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Happy new year everyone!
We are closing 2017 with fascinating news!

EUCIC launches a European Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control

For the first time in Europe, the EUCIC in Infection Prevention and Control Certificate will integrate courses at an international level with national courses in selected EUCIC training centers.

The Training Programme starts in February 2018 with the basic and compulsory module in Groningen, Netherlands.

Advanced modules and observerships will follow in 2018 & 2019 in selected centers.

In addition, the programme includes e-learning and local modules, which represent in-house expertise and teach country-specific aspects.

Registration deadline is 14th February 2018. For more details on the detailed programme click here.

A dedicated newsletter only for the training programme will follow soon.
Infection control training comes to the attention of UEMS

Thanks to the efforts of several EUCIC members, the Union Européenne Des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS) Council approved the implementation of a multidisciplinary joint committee (MJC) on infection control, whose goal is to define European standards for medical education and training in infection control. The Executive Committee of UEMS infectious diseases (ID) Section has suggested Nicola Petrosillo, who is liaison officer for EUCIC, as one of the delegates; UEMS ID and medical microbiology (MM) Sections are proposing 3 other colleagues.

Now, Infection Control is represented at the UEMS as a multidisciplinary structure whose 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.

This will further strengthen EUCIC’s training programme established by Evelina Tacconelli, Alex W. Friedrich and Nico Mutters. This is a great success accomplished by EUCIC and UEMS ID/MM Sections thanks to the efforts of Jean-Paul Stahl, Davorka Dusek, Truls Leegard, Hilpi Rautelin and Nicola Petrosillo.

EUCIC participates in the Global Infection Prevention and Control (GIPC) Network

The GIPC Network is a collaboration between the World Health Organization (WHO) and its participants. Through various actions, it enhances local, national and international collaboration and aims to support the WHO Member States’ efforts on infection prevention and control.

With a recent commentary in the Lancet Global Health, the GIPC network highlights the global infection prevention and control priorities.
New online educational activities

We have new educational activities available online, prepared by our communication officer, Gabriel Birgand.

Take a look at his latest literature review on Infection control in intensive care units, with important updates on epidemiology, microbiology and prevention!

Planned activities during ECCMID 2018 in Madrid

EUCIC will participate in several sessions during the 28th ECCMID in Madrid (21-24 April 2018).

These include:

- **Meet-The-Expert-Sessions**
  - How to get and maintain control over nosocomial vancomycin-resistant enterococci
  - How to organize surveillance of healthcare-associated infections in a situation of short lengths of stay and rapid transfers to chronic care facilities

- **Educational Workshops**
  - Is decolonization the last chance to overcome antimicrobial resistance?
  - Hands-on infection control - what does actually work to prevent infections?

We will soon have more details on our presence in ECCMID!
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!

We wish you a fruitful new year!

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