

Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI) Italian Study Group of Hospital Hygiene (GISIO)

The Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (S.It.I.) is an organization with 3,047 members in 2016. The membership consists mainly of medical doctors, biologists, technicians, nurses and includes university teachers and public health officers.

Within the S.It.I., the working group GISIO (Italian Study Group of Hospital Hygiene) acts in the field of hospital hygiene, with particular reference to healthcare-associated infections prevention and control.

The year 2016 has marked the 25th year of the GISIO. Dedicated meetings have been organized. In 2016 were organized:

1. Conference “Safe Water in Healthcare Facilities”, followed by the publication of the Vieste Charter on Safe Water in Healthcare Facilities.
2. International seminar on “Hospital Hygiene: tradition and future”.
3. Workshop “European Antibiotic Awareness Day: the SItI commitment”, within the 49th SItI National Congress.

Ongoing activities in 2016-2017 include:

- SPIN-UTI (The Italian Nosocomial Infections Surveillance in Intensive Care Units)
- Surgical site infections surveillance
- National contest on hand hygiene
- Definition of a set of indicators for the control and prevention of HAI
- *Legionella* air sampling and survey on the management of *Legionella* risk in Italian hospitals
- Choosing Wisely project
- MuSICARe - Multi-societal Italian project on antimicrobial-resistance control
- Review of the Italian National Plan against antimicrobial-resistance (Ministry of Health)
- Survey of Infection Control Committees at Italian public hospitals
- Two meetings held as part of the celebration of the 25th year of the GISIO including “Surveillance of healthcare-associated infections” and “Hygiene in operating theatres”

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