

**Letter from the President**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Eunetips Newsletter:*

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*Dear Colleagues,*

This is the second newsletter this year and as you can read we made some changes according to the comments emerged in our spring meeting held in Berlin the last 30<sup>th</sup> of April where all participants expressed a positive response to this new form of communication.

The Berlin 2015 meeting was successful and many topics and actions emerged as part of the future agenda.

The **first** topic was the possibility for us (both as EUNETIPS and national scientific and professional societies) to be part of the development process of standards and recommendation led by CEN CENELEC. During the meeting, thanks to dr Olabarria, we had the opportunity to better understand what CEN is doing as well as their current processes of which, as Infection control / hospital hygiene specialist, we could be involved.

We have now the possibility to interact with CEN and to participate as experts in the development of documents they have in progress.

This is a great opportunity for our societies. Please contact myself or Walter Popp in case of your interest in being involved in some of these activities we will provide the list of the current ongoing projects and agree the ways to interact.

The **second topic** was the discussion of the proposal (from Italy) to agree on **a position paper calling for the inclusion of credits for IC/HH and patient safety in all pre graduation and postgraduation courses for healthcare professionals** in Europe. We all agreed about the relevance to produce such a document and to make it publicly available in a journal. In the next days we will circulate a draft asking you for approval / integration / amendments we plan to submit it by the end of the summer.

As **third topic** we agreed to proceed with our short questionnaires so that we can **produce European pictures about different topics**. Actually we have to questionnaires about:

- HAI outbreaks
- Clostridium difficile.

To remind you of this activity we will send you a specific mail with attached a file for each of the two.

The **fourth topic** was the appreciation of the availability and sharing of news, tools, brief reports from national societies that are reported both in the newsletter and in the website..

Also in this edition you can read two relevant experiences reported from 2 countries.

Looking at these feed backs we would like to **ask you to provide a contribution** (documents, recommendations, training materials) to share with all our members.

As **fifth topic** during the meeting emerged the opportunity to **share the newsletter with all individual members** of our societies.

We also decided that it will be up to the national societies to decide if to do it or not. **Let us know** if you think appropriate and useful **to send the current and future newsletters to your members:** if you are positive we could do this provided we receive the mailing list. If you prefer alternative

ways please let us know.

Finally the meeting was the occasion to elect 2 new colleagues as member of the coordination board: Pierre Parneix and Birgitta Lytsy. We welcome them and we also thank Philippe Hartemann and Leif Percival Andersen for their contribution in these years to EUNETIPS.

Before closing this letter I would like to remember you that the 2015 Winter meeting will be held in Milan the 3rd of December so please save the date.

You will also receive in the next weeks further email with the initiatives we are promoting. Waiting for continuing to work together

Best Regards  
Silvio Brusafferro