

## **The Healthcare Infection Society (HIS)**

The Healthcare Infection Society (HIS) was founded in the UK 1980 by a group of medical microbiologists to foster the scientific interests of hospital doctors with an interest in hospital acquired infections.

The objectives are to advance knowledge of, foster scientific interest in and disseminate information about the prevention and control of hospital and other healthcare associated infections, to medical and allied professionals for the benefit of the public. The official Journal of the Society is the Journal of Hospital Infection. In 2002 the name of the Society changed to the Healthcare Infection Society.

HIS membership of 820 is largely medical, consultant microbiologists and trainees and nurses. It is a member of IFIC and convenes scientific sessions at other international meetings, including APSIC in 2016.

Every alternate year, HIS convenes an international conference. The next meeting will be held in Liverpool in 2018. The Society also awards significant major and minor grants, facilitates guideline development and is a guideline developer that is accredited by the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE)

### **Activities 2016-2017**

- HIS International Conference 2016
- Award the HIS Grants and Fellowship
- Guideline Working Parties
  - o MRSA Revision
  - o Prevention and Control of Infection in Burns Units (joint with British Burns Association)
  - o Microbiological commissioning and monitoring of operating theatre suites
  - o Decontamination of Intracavity Medical Devices
  - o Surveillance of EVD Infections
  - o Final Rinse Water for Endoscope Washer Disinfectors
  - o Faecal Microbiota Transplant
  - o Water Management for Healthcare Microbiologists
  - o Environmental decontamination the healthcare setting