The European Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control

The EUCIC Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control integrates international courses in selected EUCIC training centers, aiming to train a new generation of specialists in Infection Prevention and Control in Europe.

The Training Programme consists of basic, advanced and local modules, observerships and e-learning modules.

The first educational module took place in February 2018, with the basic and compulsory module in Groningen, Netherlands.

Several Local and Advanced modules have followed.

In addition, the programme includes e-learning and Observerships.

For more details on the programme click here.
Local module in Porto, 15-19 October

The Local module “Antimicrobial Therapy and Antimicrobial Stewardship” (in Portuguese), organized by Carlos Lima Alves, Maria de Lurdes Santos and Nuno Rocha Pereira, took place in Porto, Portugal on 15-19 October.

This 5-day module was a success with 41 participants, 19 faculty and an overall module evaluation of 3.9/4.0 for organization and 3.8/4.0 for faculty.

Local module in Matosinhos, 22-23 November

The Local module “Training Professionals in Patient Safety” (in Portuguese), organized by Isabel Neves, David Peres, and Miguel Neno, took place in Matosinhos, Portugal on 22-23 November.

This 2-day module with 30 participants and 12 faculty, scored highly with 3.5/4.0 for organization and 3.7/4.0 for faculty.
The Local module “Improving antibiotic prescription and infection control in the emergency room”, organized by Alejandro Martín Quirós (Spain) and Carlos Palos (Portugal), took place in Madrid, Spain on 30 November – 1 December.

This 2-day module, in conjunction with the other local modules in Portugal and Spain, aimed to harmonize infection control procedures between Spain and Portugal.

The module was attended by 20 persons and scored 3.6/4.0 for organization and 3.6/4.0 for faculty.
The second Advanced module of the EUCIC Training Programme, organized by Jan Kluytmans and Maaike van Mourik, took place in Utrecht, Netherlands on 24-27 October.

This 4-day course, “Epidemiology and Data analysis in Infection Control”, covered the epidemiology, data-analysis and result interpretation of clinical infection control problems.

Interactive lectures and group work on case studies gave the participants hands-on training in healthcare epidemiology and data-analysis.

The success and usefulness of this training module is reflected in the high score it achieved, with organization rating 3.7/4 and faculty rating 3.8/4.
Participation of EUCIC at the European Union of Medical Specialists

After a long preparation, on 21 October 2017, a formal request for the creation of a Multidisciplinary Joint Committee (MJC) on Infection Control (IC), as a joint invitation by the Infectious Diseases UEMS Section, the Medical Microbiology UEMS section, and by EUCIC, was submitted and subsequently discussed at the annual meeting of UEMS at Bruxelles. In the meeting Jean-Paul Stahl, President of UEMS ID Section, Hilpi Rautelin, President of UEMS MM Section, and Nicola Petrosillo on behalf of EUCIC, supported by Evelina Tacconelli. The proposal was approved unanimously. The UEMS President Prof. Romuald Krajewski asked MJC IC to collaborate with all specialties represented in UEMS, when they prepare their core competencies, in order to incorporate principles of IC in their curriculum.

Since full implementation of IC measures can only be accomplished by multidisciplinary work, invitation will be sent to all Sections for their collaboration in MJC IC.

Close collaboration with non-UEMS stakeholders dealing with IC such as EUCIC and ECDC, is imperative.

Objectives of the MJC IC

- The main objective is to define European standards of medical education and training in Infection Control.
- The availability of European Infection Control core competencies is a cornerstone for harmonizing infection prevention and control training and education in Europe.
- Proposed MJC on IC would ensure that part of curriculum and European Training Requirements pertaining in IC in both ID and MM specialties are structured in a similar way.
- As a next step, this MJC in IC will plan to set up a European Certificate in Infection Control for medical specialists, in collaboration with EUCIC, ECDC, etc.

The scope of MJC IC is education of European Medical Specialties. Their own core curricula should incorporate IC standards in which most of the specialties have little/no competencies.

The Board of MJC IC is:
- President: Nicola Petrosillo, Italy (ID)
- Vice-president: Maeve Doyle, Ireland (MM)
- Secretary: Davorka Dušek, Croatia (ID)
- Treasurer: Breida Boyle, Ireland (MM)
- Members at large:
  - Mihael Skerlev, Croatia (Dermatology)
  - Silvio Brusaferro, Italy (Public Health)
EUCIC and ESGAP (ESCMID Study Group for Antimicrobial stewardship) are collaborating to an ECDC-funded survey to assess healthcare workers knowledge and attitudes about antibiotics and antibiotic resistance.

ECDC and Public Health England (who have been commissioned to develop and implement the survey) are seeking responses from healthcare workers, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists and hospital managers as well as clinical scientists, physiotherapists, nursing assistants, dental/pharmacy technicians, public health teams and health students.

The survey will open in early 2019 and the aim is to have a robust return of 10,000+ responses across the EU/EEA member states with representation from healthcare workers.

The overall objectives of the study for ECDC are:

- To fill in gaps in terms of evaluation of communication campaigns targeting healthcare workers, and
- To gain a better understanding of their knowledge and perceptions to provide a base to support future needs in terms of policy and education changes.

Please put this in your planning calendar so that once you receive this survey link you are able to kindly disseminate throughout your national professional networks, groups and healthcare settings.
EUCIC will conduct a survey on the opinions of Infection Control Team members on Influenza Vaccination

The aim of this short survey is to understand the attitudes of infection control teams on influenza vaccination in different countries and their rationale for accepting or rejecting influenza vaccination.

Results and conclusions derived from this survey will help shape future strategies, to enhance compliance with influenza vaccination and to reduce the burden of influenza across Europe.

For optimal dissemination, the survey will be translated in different languages and will open in February/March 2019.
Next Local modules of the EUCIC Training Programme

Local module
“Infection Prevention and Control”
Bucharest, Romania, 20-22 February 2019

Local module
“Designing and implementing Point Prevalence Surveys of healthcare-associated infections and antibiotic use”
(Greek spoken)
Heraklion, Greece, 4-6 April 2019

Local module
“Healthcare Associated Infections: from theoretical bases through training and motivation to the development of a control programme”
Bergamo, Italy, 6-8 May 2019

Local module
“The role of the clinical laboratory in preventing nosocomial infections due to MDR Gram-negative pathogens: a theoretical and practical approach”
Athens, Greece, 20-22 May 2019

Next Advanced modules of the EUCIC Training Programme

Advanced module
"Dynamics of disease transmission: from genomes to infection control"
Freiburg, Germany, 14-16 January 2019

Advanced module
"Antibiotic Therapy and Antimicrobial Stewardship Programmes"
Ljubljana, Slovenia, 13-15 March 2019

Advanced module
"Implementation in Infection Prevention and Control"
Geneva, Switzerland, 16-17 May 2019

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

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

*We wish you a fruitful 2019!*

*Constantinos Tsioutis & the EUCIC Newsletter Team*