

Annex 1

Member society profile (for the web site)

(to be prepared as soon as you can and possibly before the October meeting)

1. Name of the society*/Institution* (included acronym):

**SIMPIOS - Società Italiana Multidisciplinare per la Prevenzione delle Infezioni nelle Organizzazioni Sanitarie -
SIMPIOS - The Italian Multidisciplinary Society for the Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections**

2. Legal address: Via Farini, 81 - 20159 Milano MI Italy

3. Logo of the society (to be published in the web site):



4. Flag of the country:



5. President / legally responsible person:

Nicola Petrosillo,

President of SIMPIOS

Director Infectious Disease Divisione

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6. Contact person (who will represent the society in the network):

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7. Short presentation of the society: scope, members, history (max 250 words)

SIMPIOS (the Italian Multidisciplinary Society for the Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections) is the Italian Scientific Association that gathers health professional that are committed in the infections prevention and patient safety issues in the health care organisations. The goal of SIMPIOS is to minimise the risk of infection within the healthcare setting through development of specific culture, through communication and education, and sharing expertise. The main characteristic of the SIMPIOS is the multidisciplinary approach that ensures that the infection control issues are evaluated/analysed in a 360° context. The Founded in 2003 and member of the IFIC (International Federation for Infection Control) SIMPIOS is one of the founders of EUNETIPS (European NETWORK to promote Infection Prevention for Patient Safety). SIMPIOS has regional branches in every Italian region. Its Executive Board has sixteen members: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of the Scientific Committee and GIMPIOS Editor in chief, and ten members, all of them with a renewable 3 years term of office. The Executive Board meets at least twice a year in person and by teleconference when necessary.

8. Members in the last year (2011): n. 250

9. Web site: www.simpios.it;

10. Contact email address: info@simpios.it

11. Publications: i.e. journals, books, guidelines, position papers, others

- you should mention them both in the national language and in English
- GIMPIOS, **Giornale Italiano Multidisciplinare per la Prevenzione delle Infezioni nelle Organizzazioni Sanitarie**
- if they are accessible via email please provide the link: www.gimpios.it

12. Main activities: (max 250 words)

Through its regional organization, SIMPIOS organizes seminars and trainings focussed on the HAI. Via its website (www.simpios.it) SIMPIOS proposes updates on events, and activities related to the Infection Control, and surveys and questionnaires to its members. The surveys' results are featured in scientific articles published on the GIMPIOS.

SIMPIOS defines and manages also special interest groups of members. The main topics currently focused are:

- Clostridium difficile,
- MRSA,
- KPC,
- microfiltration in the operating theatre.

Every two years SIMPIOS organizes a National Congress and a National Seminar, both dedicated to the updates related the Infection Control.

The National Congress is a three days event, The GIMPIOS, the SIMPIOS official publication, is distributed to the members. The GIMPIOS represents a forum for scientific discussion on Infection Control issues with a view to best practice and experience cases. The GIMPIOS is published quarterly.

13. Other aspect of interests