

## **EUNETIPS Decennial Assembly 2018-2018**

**Date:** Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Venue:** Westin Grand Hotel Berlin, Friedrichstrasse 158/164, Berlin

**Appendix 1:** Members present at the assembly

**Appendix 2:** To-do list after the assembly

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Assembly opened**

The assembly was opened by the coordinator of EUNETIPS, Silvio Brusaferro.

The assembly expressed thanks to professor Walter Popp and Thomas Ruttkowski of the German Society (DGKH) and to Congress-compact DE for providing the location and for organizing the practical issues in connection with the assembly.

The assembly welcomed the three sponsors for the meeting: STERIS, 3M and Mavenet.

#### **2. Agenda agreed**

The agenda was accepted.

#### **3. EUNETIPS members**

*New members present:*

Dr Karl Kob presented the National Association of Medical Doctors (ANMDO) which is a professional and scientific association in Italy

Dr Mélina Raso presented the association Health First Europe which is an organisation aiming to bring innovation to health care. Dr Raso informed about an upcoming event in Brussels on January 29<sup>th</sup>

2019 on the IPC theme with representatives from the WHO, EUNETIPS, JAMRAI as key note speakers.

Information can be obtained on the following websites:

<http://eusaferhealthcare.eu>

<http://declaration4patientsafety.eu>

*New members not present are:*

Three infection prevention and control (IPC) societies has expressed interest to become members of the EUNETIPS, those are from:

1. Switzerland
2. Iceland
3. Finland

The Swiss society (Spécialistes Infirmiers en Prévention de l'Infection (SIPI)) expressed interest to Pierre Parneix. He will contact the society.

The Finnish Society of Infection Control expressed interest and received application form from Birgitta Lytsy. Birgitta will remind them.

Iceland do not have a society but group of professionals active in the field infection control. They expressed interest to Rose Gallagher.

She will contact them.

*New potential members*

Five IPC societies are potential members societies.

1. Ireland- Deborah Xuereb will contact
2. Norway- Anne Kjerulf will contact
3. Russia – Birgitta Lytsy will contact
4. Kazakstan-Rose Gallagher will contact
5. Greece- Silvio Brusaferro will contact

#### **4. EUNETIPS ten years later-the view of coordinator (slides 7-63)**

Silvio Brusaferro presented the history and objectives behind forming the EUNETIPS network starting in 2008. He gave a presentation about the status of the network today, the evolvement of initiatives and achievements of the network over the last 10 years.

This is presented in slides 7-63 in Appendix 3.

#### **5. EUNETIPS ten years later-the view of member societies**

Several member societies present at the assembly expressed benefits of being a member of the EUNETIPS. An open discussion of future activities of the network followed. Important issues for the members presence

was sharing knowledge, improve communication and exchange training experience.

The assembly decided that the EUNETIPS participates in future sessions within the following national congresses.

ANMDO	Turin, Italy (3 – 5 June 2019)
IPS	Liverpool, England (22 - 24 September 2019)
Health First Europe	Bruxelles, Belgium (29 January 2019)

The assembly agreed over the following Key concepts within EUNETIPS:

- International perspective: promotion and participation at national level
- International membership contribution
- Lobbying at international level
- Sharing information and knowledge
- Benchmark opportunities
- Share Training opportunities
- Promote communication about various opportunities
- Promote participation of younger generations
- A reference for international institutions, projects and initiatives  
i.e. stakeholders

## **6. EUNETIPS website**

Daniele Celotto, Thomas Ruttkowski and Deborah Xuereb were appointed webmasters of the EUNETIPS website. The webmasters will explore new ways to guarantee interaction

- Q & A?
- Social media?

There was a suggestion from the Estonian society to create a Facebook account for EUNETIPS for members only. To use this for exchanging questions and ideas. The assembly decided to drop this idea for the time being. Q&A and social media

Some areas of the website will be collapsed.

### *News section*

Daniele Celotto was appointed to upload the following news of the website:

- Information about this decennial assembly.

- EUNETIPS' participation in upcoming congresses (see section 5, above)
- The ongoing five surveys? Me and M Vos discussed this over lunch. We think that this would be a good idea.

News should be prepared according to these rules

- 1 picture/logo
- 2 sentences and a title
- Document/ slides/contents to be added

#### *About us section*

Members with logos missing must send logos to Dr Daniele Celotto in the format .eps

Members are asked to send a photo of the representative from each society

#### *Opportunities section*

A new section of the website has to be created with information about opportunities for benchmarking in institutions. Information about visits should be presented according to these rules:

- Institution
- period
- Needed administrative procedures and documents
- Grant and facilities available ( if existing)
- Person addresses to be contacted

#### *Media section*

Presentations from congresses should be uploaded. Send to Daniele Celotto who will communicate with Thomas Ruttkowski.

#### *Members section*

The representatives of each member society must check if the information is correct regularly, for example twice a year.

The representative must review and update the contents on the website of their society:

- Remove contents outdated
- Remove society profile 2016

- Add a short presentation of societies with general information of the society (professionals, number of members).
- Check links, data and logos

Create links to EUNETIPS in the societies websites

## **7. Infection Prevention Society, UK**

The representative from the Infection Prevention Society (IPS) Deborah Xuereb presented recent developments within IPS:

IPS is reaching out for a stronger international collaboration. The society has developed a framework for IPC competencies. It has special interest groups on several topics within IPC and has produced documents on the prevention of surgical site infections. A special website has been created <https://onetogether.org.uk>.

IPS has created an International Engagement Committee for healthcare workers in resource limited countries to promote international relationships.

## **8. Survey on IPC core components**

Brusaferro and Celotto proposed a new survey for EUNETIPS in 2019 on the topic IPC core competencies for all health care workers; for medical universities and nursing schools; doctors, nurses, midwives and other health care professionals.

Daniele Celotto presented a draft of the survey with 12 domains.

References are the core component guidelines for IPC training of the ECDC and the WHO.

The members of the assembly were asked to come up with suggestions and comments of the draft during the assembly. The proceedings are to send out the draft and collect more comments at the beginning of next year.

## **9. EUNETIPS statutes**

The statutes of EUNETIPS were distributed, revisited and discussed point by point.

The assembly agreed that the statutes should be updated. A change of statutes must be done in Italy since EUNETIPS is a legal entity under the Italian law.

### *Coordinating board*

The rules concerning the coordinating board were discussed. According to the rules, representatives of the coordinating board cannot be re-elected after 4 years. The assembly agreed that this rule should be changed.

### *Dues*

The assembly discussed the financial situation and routines of EUNETIPS. There is no due for members at present, even though it says in the statutes that there is a due. This should be clarified in the statutes. Finances come from sponsors and are used for expenses during assembly meetings, approximately 3000 Euro per year. The account was in the beginning with the German society and later transferred to a private company. The assembly agreed that this is not a sustainable solution. It was decided that an account will be opened in Italy within the SIMPIOS. Paul Bergevouet who is the treasurer will be responsible for that together with Angelo Pan, Walter Popp, Gianfranco Finzi, Pierre parneix and Silvio Brusaferrò. There was a proposal to receive a small fee or a donation from each society instead of relying on sponsors, but the proposal was not approved by the assembly. Another possibility is to have corporate members (companies, industry) which can donate and this suggestion was also declined.

## **10. Information from the WHO**

Benedetta Allegranzi who is the leader of the IPC Global Unit of the WHO and Claire Kilpatrick could not be present at the assembly. Allegranzi sent slides describing all WHO activities related to IPC which Silvio presented. The slides will be published on the EUNETIPS website.

## **11. Information from the European Society for Nosocomial Infections (ESGNI)**

Dr Margareet Vos who is the chair presented the ESGNI study group within ESCMID. ESGNI has over 100 active members. Membership in ESGNI is free for members of ESCMID. Some of the current core subjects of the study group is the built environment, cleaning, disinfection, sterilization, isolation techniques. The presentation will be uploaded on the website.

## **12.EUNETIPS surveys**

EUNETIPS has four surveys running this year. It was decided by the assembly to extend the time-period for every survey.

1. Survey on environmental cleaning
2. Survey on air quality in operating theatres
3. Survey on mandatory and recommended national indicators
4. Survey on management of non-compliance

The second survey is to be published in the Journal of Hospital infection and to be presented at the ECCMID conference in April 2019. Cesira Pasquarella and Francesco Auxilia are responsible for that. Auxilia presented the results of the survey at the assembly. Missing European countries are Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Malta, Portugal. Malta and Bulgaria will complete the survey. Vos will ask members of ESGNI to participate in the survey.

Daniele Celotto presented the results of the third survey. This survey was recently presented at the recent HIS conference in Liverpool. The results of the third survey will be published in a peer reviewed journal and Celotto is responsible for this.

Rose Gallagher presented the results of the fourth survey. This survey was also presented at the recent HIS conference in Liverpool.

## **13. Position paper of the German Society**

Walter Popp presented a recently published paper of the German Society in the journal of the society. The paper will be translated into English and published in a peer reviewed German medical open access journal. The paper is a position against the WHO recommendation that “LAF” technology should not be used to reduce the risk for surgical site infection during arthroplasty operations. Popp will distribute the draft of the English version for comments from the assembly.

## **14.Italian guideline on environmental sanitation**

Karl Kob presented a recently published guideline by ANMDO in Italy on the importance of environmental cleanliness and sanitation to reduce the risk of health care associated infections. ANMDO would like the assembly to comment on the guideline. Anne Kjernulf from the Danish

showed interest to review the guideline. Kob will distribute the English version of the guideline to members of this assembly.

### **15. Gloves**

Rose Gallagher presented recently guidelines developed by the Royal College of Nursing on glove use. Gallagher asked the assembly to find participating hospitals outside the UK to join in the Glove Awareness Week April 29-May 3 arranged by the RCN. Gallagher will send out an e-mail with information.

### **16. Sponsor presentation of STERIS**

Denys Dhiver who is health care manager for Germany and Austria presented the STERIS corporation which is a manufacturer of the system V-Pro™maX2 used for low temperature (< 80°C) sterilization of endoscopes.

### **17. Sponsor presentation of 3M**

Dominique Gilsoul gave a presentation on the reduction of catheter-associated blood stream infections and presented the product 3M™Tegaderm™CHG Chlorhexidine Gluconate.

### **18. Sponsor presentation of Mavenet Health Care Innovation**

Franziska Fisher from Mavenet Health Care Innovation presented product Noxorette® among others and offered collaboration possibilities.

### **19. Next meetings 2019**

One of the meetings 2019 will have to take place in Italy for legal reasons connected with changing the statutes.

Preliminary dates for next meeting has been set to April 4 -5 2019 with location in Timosoara, Romania. The assembly thanked Dr Monica Licker for arranging all the practical issues concerning that meeting.

### **20. Meeting closed**

The coordinator closed the meeting.

Minutes were taken by Birgitta Lytsy (secretary) and reviewed by Silvio Brusaferro (coordinator).