

## EUNETIPS-meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**Location:** 3M building, Brussels, Belgium

**Members present at the meeting are presented in Appendix 1.**

### Main outcomes

1. EUNETIPS strategy towards relevant European stakeholders
2. Coordination of EUNETIPS with other organisations
3. Communication to ECDC of the interest on IC/HH WIKI development
4. Collaboration between EUNETIPS and the member societies
5. Extending the EUNETIPS network
6. Development of the website
7. Call to societies for sharing national and regional quality indicators used in each country for IPC/HH
8. Consensus paper on IPC/HH pre-graduate education
9. Funding of the EUNETIPS network
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11. Next meetings

#### 1. EUNETIPS strategy towards relevant European stakeholders

EUNETIPS has had contacts with some EU Members of Parliament and the EU Commission in topics regarding infection prevention and control/hospital hygiene (IPC/HH). The meeting discussed the message from EUNETIPS to be sent to those stakeholders. The meeting agreed that the main messages will be:

- a) to raise awareness on patient safety and the importance of IPC/HH;
- b) the EUNETIPS is a strong and extended network for reaching IPC/HH professionals all over Europe and receiving their feed backs; and basic pre-graduate training in IPC/HH is urgently needed for doctors and nurses. To support the contacts between EUNETIPS, European stakeholders and other organisations means that that the website must be clear, easy to explore, updated, concise and attractive.

#### 2. Coordination of EUNETIPS with other organisations

EUNETIPS keeps continuous contacts with other organisations relevant in the field of IPC/HH. Those organisations are:

WHO: Contact has been made with Claire Kilpatrick programme manager “Clean Care is Safer Care” at the Department of Service Delivery and Safety of the WHO. Claire Kilpatrick was supposed to attend this meeting and present some aspects from WHO but was unfortunately prevented. She provided a set of slides to be circulated among participants of today’s meeting.

ECDC: After the presentation of their activities in the winter meeting contacts have been continued and among activities in the near future is expected the release of the technical reports within the TRICE-IS project.

EPHA: The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) will hopefully attend the winter meeting in London and present aspects on IPC/HH.

EUCIC: Contacts have been maintained with Nico Mutters. EUCIC is working on the development of a master programme “Infection Control in Healthcare Settings- Training Programme” The master programme has 7 areas and is meant as an education and training platform mainly for European doctors within the field of IC/HH.

### **3. Communication to ECDC of the interest on IC/HH WIKI development**

All participants stressed the importance in Europe of the IC/HH WIKI and agreed to communicate to ECDC their strong interests and availability to support (also as single societies) on its further development.

### **4. Collaboration between EUNETIPS and the member societies**

Several congresses in 2017 are relevant for EUNETIPS. These conferences either have EUNETIPS sessions or mention EUNETIPS in the programme. These congresses are

DGKH, Germany: Ulm 15-17 March 2017

GISIO, Italy: Pisa 27 March 2017

SF2H, France: Nice 7-9 June 2017

GISIO, Italy: Catania 13 June 2017

SEMPSPH, Spain: Valencia 14-16 June 2017

IPS, UK: Manchester 18-20 September 2017

All member societies are encouraged to include a EUNETIPS session in the national conferences in order to promote the EUNETIPS network.

### **5. Extending the EUNETIPS network**

In total 30 scientific and professional societies are members or EUNETIPS at present date including more than 9000 IC/HH professionals. The network lacks members from several countries and they will be contacted. An invitation letter for new members will be prepared and sent out shortly.

### **6. Development of the website**

The EUNETIPS website is the main tool for communication of the network and most of the efforts should be put on its development. The contacts between EUNETIPS, European stakeholders and other organisations means that that the website is clear, easy to explore,

updated, concise and attractive. The meeting thanked the German society, DGKH and Walter Popp for continuous support and the webmaster Thomas Ruttkowski for attending the meeting. Discussions of further developments of the website followed. Several improvements of the websites were decided.

#### **7. Call to societies for sharing national and regional quality indicators used in each country for IPC/HH**

A survey for current existing national and regional quality indicators for IPC/HH used in each country was proposed and drafted by Silvio, Walter, Paul, Martin, Pierre. The meeting discussed the draft further. The draft will be circulated among the participants of the meeting and modified. The survey is meant to be sent out to the member societies during the summer. The result from the survey could be published in a scientific paper. Societies with good experience will be asked to present their experience on up-coming meetings and on congresses. Antonella Agodi from the University of Catania will prepare the survey and put it on-line once it is ready for circulation among the member societies.

#### **8. Consensus paper on IPC/HH pre-graduate education**

The experience on curriculum in pre-graduate education for becoming doctors and nurses in the field of IPC/HH and patient safety is scarce and training programmes seems to be lacking in many countries and regions. There is room for improvement and none (as far as we know) of the European and international organisations relevant for IPC/HH has addressed that issue. A draft consensus paper about the core competencies for IPC/HH and patient safety for becoming doctors and nurses in pre-graduate education; medical universities and nursing colleges was discussed. Silvio Brusaferrero will finish the draft and circulate it among member societies for review and more comments before the end of August.

#### **9. Funding of the EUNETIPS network**

Membership of EUNETIPS is free for the members. The attendants of the EUNETIPS meetings are funding their own travel expenses. The resources of the EUNETIPS network are limited and the German society, DGKH, accepted to manage a bank account for the network. Most of the resources are spent on managing the website. The rest is spent on logistics during the meetings (meals and coffee).

Alternative funding possibilities for the network were discussed during the meeting. The EU Commission supports some scientific societies if they are considered useful for the Commission's strategic purposes. This topic will be further discussed during the winter meeting in London.

#### **10. Upcoming meetings and conferences**

EUNETIPS has been invited to contribute with sessions during upcoming meetings and conferences. Those conferences are:

HIS conference in November 26-28 2018 in Liverpool.

IFIC in spring 2018 in Krakow.

Topics for sessions were discussed and none agreed. This will be further discussed during the next meetings in 2017.

In 2016 the Italian society GISIO celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a series of scientific events. The next conference will be held in September 3-6 2018 in Parma, Italy on the topic and EUNETIPS was invited to join.

### **11. Next meetings**

The winter meeting 2017 will take place in London on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Royal College of Nursing thanks to Rose Gallagher.

The autumn meeting will be held as a teleconference in the second half of September 2017. Silvio Brusaferrò will send out a Doodle.

The spring meeting could be held in April in 2018 in Berlin, Düsseldorf or in Milan. The location will be decided later.