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**Newsletter 3 – September 2017**

It has been a while since our last newsletter and EUCIC has been busy!

We will now show you what we have been up to!

### Changes in EUCIC’s organization

**Newly elected Chair of the EUCIC Advisory Board**

EUCIC has a new Advisory Board Chair: Professor Vincent Jarlier from the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital in Paris, France.

**Changes in the EUCIC Steering Committee (SC)**

Jesús Rodríguez-Baño (Spain) and Herman Goossens (Belgium) will be leaving the EUCIC SC at the end of their term. They will be replaced by the newly elected members Anders Johansson (Sweden) and Elisabeth Presterl (Austria). We would like to take the opportunity to thank Jesús and Herman for their precious and successful work in EUCIC. It was the first term of EUCIC and therefore a lot of “start-up” work had to be done and initial obstacles overcome. Herman and Jesús contributed significantly to the success of EUCIC and we are deeply grateful for this. Thank you very much!

**Changes in the National Committees**

The ESCMID Executive Committee has approved the replacement of Jesús Rodríguez-Baño by Juan Pablo Horcajada as the new Spanish national representative.
Changes in EUCIC’s organization

**EUCIC Communication Officers**

- EUCIC welcomes the newly elected communication officers: Gabriel Birgand (United Kingdom) and Constantinos Tsioutis (Cyprus).

**EUCIC was active at ECCMID 2017 in Vienna**

EUCIC co-organized the following educational sessions:

- The Educational workshop EW008 “Innovation in infection control”
- The Symposium SY084 “Surgical site infection prevention worldwide”, with the World Health Organization
- The Symposium SY093 "Best infection control practices in a culturally diverse world", with the International Consortium for Prevention & Infection Control (ICPIC)
- The Symposium SY117 "Resistance dynamics between the human and the veterinary sector", with the ESCMID Study Group for Veterinary Microbiology (ESGVM) and the ESCMID Study Group for Antibiotic Policies (ESGAP)

During our **annual meeting**, important decisions were taken and future projects were discussed. See the list of our new projects outlined in the section ‘New EUCIC projects’ below.

We even took a photo to show our support for the “WHO 5 May SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands” Campaign!
The European Infection Prevention and Control Certificate is just around the corner...

The application deadline for institutes to function as excellence or training centres for the European Infection Prevention and Control Certificate has now expired, and selection of the best candidates has begun.

The next steps are the most important:

- Finalization of the study programme
- Setting up the website for student registration

For more details on the programme objectives and structure, visit our website or download the programme here

New EUCIC publications

- New publication with the participation of EUCIC:

EUCIC is now part of the GIPCN (Global Infection Prevention and Control Network) of the World Health Organization (WHO)

The GIPCN aims to provide technical support to member states through broad dissemination of WHO IPC policies and guidance documents, and to contribute to WHO efforts to respond to communicable disease crisis, outbreaks or epidemics that originate in or are amplified by the provision of care in healthcare settings.

As a first announcement, we would like to share an upcoming activity of WHO/GIPCN, which is launching an exciting new learning pod and webinar on 29 Aug 2017:

**Introduction to the Infection Prevention & Control and Water Sanitation & Hygiene Global Learning Laboratory Learning Pod and Announcement of inaugural webinar**

Webinar Learning Objectives:
- Learn about the WHO Global Learning Laboratory for Quality UHC and the new IPC & WASH learning pod;
- Highlight the inter-linkages between IPC and WASH in pursuit of quality UHC;
- Think through key change drivers for improving IPC and WASH practices at the local level;
- Explore different approaches on how frontline changes in IPC and WASH can influence national strategic direction;
- Explore how the GLL for Quality UHC can support the work of IPC and WASH;
- Define what success looks like for a learning pod that is focussed on IPC and WASH within the GLL for Quality UHC

To register to join the webinar click [here](http://example.com)
New EUCIC projects

EUCIC is starting new projects for the period 2017/2018. If you are interested in joining one of them please contact Evelina Tacconelli (evelina.tacconelli@med.uni-tuebingen.de) or Nico Mutters (nico.mutters@med.uni-heidelberg.de).

- European standardization of how to measure IC performance
- EUCIC conference management
- Implementation of AST selective reporting in Europe
- Building the “CONTROL-Net” focused on IC research

EUCIC is now on social media and wants to connect with you!

Join our LinkedIn group to interact with colleagues from around the globe

Follow EUCIC on Researchgate to get updates on projects and publications

Follow our YouTube channel for interesting videos and reviews
Contact EUCIC for further information

Further information on EUCIC is available on the EUCIC website and the social media.

Do feel free to contact us to exchange ideas, propose new activities and receive information on membership (eucic@escmid.org).

Thank you for your interest in EUCIC and we hope to hear from you soon!

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