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Chair Update

Greetings from the IFIC Board, and welcome to the first E-newsletter for IFIC in 2018. We are very much looking forward to seeing you at the 2018 IFIC conference, being held in Krakow, Poland, 25-27 April at the Holiday Inn Krakow City Centre. Our conference will include didactic presentations, workshops and other interactive symposia. We are excited to offer these special sessions to allow for in-depth learning, sharing and interaction with colleagues. We look forward to your participation there, and to your feedback about the conference!

Speaking of conferences, we have continued to turn our thoughts to planning a non-European conference in 2021. If your infection control society is not in Europe, and you would like the opportunity to collaborate with IFIC to bring the IFIC conference to your country, please contact us. We encourage you to consider this unique opportunity to bring this international conference to your local members, and to provide a means of broad interchange of ideas and the latest in infection prevention and control science. There is a *call for expressions of interest* found in this newsletter. To permit consideration of additional societies, we have extended the deadline for submitting the applications to 30 May 2018. If you have questions about this process, please contact me (tleeuw@msn.com) and review the application. We are happy to assist by answering any questions you may have.

We are sad to report the resignation of Anne-Marie Andersen (Denmark), Chair of IFIC Membership Committee, and Carolina Giuffre (Argentina), Chair of IFIC Education Committee from the IFIC Board. We thank them for their service to IFIC and wish them well in their future work in infection prevention and control. To ensure regional representation on the IFIC Board, we are very happy to welcome two new members for 2018. Dr. Carlos Magno C. B. Fortaleza joins us from Brazil, and he will be representing region E, Latin America. Dr. Thierry Levigne is also joining the board from France, and he will be representing region A, Europe.

By now the infection control societies should have received notice for payment of your annual membership subscription in IFIC. It is important that you ensure timely payment of this, so that IFIC can continue to provide educational and networking experiences for all members. If you have not received your notice, it is possible that the IFIC team may not have the up-to-date contact information for your society. If this is the case, please contact your regional liaison or contact Pamela Allen at pamela.allen@theifc.org.

IFIC is continuing to participate with the WHO Global Infection Prevention and Control Network, and you will find information about their updates and ongoing activities on our website. In a conference call held recently with GIPC members, Dr. Benedetta Allegranzi presented the 2017/18 priorities for the Infection Prevention and Control Unit, and IFIC is happy to assist in supporting these goals. The Hand Hygiene campaign for the 5th of May for 2018 has the theme of "It's in your hands – prevent sepsis in health care." More information about this WHO programme is available from our website, and also on the WHO website. We encourage your energetic participation with this global campaign!

As always, if you have questions or concerns for IFIC, please contact me at the conference in Krakow, or by email (tleeuw@msn.com).



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Society for Practitioners of Infection Control-Egypt (SPIC-Egypt) Nagwa Khamis



Professor Shereen El Masry



"Infection Prevention and Control, a Dynamic Process", the theme of the eighth annual congress of SPIC-Egypt in collaboration with ICAN, was held 21 and 22 October 2017. The congress successfully launched two plenaries and four workshops sessions. The safe use of antibiotics was a key component of this congress.

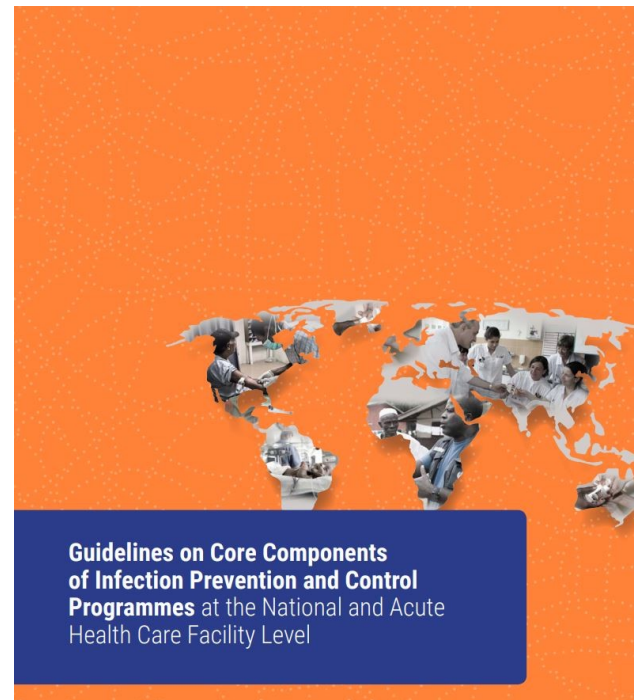


WHO's "Global Infection Prevention & Control Priorities 2017-2021: A Call for Action."

"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/>

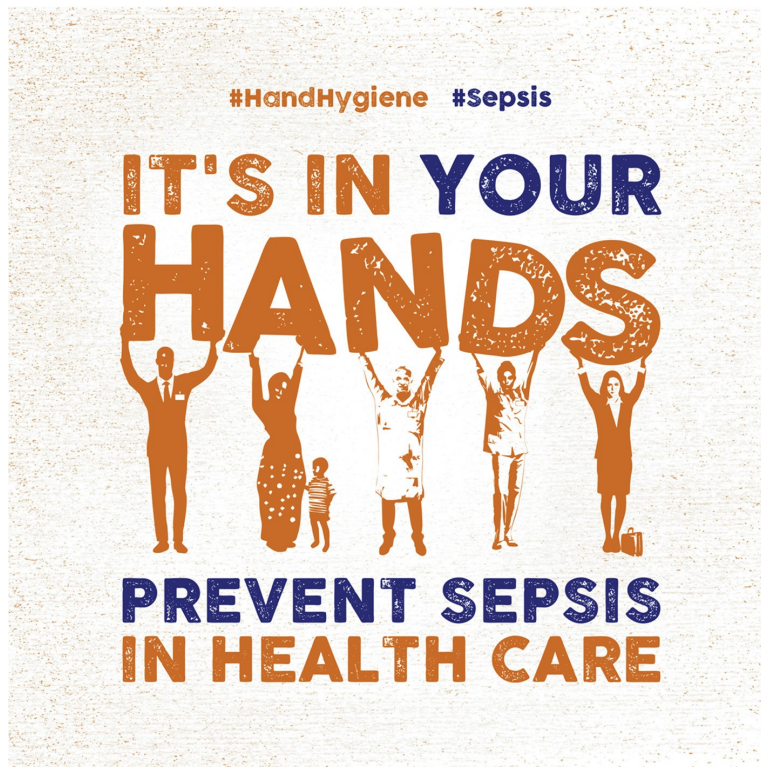
Eight Necessary Components are described in the manual and highlighted by experts in infection prevention from around the globe:

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>

**‘It's in your hands – prevent sepsis in health care’:
5th May 2018, WHO SAVE LIVES:
Clean Your Hands Campaign**



[Read more about 5 May 2018 here](#)

Our calls to action are:

- **Health workers:** "Take 5 Moments to clean your hands to prevent sepsis in health care."
- **IPC leaders:** "Be a champion in promoting hand hygiene to prevent sepsis in health care."
- **Health facility leaders:** "Prevent sepsis in health care, make hand hygiene a quality indicator in your hospital."
- **Ministries of health:** "Implement the 2017 WHA sepsis resolution. Make hand hygiene a national marker of health care quality."
- **Patient advocacy groups:** "Ask for 5 Moments of clean hands to prevent sepsis in health care."

[Read more about improving the prevention, diagnosis and clinical management of sepsis](#)

GLOBAL GUIDELINES ON THE PREVENTION OF SURGICAL SITE INFECTION

The first ever Global guidelines for the prevention of surgical site infection were published on 3 November 2016. They include a list of 29 concrete recommendations distilled by 20 of the world's leading experts from 26 reviews of the latest evidence. The recommendations have also been published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* and are designed to address the increasing burden of health care-associated infections on both patients and health care systems globally, alongside supporting tools issued by WHO. WHO will continue to issue tools in support of guideline implementation throughout 2017.

This guideline is a world first and will be welcomed by doctors and patients alike. We encourage you all to access and promote the guidelines, publications and supporting tools.

GLOBAL GUIDELINES FOR THE PREVENTION OF SURGICAL SITE INFECTION



<http://www.who.int/gpsc/ssi-guidelines/en/>



Misusing and overusing **ANTIBIOTICS** puts us all at risk

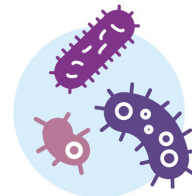


Taking antibiotics when they are not needed accelerates emergence of antibiotic resistance, **one of the biggest threats to global health**



Antibiotic resistant infections can lead to **longer hospital stays, higher medical costs and more deaths**

You can help reduce antibiotic resistance



Overuse of antibiotics can cause bacteria to become resistant, meaning current treatments will no longer work



Always follow the advice of a qualified health care professional when taking antibiotics



Antibiotic resistant infections can affect anyone, of any age, in any country



It is the bacteria itself not the person or the animal – that becomes resistant to antibiotics

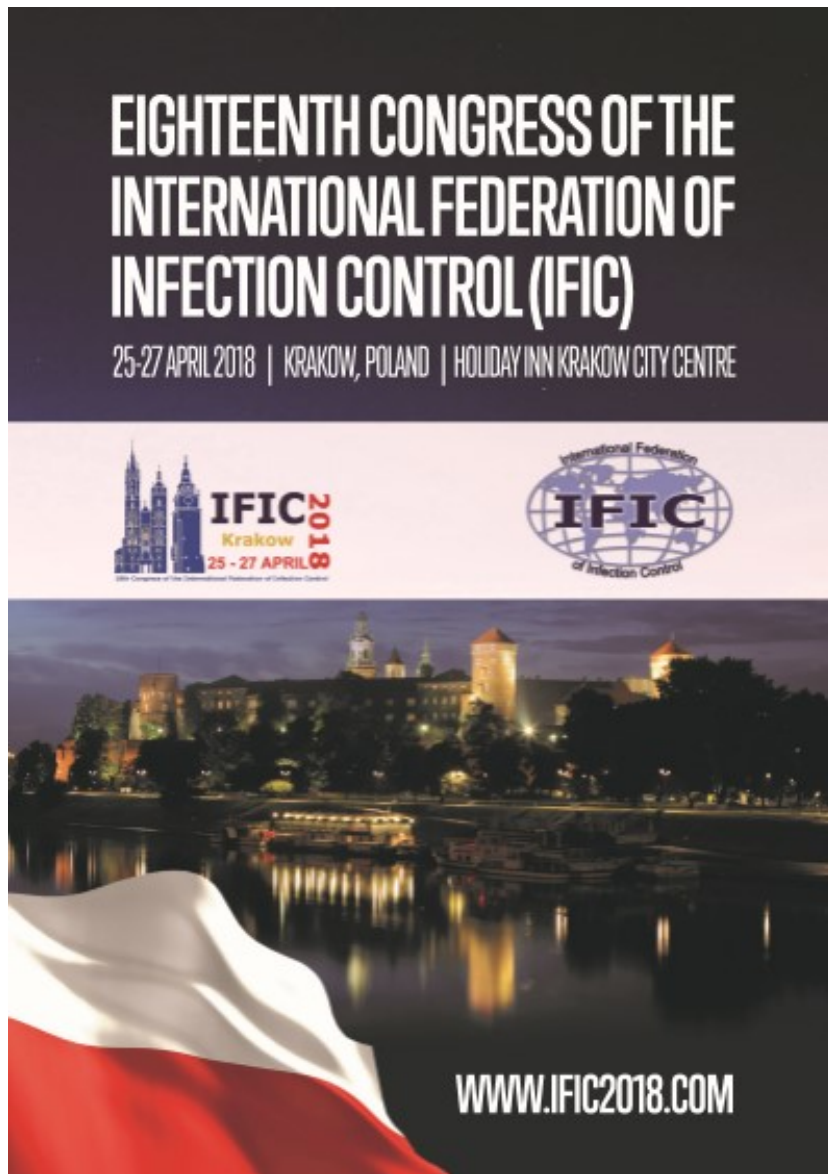


When bacteria become resistant to antibiotics, **common infections will no longer be treatable**



<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/>





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.



**Eighteenth Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control
Holiday Inn Krakow City Centre, Krakow, Poland
25-27 April 2018
Conference programme**

Wednesday, 25 April 2018

Time	Meeting room	Presentation type	Topic	Lecture title	Presenter	
9:00	Degas	Opening ceremony				
9:15	Degas	Keynote lecture	Ayliffe Award lecture	World tour of ritualistic, wasteful and unsafe IPC practices	Nizam Damani	
10:00	Patio / Exhibition area	Coffee break				
10:45	Degas	Keynote lecture	Healthcare associated infections: a quality indicator for hospitals		Jacqui Reilly	
11:30	Degas	Pro-con debate	For the motion	MDROs can be effectively controlled in healthcare settings without a screening programme	David Jenkins	
			Against the motion		Fidelma Fitzpatrick	
12:30	Patio / Exhibition area	Light lunch break and poster rounds				



Wednesday, 25 April 2018

Time	Meeting room	Presentation type	Topic	Lecture title	Presenter
13:30	Degas	Industry symposium			
	Renoir 2-3-4	Industry symposium			
14:00	Degas	IPS symposium	Device associated infections	Naughty CAUTI – why is prevention still a challenge?	Martin Kiernan
				Right line, right patient, right time – improving vascular access	Carole Hallam
				Preventing Ventilator Associated Pneumonia in 2018	Neil Wigglesworth
	Renoir 2-3-4	Oral papers	Oral delegate presentations		
	Renoir 1	Interactive workshop	Education and androgogy		
15:30	Patio / Exhibition area	Coffee break			
16:00	Degas	Oral papers	Oral delegate presentations		
	Renoir 2-3-4	Keypad interactive symposium	Reporting guidelines for successful submissions to IPC / antibiotic journals		
	Renoir 1	Interactive workshop	Education and androgogy (continues)		



Thursday, 26 April 2018



Time	Meeting room	Presentation type	Topic	Lecture title	Presenter
9:00	Degas	HIS symposium	Gram negative bacteraemia	HIS Working Party guidance on multi resistant Gram-negative infections	Peter Wilson
				Managing outbreaks of multi-resistant Gram negative infections	Martin Kiernan
				Treatment of multi-resistant Gram negative infections	Tim Boswell
	Renoir 2-3-4	APIC/IPAC symposium	Surveillance	Can data make a difference?	Molly Blake
				The details count: process data	Janet Has
				Pulling it all together	Terrie Lee
Renoir 1	Interactive workshop	Behaviour change		Sheldon Stone Judith Dyson	
10:30	Patio / Exhibition area	Coffee break			
11:00	Degas	IFIC symposium	Implementing IPC in limited resource settings	Implementation of the IPC core components in low-resource settings	Benedetta Allegranzi
				Surveillance in limited resource settings - is it possible without laboratory facilities?	Nizam Damani
				Experiences from the IFIC Mentor Scholarship Programme	Ermira Tartari
	Renoir 2-3-4	Keypad interactive symposium	Achieving a "safety first" culture in IPC: what can we learn from the aviation industry?		Martin Egerth
Renoir 1	Interactive workshop	Behaviour change (continues)		Sheldon Stone Judith Dyson	
12:30	Patio / Exhibition area	Light lunch break			



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13:30	Degas	Industry symposium			
	Renoir 2-3-4	Industry symposium			
14:00	Degas	Polish Hospital Infection Society symposium	Addressing MDR healthcare infections	New treatment options for multi-drug resistant Gram-negative bacteria	Agnieszka Laudy
				Multi-drug resistance tuberculosis	Ewa Augustynowicz-Kopec
				Non-fermenting Gram-negative rods - multidrug-resistance - what next?	Eugenia Gospodarek
				Antibiotics in different combinations against multidrug resistant Gram-negative bacteria	Beata Kowalska-Krochmal
				The use of molecular methods in epidemiological analysis	Monika Chlebowicz
	Renoir 2-3-4	WHO keypad symposium	Implementing successful hand hygiene interventions	Hand Hygiene World Café "Revisiting the reasons why the 5 Moments concept is the right one!" Hands on hand hygiene observations - Interactive discussion of practical examples	Benedetta Allegranzi Ermira Tartari
Renoir 1	Interactive workshop	Behaviour change (continues)		Sheldon Stone Judith Dyson	
15:30	Patio / Exhibition area	Coffee break			
16:00	Degas	Oral papers	Oral delegate presentations		
	Renoir 2-3-4	Keypad interactive symposium	Evaluating a medical paper		Kathy Suh
	Renoir 1	Interactive workshop	Behaviour change (continues)		Sheldon Stone Judith Dyson
19:30	Conference dinner				



Friday, 27 April 2018



Time	Meeting room	Presentation type	Topic	Lecture title	Presenter
9:00	Degas	IFIC symposium	Antibiotic stewardship	Sepsis and Stewardship – friends or foes?	Fidelma Fitzpatrick
				Can behavioural economics explain and improve antibiotic prescribing?	David Jenkins
				Surgical prophylaxis: using behaviour change principles to improve practice	Michael Borg
	Renoir 2-3-4	EUNETIPS symposium	IPC competencies in Europe	Knowing how to act in a situation: the French approach of IPC core competencies	Pascal Astagneau
				Competences of Infection Prevention Specialist in Netherlands	Heidi Schijf
				Competencies of IPS in Croatia	Jasminka Horvatic
				Competencies in UK	Helen O'Connor
Renoir 1	Interactive workshop	Environmental decontamination		Egil Lingaas Syed Sattar	
10:30	Patio / Exhibition area	Coffee break			

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP —a difference we promised you!

Achieving behaviour change for infection prevention and control

-YOU choose the issue and WE help you design your own intervention

Speakers:

Judith Dyson, University of Hull, United Kingdom (Health Psychologist)

Sheldon Stone, University College London, United Kingdom (Physician)

Date: Thursday, 26 April 2018 **Time:** 09:00-10:30

11:00-12:30 (continues)

14:00-15:30 (continues)

16:00-17:00 (continues)

Ever read about behaviour change theory in infection prevention and control and wondered how on earth it works in real life? Heard a lecture on the subject and come away bewildered, bothered and confused by the terminology? Well, wonder no more, and never be confused again!

In this interactive and lively one-day workshop you have an opportunity to apply behaviour change theory and techniques to design interventions to improve health care workers' practice of those infection prevention issues closest to YOUR institution's needs.

YOU choose the issue, and Judith and Sheldon will guide you through a series of group exercises giving you the skills to design tailored, theory based interventions to improve practice in your clinical setting. In our last workshop, 40 delegates split themselves into three groups. One designed an intervention for implementing the sepsis six, one designed an intervention for hand hygiene and the third designed an intervention for correct glove use in urinary catheter care. The topics were chosen by the delegates after preliminary discussion in the workshop.

Bring your most pressing infection prevention and control issue to this workshop and let us help you design an intervention that could help your healthcare workers break the bad habits of a lifetime! Delegates will receive a “toolkit” of resources they can take away and use in their workplaces.

invitation

Annual General Meeting

IFIC Society Delegates & Members

Thursday 26 April 2018 at 12:13-14:00

Conference Venue

Krakow, Poland

Delegates vote on initiatives

A quorum of delegates is essential to vote

Members exchange ideas

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).

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. 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!



To access previous issues of the **International Journal of Infection Control**, click [here](#).

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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 no later than **30 May 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 30 May 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)
- 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

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. Slide sets have been developed to correlate with some chapters and the links for these can be found under the Education Tab and then Infection Control Basic Training Program Course Outline.

The 2016 Edition is also available in Italian. The 2011 Edition is available in Spanish, French, Hungarian, Arabic and Bulgarian thanks to BD,



Meiko, IFIC Board



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

- 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

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



Krakow, Poland 25-27, April, 2018 www.IFIC2018.com

IPAC Canada 2018 Annual Conference



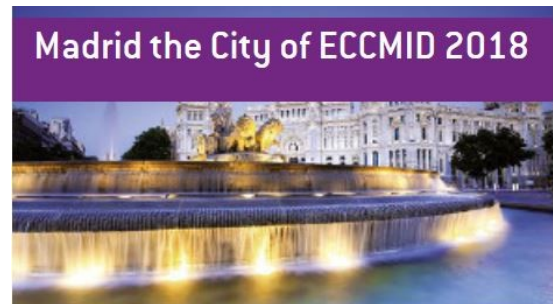
Banff, Alberta, Canada 27 - 30 May 2018
<https://ipac-canada.org/ipac-canada-annual-conference.php>

APIC's 45th Annual Conference

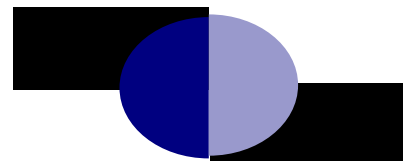
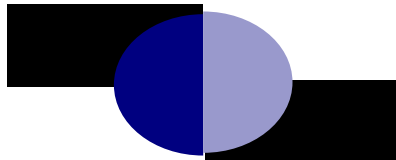


Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
 13-15 June 2018 <http://ac2018.site.apic.org/>

28th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases



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

**11th 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/>

7th Infection Prevention Network Kenya-IPNET



Nyeri, Kenya 20-23, Nov 2018, <http://www.ipnetkenya.org/>

**7th Infection Control Africa Network-
ICAN Congress**

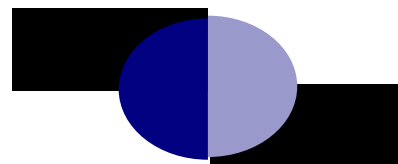
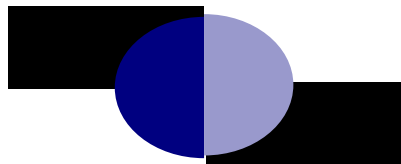
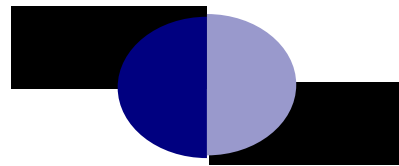


Cape Town, South Africa 8-11 July 2018
<http://www.icanetwork.co.za/conferences/ican-congress-2018/>

Infection Prevention Society 11th Annual Conference



Glasgow, UK 30 Sept. -2 Oct 2018
<http://www.ips.uk.net/conference/>



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



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