-date by an international panel of experts; several new chapters have been added to ensure this new edition provides a sound comprehensive knowledge base. As before, the infection prevention and control principles set out in this book are applicable to all health care settings, however, particularly to areas where infection prevention and control is still in its infancy.

The 2011 Edition is available in Spanish, Italian, French, Hungarian, Arabic and Bulgarian thanks to BD, Meiko, IFIC Board members, and our member societies.



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- Appointing a registration supervisor to monitor the IFIC registration platform, collect any outstanding attendee revenue, and to provide the local organiser and society with a regular Excel spreadsheet of attendee information
- Providing a regular financial accounting of attendee fees paid through the IFIC registration platform.
- Extensively disseminating information about the conference to its member societies and use IFIC's channels to attract international attendance.
- Providing any assistance needed throughout the planning of the conference.
- Using its contacts, especially with its corporate partners, to maximise the level of industry support for the meeting.



### **A CONFERENCE WITH A DIFFERENCE!**

IFIC is pleased to announce the 2018 IFIC CONFERENCE, to take place in KRAKOW, Poland, from April 25 to April 27. Our new, exciting format will provide even more opportunities for networking in the setting of state-of-the-art participative workshops, and highly interactive key-pad sessions, as well as our traditional key note lectures, debates and symposia.

The workshops, to be conducted in English, are aimed to ensure a high level of interaction, and the presence of Polish participants will enhance the experience for local attendees. Interactive keypad sessions with some translation into Polish and full translation of all plenary sessions into Polish will make this an attractive mix for all.

All workshops (two half day ones and one full day) are limited in space, and will be allocated on a first-come-first serve basis. Do not miss the opportunity to participate in what promises to be an innovative and highly educational Congress, covering most key aspects of Infection Prevention and Control.

[www.IFIC2018.com](http://www.IFIC2018.com) (theifc.org)

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Annual Congress of the DGKH -  
14th Congress on Hospital Hygiene**



Berlin, Germany 18 to 21 March 2018  
<https://www.visitberlin.de/en/event/14th-congress-hospital-hygiene-2018>

**Infection Control Society of Taiwan (ICST)  
30<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Chemotherapy and  
Infection (ICC) 2**



Taipei, Taiwan 24-27, November 2017  
[www.icc2017.tw](http://www.icc2017.tw)

**18th Congress of the International Federation of  
Infection Control (IFIC)**



Krakow, Poland 25-27, April, 2018 [www.IFIC2018.com](http://www.IFIC2018.com)

**28th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology  
and Infectious Diseases**

**Madrid the City of ECCMID 2018**



Madrid, Spain 21-24 April 2018 <http://www.eccmid.org/>

**IPAC Canada 2018 Annual Conference**



Banff, Alberta, Canada 27 - 30 May 2018  
<https://ipac-canada.org/ipac-canada-annual-conference.php>

**APIC's 45th Annual Conference**



Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA  
 13-15 June 2018 <http://ac2018.site.apic.org/>

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**17th Asia-Pacific Congress of Microbiology & Infection  
8th International Infection Control Conference**



Hong Kong, 30 August-2 September, 2018  
<http://www.apccmi-iicc2018.hk/>

**HIS 2018: UK:**

**HIS 2018**

**11<sup>th</sup> Healthcare Infection Society International Conference**

26-28 November 2018  
Arena and Convention Centre, Liverpool



Liverpool, England 26-28, November 2018  
<https://www.his.org.uk/events/his-2018/>

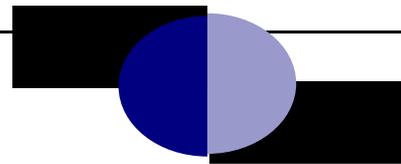
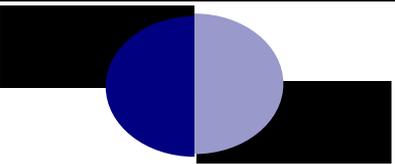
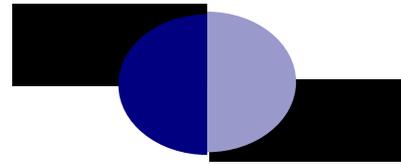
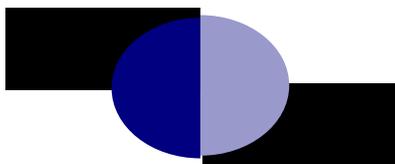
**6th International Congress of Infection Control Association (Singapore)**



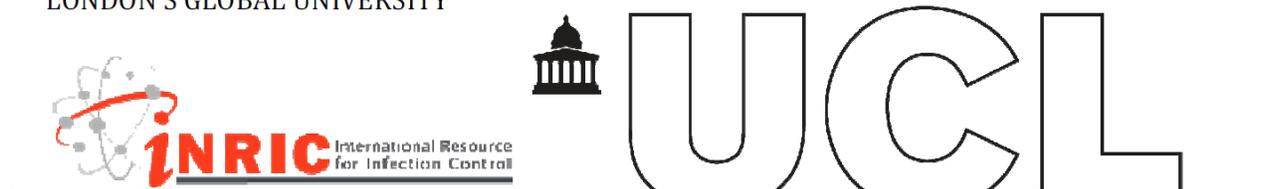
Singapore 1-3, February, 2018  
<http://icas.org.sg/events/coming-events/6th-icas/v>

**6th Infection Prevention Network Kenya Biennial Conference**

Eldoret, Kenya, 27-30 November 2017  
<http://www.ipnetkenya.org/>



LONDON'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY



As in the past our community of users drive what we provide: the National Resource for Infection Control has now received a 'face-lift' 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. [www.nric.org.uk](http://www.nric.org.uk)



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