

## 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):  
VHIG (Dutch Society of Infection Prevention and Control in the health care setting)
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2. Legal address:  
Postbus 5135, 1410 AC Naarden, Netherlands

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



4. Flag of the country



5. President / legally responsible person:  
Mrs. Irene ten Seldam

6. Contact person (who will represent the society in the network):  
Name: Ummels  
Surname: Leo  
Email: l.ummels@mmb.umcn.nl

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

The society was formed in 1973 and has currently 265 members. This is approximately 95 % of the professional group. The main objectives of the Society are twofold: 1. Supporting our members in carrying out their task of infection prevention and control in hospital settings; 2. Disseminating information about the prevention and control of infections. From the beginning in 1973 of our Society, we worked with a lot of different commissions, commissions who are active in the Society: Accreditation, Policies / Quality, Conference, Cash Audit, Continuing Education, Public Relations, Audit. In 2011 we switched to three pillars P&P, K and K (see also main activities). Since 1998 we had our own system for quality register. From 2009 we opened this as an open public quality register where all accredited infection control professionals are listed.

During a period of more than 25 years we had our own scientific magazine THIP but that stopped in 2009 because a lack of scientific papers. In 2012 we started up again our magazine but now in digital form *dTHIP*. The members of our Society are nurses as well laboratory technicians (medical microbiology), both with a bachelor degree.

8. Members in the last year ( 2011 ):  
385

9. Web site (if existing), and contact email address.

[www.vhig.nl](http://www.vhig.nl) , [secretariaat@vhig.nl](mailto:secretariaat@vhig.nl)

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

- you should mention them both in the national language and in English
- if they are accessible via email please provide the link.

How much staff do we need for prevention of healthcare-associated infections in hospitals? (2007)

11. Main activities: ( max 250 words)

The Society attempts to achieve its objectives by means of:

- Giving information, instructions, and advice to members, interested persons and parties;
- Organising lectures and advancing publications about infection prevention;
- Contributing actively to digital Magazine *dTHIP*; <http://thip.vhig.nl>
- Participating in, among other things:
  - Trade shows and conferences
  - National Health Council commissions
  - The Working group Infection Prevention (WIP)
  - Standards commission 301.81 Sterilisation and Sterility

The following groups are active in the Society:

- (P&P) Professionalisation & Stressing the distinctive features
- (K) Knowledge
- (K) Quality
- Congress
- *dTHIP* , digital Magazine

12. Other aspect of interests

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