The European Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control

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First EUCIC local module: Lisbon, 7th April

Advanced module in Paris, 4-6 July, with ECDC contribution

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This Newsletter is dedicated to the European Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control, launched by EUCIC in February 2018

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.

A local module followed in Lisbon, Portugal in April 2018.

The first Advanced module took place in Paris. Further modules and observerships will follow in 2018 & 2019 in selected centers throughout Europe.

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

For more details on the programme click here.
Basic module of the European Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control kicked-off in February 2018

The EUCIC Training Programme in Infection Prevention and Control started in Groningen, Netherlands, with the Basic module from 25 February to 2 March.

Participation was enthusiastic, underlining the international appeal of EUCIC.

This course, spanning over a duration of 6 days, included interactive lectures, case discussions and hands-on training with simulated patients. More than 25 faculty members from seven European countries participated.

A total of 39 professionals from 17 countries attended the Basic module. It is worth noting that more than half were younger than 35 years of age, pointing out the importance of young healthcare professionals in the future of infection control and prevention in Europe.

The success of the Basic module is also reflected in the high feedback rates it achieved, with a mean 3.7/4 score for organization and faculty, and a mean 3.9/4 score for the practicals!
The first Local module of the EUCIC Training Programme took place in Lisbon, Portugal on April 7th, focusing on antimicrobial stewardship and infection control in the emergency room.

At least 30 healthcare professionals participated. During this course an innovative online simulation platform was used to perform and assess decision making and antibiotic therapy.

Congratulations to Carlos Palos (Portugal) and Alejandro Martín Quirós (Spain) for the successful course organization!
The first Advanced module of the EUCIC Training Programme, organized by Pascal Astagneau (France), Jean-Christophe Lucet (France), Petra Gastmeier (Germany), and Carl Suetens (Sweden), took place in Paris, France on July 4-6.

This 3-day course, "Surveillance and early warning systems of healthcare-associated infections", organized by EUCIC with the contribution of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), provided course participants in-depth understanding of surveillance methods in healthcare-associated infections, antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial consumption.

Lectures, case studies and group work allowed many exchanges focused on experience sharing between experts and centers from different countries and different approaches for HAI surveillance and report. The overview of surveillance methods and early warning systems of HIA at the local but also regional, national and supranational level provided useful information and tools to improve or implement new surveillance systems in European hospitals, based on international experience and practices.
The second Local module of the EUCIC Training Programme, organized by Constantinos Tsioutis and George Petikkos, took place in Nicosia, Cyprus on September 20-21.

This 2-day course, “Surveillance and metacompetence”, was the first EUCIC module on metacompetence and provided participants additional knowledge and skills on the basic concepts and objectives of surveillance, and to gain a European perspective in infection prevention and control.

The module included lectures and practical sessions with case studies and group work. Six trainees participated and the overall module evaluation, with 3.8/4.0 for the whole course and 3.9/4.0 for the faculty, underlines the success of local modules and their important contribution to education in infection prevention and control.
Next Local modules of the EUCIC Training Programme

Local module “Antimicrobial therapy and antimicrobial stewardship” (Portuguese spoken), Porto, Portugal, 15-19 October

Local module “Training professionals in patient safety” (Portuguese spoken), Matosinhos, Portugal, 22-23 November

Local module “Improving antibiotic prescription and infection control on the Emergency Room” (English spoken), Madrid, Spain 30 November-1 December

Next Advanced modules of the EUCIC Training Programme

Advanced module "Epidemiology and data analysis in infection control", Utrecht, Netherlands, 24-27 October

Advanced module "Dynamics of disease transmission: from genomes to infection control", Freiburg, Germany, 14-16 January 2019
# EUCIC observerships within the ESCMID observership visits

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The increasing importance of Infection Control was noted during the 28th ECCMID in Madrid (21-24 April 2018), where 12 sessions were highlighted as interesting for Infection Control Practitioners, nearly as twice than the previous ECCMID.

Among them, EUCIC organized 4 sessions:

“Hands-on infection control - what does actually work to prevent infections?”
4-hour Educational Workshop (EW005)
A full house session chaired by Jean-Christophe Lucet and Elisabeth Presterl, Speeches by Loreen Herwaldt, Eli Perencevich, Jonathan Otter and Petra Gastmeier

“How to get and maintain control over nosocomial vancomycin-resistant enterococci?”
Meet-The-Expert Session (ME051)
Maria Souli and Markus Dettenkofer

“How to organize surveillance of healthcare-associated infections in a situation of short lengths of stay and rapid transfers to chronic care facilities”
Meet-The-Expert Session (ME181)
Maria Luísa Moro and Yehuda Carmeli
co-organized with the ESCMID Study Group for Nosocomial Infections (ESGNI)

“Is decolonization the last chance to overcome antimicrobial resistance?”
2-hour Educational Workshop (EW219)
Chaired by Benedikt Huttner and Mitchell Schwaber
Speeches by Evelina Tacconelli, Philippe Eggimann and Jean-François Timsit

In addition, EUCIC presence was marked in the Networking corner and the EUCIC booth

The EUCIC annual meeting had more than 50 participants from all around the world. Important matters were discussed, including the Training programme, and future educational activities, research projects, and collaborations
Together with ESGAP and EUCAST, a survey published in the *International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents*, mapping which the selective report of antibiotic susceptibility testing results.

A commentary in *Clinical Microbiology and Infection*, outlining the resource needs for antibiotic stewardship teams.

In collaboration with Combacte-Magnet, EUCIC published in *Clinical Microbiology and Infection*, a systematic review of existing surveillance systems on HAI and/or AMR.

A survey presented in ECCMID in Madrid, showing the geographical differences in implementation of control measures for multidrug-resistant gram-negatives.
Further information on EUCIC is available on the EUCIC website, in the ESCMID 2017/18 Yearbook 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!

Constantinos Tsioutis & the EUCIC Newsletter Team