

To-do-list 2018

New members

Concerning expanding the network it was decided that:

Barry Cookson will contact the Turkish society.

Rose Gallagher will contact the Slovenian society.

Anne Kjernulf will contact the Norwegian society.

Silvio Brusafferro and Birgitta Lytsy will continue the dialogue with the Russian society.

Rose Gallagher will contact the Islandic society.

Martin Kiernan will contact the Slovakian society.

Olga Tomberg will contact the Finnish society.

Pierre will contact the Swiss nurse society

Membership from IPC professionals in countries without an official scientific/professional society was further discussed. Those countries are Lithuania, Latvia, Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine. It was decided that those professionals could be invited as observers and contact points for the EUNETIPS. Birgitta Lytsy will contact professionals in those countries mentioned.

EPHA-European Public Health Alliance

In May 2017 EPHA launched an 11-point, joint statement and a call for action to combat AMR which was delivered in November. The document will be directed to the EU Commission.

The meeting discussed future collaborations between EUNETIPS and EPHA. Membership will not apply since membership relates to a membership fee, nevertheless a mutual cooperation could be implemented since the two organizations share topics of common interest and both of them are engaged in promoting awareness and actions on them at European level.

It was decided that the 11-point statement will be circulated among EUNETIPS members to explore the possibility of an endorsement by EUNETIPS. This must be done before January 10 2018.

Circulation of the RCN statement on “ Creating a Strategic Focus to support the prevention of Infection”

The document developed by Royal College of Nursing will be circulated in the web site and among societies.

European Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance & Healthcare - Associated Infections

It will be circulated the proposal for those interested to participate as stakeholders to some work packages of the Joint Action. Members interested should notify Silvio Brusaferrò. EUNETIPS will participate as stakeholder as well in the Joint Action Stake Holder Forum.

ANTISUPERBUG European project

Torri presented the project focused on early detection of Multi Drug Resistant micro organisms in a joint perspective professionals and industries.

EUNETIPS can compile a few points of interests in order to make clear with the perspective of professionals responsible for Infection Prevention and Control what would be useful in the future and what should be avoided. Torri will make a list that will be circulated within EUNETIPS before the end of January.

EUCIC

The EUCIC has just launched a European 2-year multicenter training programme in IPC. The course will be advertised on the EUNETIPS website.

Healthcare Forum

Pierre Parneix presented the “InterClean Exhibition” taking place 2018 in Amsterdam. The target is industry, procurers and experts from many fields within IPC. The subject of the exhibition is “cleaning” and technologies and innovations connected to “cleaning”. Pierre will prepare a survey for EUNETIPS on the topic of cleaning in the member countries. The draft will be circulated among the participants of the

meeting. EUNETIPS could add its logo in the scientific session and will be represented by Pierre.

Projects for EUNETIPS in 2018

Survey of sanctions for IPC non-compliance

During the spring meeting 2017 Barbara Nussbaum proposed to explore existing sanctions within member countries when compliance is not met to agreed IPC practise standards. She proposed that EUNETIPS could perform a survey and suggest upon a definition of repeated non-compliance as a proposal for a EUNETIPS paper. Barbara Nussbaum and Rose Gallagher will circulate a draft of survey between the members of this meeting. The final survey addressed to all members will include closed and open questions so that each member could include a story as an example to get a picture of different situations within each countries.

Survey of quality IPC indicators

As was decided during the spring meeting that EUNETIPS should circulate a survey of existing quality IPC indicators in the member countries. Since there are many indicators of great heterogeneity within each country at both national and local levels, the meeting decided that only compulsory indicators for IPC on the national level should be included in the next refined survey. A draft will be prepared by Daniele Celotto based on the results and circulated within the members of the present meeting. After approval it would be launched including all EUNETIPS members.

Survey on IC/HH training in Europe

In 2018 there would be the opportunity to have new survey on the state of the art of training in infection control in Europe. In the past years this was proposed and supported by ECDC. At the moment it seems that this could not happen for 2018 and there could be a possibility to repeat the survey on different bases having the endorsement of ECDC.

It was decided that the EUNETIPS will look into the previous surveys and find out relevant questions on specific topics focusing on grasping the main changes that have taken place during the last years. Based

on those questions Silvio Brusaferrero and Daniele Celotto will circulate a draft survey among the members of the meeting.

Glove over-use

A revised guidance from the RCN on the proper use of gloves was presented by Rose Gallagher. Plans are for a glove awareness week and other activities. Rose will compile a text for the website calling any member would be interested in working together with RCN.

Survey on Guidelines/Recommendations/Official rules about the air quality in operating theatres in Europe

The opportunity to explore the state of the art in Europe on the standards adopted/recommended on air quality in operating theatre was stressed by Ira Pasquarella from GISIO and a specific survey asking for documents collection and for an “ad hoc” form to be filled in was proposed. This draft survey will be circulated within the board and then launched to all members.

Web-site development and evolution

Whenever someone is using the YouTube from the website a short 3 secs advertise for the EUNETIPS should pop-up. This possibility will be explored by the webmaster.

When something new is uploaded on the website it will be announced as a news in the starting page for one month and an alert will be sent out for the members of the mailing list.

This is under development. Once this mechanism will be made operative a campaign to promote members to adhere to the mailing list will be launched.

The section “Documents” will be further developed with help from Daniele Celotto. The section will be split into subsections.

This part is for everybody to upload documents. This goes for documents in all languages.

Each document should be accompanied by a few lines describing the content and purpose in English.

The board will contact societies encouraging them to upload information about societies and other documents (laws, bylaws, recommendations, guidelines, etc.) of interest.

The section “media” will be exchanged for “resources”.

A new section called “Topics” was proposed. This is an activity still ongoing.

It was proposed during the spring meeting 2017 to present an interactive map of Europe and the links to websites of each member society. Thomas Ruttkowski (webmaster) will send out an instructive e-mail to each contact person for how to proceed.

The “Links” will be developed with subgroups and include useful links for all organisations on the European level and the global level with relation to AMR and HAI.

Conferences in 2018

HIS

HIS conference in November 26-28 in Liverpool, UK.

The EUNETIPS session has been scheduled for Tuesday 27 November. Possible topics were discussed. The board will suggest topics and presenters as soon as possible to Martin Kiernan. The use of indicators to support both quality improvement processes and good compliance with recommendations emerged as a topic for the session.

According to the surveys previously proposed, topics such as empiric indicators supporting awards and penalties for not compliance with hand hygiene, wearing jewels and isolation measure, indicators on quality and safety in operating theatres (i.e. opening of the doors during surgical procedures, etc), and the link with the professional and management leadership emerged as possible titles for the speeches to be included.

IFIC

IFIC conference in 25-27 April in Krakow, Poland.

The EUNETIPS session has been scheduled for Friday 27 April.

There could either be three presentations x 30 minutes or four presentations x 20 minutes. Topic was decided to be competencies in IPC presented by representatives from the French, Croatian, Italian, The Netherlands and IPS (UK) societies.

SF2H (French Society)

SF2H conference in June 6-8 in Montpellier, France.

Birgitta Lytsy will be representing EUNETIPS in a session about catheter-associated urinary tract infections.

IPS

IPS conference in September 30 – October 2 in Glasgow, Scotland. EUNETIPS has been scheduled a session for 45 min (20 min x 2) on October 1st. Topics was decided to be pros and cons about sanctions/awards for staff not complying to IPC agreed standards and hygiene rules.

Meetings in 2018

Spring meeting was suggested to be held in Bucharest, Romania on June the 14th. Monica Licker will be responsible for the practical arrangements.

Winter meeting is suggested to be held as a two-day meeting in Berlin, Germany on either December 6-7 or 14-15. This meeting will mark the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the EUNETIPS network. The first meeting was held in Berlin in 2008.