

## #IPSTorchTour16

### Infection Prevention Society Newsletter for EUNETIPS

**Infection Prevention 2016**  
Harrogate International Centre, Harrogate  
26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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Following a hugely successful conference last year in Liverpool, we are pleased to announce that Infection Prevention 2016 will be taking place at the HIC in Harrogate from the 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Organised by the Infection Prevention Society this is the major infection prevention conference and exhibition of the year. There will be in excess of 800 delegates in attendance and over 100 exhibitors. The scientific programme will deliver an array of renowned speakers covering all your infection prevention needs.

**REGISTER NOW** at [www.ips.uk.net/education-events/annual-conference](http://www.ips.uk.net/education-events/annual-conference)

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#### IPS Hand Hygiene Torch Tour

For the past 15 years, patient safety organisations in the UK and the World Health Organisation globally, have been focused on making hand hygiene a routine behaviour in healthcare settings. Each year on 5<sup>th</sup> May, the WHO issues a 'call to action' that promotes hand hygiene globally. The IPS has supported this call to action through a Hand Hygiene Relay involving the transfer of a torch baton around the UK and Ireland. The event began on 5<sup>th</sup> May to coincide with the WHO 'See Your Hands' campaign and will finish on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the first day of Infection Prevention 2016 Conference in Harrogate. The Torch Tour has the support of the IPS Patron Prof Didier Pittet - Director of the Infection Control Programme and WHO Collaborating Centre on Patient Safety.

The aims of the Hand Hygiene Torch Tour are to:

Raise awareness of the importance of hand hygiene among the general public;

- Partner with other healthcare infection and patient organisations to highlight the annual World Health Organisation 'Clean Your Hands - Call to Action' for healthcare workers.

The hand hygiene torch tour started off in the main cities in each of the UK countries and has toured across England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland visiting hospitals, health centres, schools, nurseries and many famous places. As well the hand hygiene torch tour has attended international conferences in the US, Canada, Malta, Japan, Lisbon and Romania. We have shared the travels via social media and the IPS website.

#### IPS review of Competences

The Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC) are currently undertaking a review of the IPS competences for practitioners involved in infection prevention. A first look at the new approach will be available at the IPS stand at conference. A member of the EPDC will be present every lunchtime to take you through the new look and for you to make your comments via the comment Car box available.