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Dear Colleagues,

this letter comes together with our newsletter on the 5th of May to testify and reinforce **our engagement as EUNETIPS in the WHO campaign “Save Lives”**.

It is also the opportunity to share the progresses of our network in these last months.

After our successful meeting in Milan last December, EUNETIPS has been active in many ways.

Thanks to **IFIC** we had the opportunity to held a successful session in Vienna Congress last March and the abstracts of the speeches are published in the newsletter.

We had also the opportunity to co organize an **international session** focused on hospital hygiene issues during the **DGKH congress** in Berlin last April.

As president of our network I've been invited to attend the **EUCIC stakeholders board during the last ECCMID in Amsterdam** (April 2016). In the meeting I had the opportunity to present EUNETIPS to all the attendants, to agree on the positives aspects of our collaboration and on the complementarities

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which characterize our aims and actions. In the newsletter we host also a short presentation of EUCIC (ESCMID).

In these months we contacted also colleagues and societies from European countries actually not represented in our network. I'm very happy to announce that during our next spring meeting we will welcome as **new member the Polish Society of Medical Hygiene**.

I'm also glad to announce that today the **ECDC has launched the Infection Control wiki** (<https://wiki.ecdc.europa.eu/fem/w/wiki/3603.infection-control-and-hospital-hygiene>).

Contributions of new articles or editing of existing ones and discussion below each article are welcome. For questions, please contact femwiki@ecdc.europa.eu.

The ECDC web site has also a **Directory of online resources** for prevention and control of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and healthcare-associated infections (HAI) (http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Healthcare-associated_infections/guidance-infection-prevention-control/Pages/guidance-prevention-control-infections-caused-by-multidrug-resistant-bacteria-and-healthcare-associated-infections.aspx), that includes references to training courses on Infection Control/ Hospital Hygiene training and antimicrobial stewardship in the European Union and EEA Member States.

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Focusing on our **next steps** I like to share and remind you that:

1. we co organize a session during the **HIS congress in Edinburgh (7 November 2016, in the afternoon)** and it would be a nice opportunity to meet each other; for those interested the congress link are reported in the newsletter;
2. we are **scientific partner of the next SF2H congress** (Nantes, 1 - 3 June 2016) congress link is reported in the newsletter;
3. we plan to publish a **position paper on IC/HH training** in Europe (we will circulate the new updated version and we can discuss about it the 25th of May);
4. we agreed in Milan that **each society** could identify **1 or 2 topics/activities to present in our website**. It would be great if you could propose these topics/activities **before the 25th of May** so that we could plan the development of the website.

I want also to remind you that we are approaching our **spring meeting** and in hoping to make easier your attendance we want to experiment a web conference so that each representative could attend form his/her desktop. Our meeting will be held

on the 25th of May from the 13.00 to 16.00 (CET).

(For those who plan to attend please send your availability to the following email address: silvio.brusaferro@uniud.it).

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After the meeting we will have the opportunity to discuss the results of this experiment but for the next winter meeting we plan anyway to meet together somewhere in Europe.

If you have any news or interesting document/ paper/ video please do not hesitate to share it in our website (www.eunetips.eu) .

Waiting for your feed back and hoping to hear you in our next web meeting

Kindest Regards

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