

Letter from EUNETIPS President

Dear Colleagues,

first of all, also on behalf of the EUNETIPS board, I want to wish you a fruitful and successful 2015.

As you know our last meeting has been held in Lyon on Saturday 15th November in connection with the 2014 HIS congress. In that meeting we had the opportunity to summarize the state of the art of our activities and to discuss about future steps. We are really grateful to HIS and SF2H and to 3M and ETS for their support.

We also formalized the **adhesion of 2 new scientific societies**: the Associação Portuguesa de Infecção Hospitalar (APIH) from Portugal and GISIO (Gruppo Italiano Studio dell'Igiene Ospedaliera) part of the Società Italiana di Igiene e Sanità Pubblica (SIIt) from Italy. You can find the society profiles in our website.

Now we are in **23 societies from 17 European Countries** representing more than 8.000 healthcare professionals working on Infection Control/Hospital Hygiene and patient safety.

As you can see, we decided to **improve our communication** tools and this newsletter is a first attempt. Please give us any suggestion you think could improve an effective communication

We thank prof. **Markovic-Denic** for her **contribution** about the activities of **SAPIC** and the **Swedish society (SAIC)** for making available their online training tools on standard precautions. We hope others will follow these examples.

In the last part of 2014 we launched **two surveys** on: “disinfection of endocavitarian probes” and on “hands drying after handwash”. The results showed that an active engagement of societies can give some results (i.e. a poster at the 2014 HIS congress). We received two further requests for surveys on outbreaks management and management of *Clostridium difficile* infections. These surveys will be launched in the next 6 months.

We received also a proposal from the GISIO (SIIt) for a **position paper** about the need to guarantee **ECTS** (European Credit Transfer and accumulation System) in **IC/HH** for training healthcare workers both at pre graduation, post graduation and continuous professional education (CPE) levels.

In the next months there will be the opportunity for our scientific societies to be **actively engaged in the development of the ECDC IC/HH Wiki**. You will soon receive a letter (the details will be also available in our website) with the details.

I also hope that we soon could **welcome new societies** overall from European Countries actually not represented in our network.

Please **save the date of 30 of April** in your agenda and let us know any relevant initiative which could interest the European colleagues.

Best Regards

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On behalf of EUNETIPS Board

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