

## **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INFECTION CONTROL (IFIC)**

### **BOARD ACTIVITIES:**

- Biannual IFIC Board meeting: Malta, March 2010, Stellenbosch, South Africa (in conjunction with Joint IPCAN/IFIC Congress): September 2010
- Executive Committee Skype teleconferences

### **From the Objectives 2010:**

- Strategic planning exercise – **see below**
- Expand Special Interest Groups- **ongoing**
- Include a networking function on the website- **ongoing**
- Review Articles of Association—**see below**
- Updating of member society details- **ongoing- see membership below**

From the Strategic Planning process held in Malta the following changes have been approved:

**Mission:** To foster best practice in infection prevention & control through global networking within healthcare.

**Vision:** To be the leading International networking facilitator in prevention and control within healthcare.

### **Board of Trustees:**

It was agreed to make changes to the procedural process for election to the Board of Trustees. The Board will be composed of 10 trustees plus the Chair. The IFIC Chair will be deemed to represent solely the Federation. Upon taking office, s/he will cease to represent the region from where s/he was elected or to be the nominee of any society and the position vacated by the Chair will be filled by an election held for nominees from societies in the group/s from which the Chair was originally elected. All travel expenses for the IFIC Chair will be covered by the Federation.

It was proposed to have board members elected from a specified geographical region (see table below). The proposed changes will have an equal distribution of Trustee representation between developed/high resource and developing/low resource regions, each of the two groups electing five Trustees to the Board.

High resource regions incorporate the countries listed in Group A and Group B in the enclosed table:

- Two Trustees will be elected from Group A
- Two Trustees will be elected from Group B.
- The fifth Trustee will be elected following a call for nominations issued to member societies in both Group A and Group B.
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Small/developing/low resource regions incorporate the countries listed in groups C to G in the enclosed table.

- One Trustee will be elected from each of group

December 2010 marked the completion of the terms of office for Michael Borg and Ossama Rasslan. On January 1, 2011 the Board of Trustee membership is:

Judith Richards: Chair  
Carol Goldman: Secretary (B)  
Jane Murphy: Treasurer (A)  
Walter Popp (A)  
Emese Szilagyi (C)  
Gayle Gilmore (B)  
Akeau Unahalekhaka (F)  
Pola Brenner (E)  
Egil Lingaas (A)

**2011 Trustee Vacancies:** To begin this new procedural process, nominations for filling vacancies in the Board membership in 2011 will be drawn from Groups, D and G

In order to be more fiscally responsible for trustee expenses the board has decided to hold spring meetings in less costly venues such as in Hungary, Croatia or Malta. As well, in consideration of conference costs it was agreed that the Gala Dinner will no longer be included in the conference registration rate and unless sponsorship can be given for a Speaker's Dinner, this event will not be held.

**Goals 2011:**

1. Provide the tools to unite societies & individuals active in infection control in order to reduce the risk of healthcare associated infection globally
2. Draw on member organizations to provide help and assist with formation of national societies within countries at the early stages of infection control.
3. Provide communication via newsletter, journal, website, publications & email.
4. Maintain a liaison with WHO and other organisations that promote infection control on a global basis.
5. Promote high quality educational opportunities, materials and training at low or no cost.
6. To strengthen the internal structure of the Federation
  1. ensure full geographic representation of all global regions
7. Increase by 20%:
  1. number of corporate sponsors
  2. website hits
  3. submissions to IJIC
  4. attendance at IFIC congresses

**Committees:**

**A. The 20110 Executive:**

Judith Richards: Chair  
Carol Goldman: Secretary  
Jane Murphy: Treasurer  
Michael Borg: Past Chair and Chair Conference Committee - an ex officio board member

**Membership and Finances Sub Committee:**

Nizam Damani (Chair) an ex officio board member  
Pamela Allen (administrative assistant)  
Jane Murphy (Treasurer)

**Publications sub committee:** (to address IJIC, enews, web resources, basic concepts, translation)

Candy Freidman: Chair  
Aaron Cauchi (webmaster)  
Elizabeth Ann Scicluna (Journal Administrator)  
Smilja Kalenic Editor- IJIC 2011- an ex officio board member

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Basic Concepts in Infection Control is being revised and expected to be re-published by 2012.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- IFIC has 79 members in 61 countries
  - 25 member societies are still unpaid for past 3 years – the board is investigating
  - Unable to trace payment for three societies- the board is investigating

**Associate Members category:** 349 members from 70 countries

As part of my duties as Secretary I have assumed the task of helping design a Patron Members Package. The Policy and Procedure Manual has been completed and will hopefully be online for the member's only site in 2011. As well I will assist in drafting a Conference Manual.

As always I thank CHICA-Canada for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

*Carol Goldman, Secretary*

<u>A</u> <u>Europe 1</u>	<u>B</u> <u>Others</u>	<u>C</u> <u>Europe 2</u>	<u>D</u> <u>Africa</u>	<u>E</u> <u>Americas 2</u>	<u>F</u> <u>SE Asia &amp; W Pacific</u>	<u>G</u> <u>EMRO</u>
Austria	USA	Albania	Algeria Angola	Antigua & Barbuda	Bangladesh	Afghanistan
Belgium	Canada	Andorra	Benin Botswana	Argentina	Bhutan	Bahrain
Denmark	Japan	Armenia	Burkina Faso	Bahamas	Cambodia	Djibouti
Finland	Australia	Azerbaijan	Burundi Cameroon	Barbados	China	Egypt
France	New Zealand	Belarus	Cape Verde	Belize	Cook Islands	Iran
Germany		Bosnia & Herzegovina	Central African Rep.	Bolivia	Korea DPR	Iraq
Greece		Bulgaria	Chad Comoros	Brazil	Korea Republic	Jordan
Ireland		Croatia	Congo	Chile	Fiji	Kuwait
Israel		Cyprus	Cote d'Ivoire	Colombia	India	Lebanon
Italy		Czech Republic	DR Congo	Costa Rica	Indonesia	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Netherlands		Estonia	Equatorial Guinea	Cuba	Kiribati	Morocco
Norway		FYR Macedonia	Eritrea Ethiopia	Dominica	Lao	Oman
Poland		Georgia	Gabon Gambia	Dominican Republic	Malaysia	Pakistan
Portugal		Hungary	Ghana Guinea	Ecuador	Maldives	Qatar
Spain		Iceland	Guinea-Bissau	El Salvador	Marshall Islands	Saudi Arabia
Sweden		Kazakhstan	Kenya Lesotho	Grenada	Micronesia	Somalia
Switzerland		Kyrgyzstan	Liberia	Guatemala	Mongolia	Sudan
United Kingdom		Latvia	Madagascar	Guyana	Myanmar	Syrian Arab Rep.
		Lithuania	Malawi Mali	Haiti	Nauru	Tunisia
		Luxembourg	Mauritania	Honduras	Nepal	United Arab Emirates
		Malta	Mauritius	Jamaica	Niue	Yemen
		Montenegro	Mozambique	Mexico	Palau	
		Republic of Moldavia	Namibia Niger	Nicaragua	Papua New Guinea	
		Romania	Nigeria Rwanda	Panama	Philippines	
		Russian Federation	Sao Tome & Principe	Paraguay	Samoa	
		San Marino	Senegal	Peru	Singapore	
		Serbia	Seychelles	St Kitts & Nevis	Solomon Islands	
		Slovakia	Sierra Leone	St Lucia	Sri Lanka	
		Slovenia	South Africa	St Vincent & Grenada	Thailand	
		Tajikistan	Swaziland	Suriname	Timor-Leste	
		Turkey	Togo Uganda	Trinidad & Tobago	Tonga	
		Turkmenistan	UR Tanzania	Uruguay	Tuvalu	
		Ukraine	Zimbabwe	Venezuela	Vanuatu	
		Uzbekistan			Viet Nam	