Mission and objectives

The major objective of the Italian Society of Anti-infective Therapy (Società Italiana di Terapia Antinfettiva, SITA) is to promote, increasing, and encouraging the following activities:

- Research on infectious diseases and anti-infective therapy, including publication of books and journals, organization of conferences and congresses, institution of competitive research grants for young scientists
- Development of initiatives aimed at preventing, diagnosing, and treating infectious conditions, with particular emphasis on socially relevant diseases
- Post-graduate education on infectious diseases and anti-infective therapy for different kinds of health-care professionals

The Italian Study Group of Resistant Infections of SITA (ISGRI-SITA) started its activities in 2015, with the aim of promoting knowledge and research on the epidemiology and treatment of infectious diseases caused by multidrug-resistant pathogens.

SITA Executive Committee

- **President**: Claudio Viscoli (Genova)
- **Vice-President**: Matteo Bassetti (Udine)
- **Secretary**: Antonio Di Biagio (Genova)
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SITA public awareness campaign on antimicrobial resistance, proper antimicrobial use, and antimicrobial stewardship

In 2016, SITA started a public awareness campaign in Italy for promoting the correct use of antimicrobials. The campaign is the video spot “The Supervampire.” The spot is available on social media and on a dedicated website (www.antibioticilanostradifesa.it), which also included general information on antimicrobial resistance, video interviews with experts, rules for proper use of antimicrobials, and interactive tests for measuring personal awareness of antimicrobial resistance. (Campaign supported by MSD Italia unrestricted educational grant)

SITA activities in 2015 and 2016

- **2015**
  - 1st SITA Course on Antimicrobial Use for young physicians (Bologna, Italy)
  - 6th SITA National Congress (Bologna, Italy)
  - SITA attendance grants for participating in the ESCMID post-graduate education course “Management of Infections in the Critically Ill Patients: a Hands-on Course on Current Challenges and Future Directions” in Grade, Italy (6 attendance grants for young scientists)

- **2016**
  - 2nd SITA Course on Antimicrobial Use for young physicians (Rome, Italy)
  - 3rd SITA Course on Antimicrobial Use for young physicians (Genoa, Italy)
  - 7th SITA National Congress (Genoa, Italy)
  - SITA Public Awareness Campaign on Antimicrobial Resistance
  - SITA Research Grants for studies on bacterial and fungal diseases to be done in 2017-2018

Winners of the SITA research grants for conducting studies on bacterial and fungal diseases in 2017-2018

- Daniele Roberto Giacobbe (Genova)
- Francesca Furlì (Bologna)
- Ilaria Motta (Torino)
- Alessandro Russo (Roma)
- Filippo Lagi (Firenze)
- Emiliano Meta (Bologna)
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Publications endorsed by SITA-ISGRI

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