

Udine, 26 June 2014

Dear Colleagues,

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of this year, we aim: a) to update you about the activities of our network, b) to inform you about our future plans and, finally, c) to engage our society in some of these activities.

As you probably remember, in the first letter of the year, we pointed out 5 duties and at the mid of the year we can try to have the state of the art of the program:

1. We successfully submitted EUNETIPS contribution to "EU public health consultation on patient safety and quality of healthcare". The EU Commission report has been released in these days, and you can find it together with related documents in our website ([www.eunetips.eu](http://www.eunetips.eu)). This document could be an opportunity to share and make public our comments on it (what do you think?);
2. ECDC project in Infection Control/Hospital Hygiene courses evaluation (TRICE – IS) is ongoing even if it has some delays due to administrative difficulties;
3. EUNETIPS was actively engaged in the WHO 5<sup>th</sup> of May campaign on washing hands, as you can see in the web. If you have documentation (i.e. video, poster, leaflet, etc...) please make them available in the web; they can be useful to others;
4. We have been successfully contacted by the Portuguese colleagues (APIH (Associação Portuguesa de Infecção Hospitalar) ), that will be formally included in our network during our next meeting in Lyon; this is a very good news and we invite you all to contact ( or send the contact details to us) also other societies especially those from countries actually not represented in EUNETIPS (countries not represented are: Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia Switzerland, Turkey).

Furthermore in the last weeks we had a contact with "HOPE" (European Hospital and Healthcare Federation), a European organization engaged in all activities related to healthcare and interested also in patient safety and infection control. We hope that this first contact could lead to further synergetic collaboration (<http://www.hope.be>).

5. About our activities the second part of the year is going to be very intensive.

In fact we are really happy to announce two sets of activities: surveys and meetings.

- Surveys

In the last month we received some very interesting proposals to conduct some surveys at European level.

Topics of the proposed surveys are:

- disinfection of endocavitarian probes;
- hands drying after handwash;
- outbreak management;
- Management of Clostridium difficile infections;

You will receive these questionnaires separately, in the next weeks, starting from the one proposed by French society and we will be very grateful if you could answer to them.

To make easier the surveys participation we provide electronic formats of the questionnaires.

With this letter we launch the first survey. It is proposed by the French colleagues and is focused on disinfection of endocavity ultrasound probes.

We kindly ask you (or someone among your colleagues you think able to report your national state of the art) to participate to the survey accessing the web form available online at :

- [www.uk-essen.de/eunetips/survey.htm](http://www.uk-essen.de/eunetips/survey.htm) or
- from the EUNETIPS web start page, section: news.

The survey results will be available in the web site so that everyone could make the most of these precious data.

I like to stress that these are good examples of what EUNETIPS can add to Europe and to our societies.

Of course, if you have any idea, please contact us and we will happy to launch it in the network.

- Meetings

- Within the HIS congress, held in Lyon next 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November 2014, EUNETIPS together with HIS promotes a session on Sunday afternoon . Speakers of the session are Dr. M. Heine from DG SANCO, Mr. S. Marschang (EPHA) and Prof. A. Friedrich (NL). We are grateful to HIS for this and we hope that all our members will attend it.
- As we announced in the previous letter we will have our next meeting in Lyon, just before the beginning of the Congress. The meeting will take place in Lyon on:

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 from 13.30 to 18.00**

So please, save the date and for those who could have some difficult to cover the travel expenses please let us know.

We are in contact with some potential sponsors that could cover some of costs (obviously not all them).

Before closing this letter, let me try to focus your attention on 3 main duties for the next 6 months:

**1. To attend to EUNETIPS societies meeting November 15<sup>th</sup>;**

**Lyon from 13.30 to 18.00**

**2. To attend to EUNETIPS session at Lyon HIS Congress;**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, from 16.00 to 18.00**

**3. To answer to the surveys starting from the first one just available in our website ([www.eunetips.eu](http://www.eunetips.eu); section news).**

Waiting to meet you personally in Lyon and to receive your feedback (questionnaires included) also on behalf of the board, I wish you a nice summer.

Silvio Brusaferrero

