

## The Society for Medical Microbiology and Parasitology (Croatia)

The Society for Medical Microbiology and Parasitology was founded in 1947. During early 1990-ties a group of microbiologists started to work on healthcare associated infection prevention and control in hospitals and to promote HCAI prevention and control in the Society.

We have started to establish the Section during 2007, but the process was very slow and finally in 2010 a section has been founded inside the Society with a scope of promoting the development of legal infrastructure for HAI prevention and control, education of physicians and nurses at national level, organization of continuing medical education and symposia. Members are only microbiologists who are in the same time infection control physicians. The Section collaborates very closely with the Nurses Society for HCAI prevention and Control.

Members in the last year ( 2016 ): 45.

Website: <https://hdkm>

Publications: i.e. journals, books, guidelines, position papers, others both in the national language and in English.

Members of the Section have participated in the development of two Guidelines: "Guideline for prevention, treatment and control of infections caused by methicillinresistant Staphylococcus aureus" (2008) and "Guideline for hand hygiene in healthcare institutions" (2011), Both guidelines are in Croatian language, published in national medical journal (Liječnički Vjesnik).

Main activities - Each year , society organizes at least 6 training course for professionals (in 2016 already). Research-Seminar is organized each year for the presentation of the results of the projects in progress.

Society proposes new guidelines.

Every year society organizes symposium about HCAI and Hand Hygiene; 1 days , with more than 100 participants with a large professional exhibition ( more than 7 exhibitors ) with plenary sessions, an international session in English , workshops , innovation sessions .

- In 2017 plans : meetings of society, hand hygiene day ,HCAI symposium, atb day and other professional courses.