

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

### **BOARD ACTIVITIES:**

Objectives of 2008/9 that were accomplished to date:

- Revamping of website
- Special Interest Groups (announcement of the Safe Childbirth Project)
- Associate membership (on line applications)
- Networking opportunities
- Training slides for Basic Concepts

Yet to be achieved

- E-links with member websites
- Information on member societies on IFIC site
- IFIC web page with member society information

Two new board members were elected by acclamation to the board and will begin their tenure January 2010:

- Emese Szilagyi: Hungarian Society of Infection Control Practitioners
- Egil Lingaas: Norwegian Forum of Infection Control

These positions became available with the retirement from the board of Nizam Damani and Smilja Kalenic who completed their 2 terms of office.

### **Committees:**

#### **A. The 2010 Executive:**

- Michael Borg: Chair
- Carol Goldman: Secretary
- Jane Murphy: Treasurer
- Judith Richards (chair-elect)

The IFIC Board recognised that better coordination and communication is needed with members and so approved the concept of regional coordinators. Board members will be appointed as regional coordinators to channel regional queries and to have that person a liaison between member societies in that region and the board. The membership secretary is the link and coordinator for these regional coordinators. The regional coordinators are as follows:

- North America - Gayle Gilmore
- Central / South America - Pola Brenner
- Western Europe - Walter Popp
- Eastern Europe - Smilja Kalenic (followed by Emese Szilagyi)
- EMRO region + Africa - Ossama Rasslan
- Asia/Pacific - Akeau

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

**Information Resources in Infection Control:** The sixth edition of a tremendous resource for infection prevention and control practitioners is available on the IFIC website at <http://www.theific.org/>

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

IFIC has **78** members from **60** countries. There are 122 Associate members from 33 countries joined in just 3 months since the Associate membership option began

**EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVOURS:**

The 10th IFIC Congress was a great success with 476 attendees from 46 countries and 12 scholarships were given

In the attempt to have more input and communication from our member societies there were a number of Member Society invited presentations (scheduled as symposia), of which CHICA-Canada was one. Cathy Munford, Donna Moralejo and Carol Goldman presented “Making Routine Practices Routine: 6 Things That Really Make a Difference”. This was a well received presentation and many delegates have since requested copies of the presentation. It is anticipated that a report will be submitted to CJIC for information to CHICA-Canada members. As these symposia were so well received it is hoped that they will become a standard during IFIC conferences.

**2010 IFIC Congress:**

Spier Estate, Western Cape, South Africa Aug 29-Sept 1— to be held in conjunction with IPCAN (as a regional conference)

**INITIATIVES:**

The second round table with CHICA/APIC/IPS/WHO Presidents’ Meeting was held in Vilnius and the discussion was productive with joint collaboration projects discussed, including web links and core competencies for HCWs. Collaboration will continue about these ideas.

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