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| ****Welcome to the IFIC Newsletter!**** |

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| **Greetings from the Board of IFIC**Hello to all our member societies. We have some very exciting news this month! See below for information about our big event this summer. We believe that this is the first ever **twenty-four hour global Infection Prevention and Control educational event**, so save the date and watch out for more information about speakers, topics and registration. It will be a truly global event for a truly global IPC community.   |

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| Don’t forget if you have an event or other activity you want to publicise, send us the information and we’ll include it in the newsletter and put it on our new ‘Calendar of Events’ page at [www.theific.org](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=71328bc20d&e=5c5f792e72). Send your event information to admin@theific.org.Dr Neil Wigglesworth**IFIC Chair on behalf of the IFIC Board.**  |

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| **Upcoming IFIC EventsWebinars**Registration is now open, click on the link at [www.theific.org](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=5a2b584da4&e=5c5f792e72)The next IFIC/APIC webinar is scheduled for **Monday, 6 March 2023** at 10:00 AM Eastern time (US), 3:00 PM (UK), 4:00 PM (CET).**Infection Prevention and Control Competence**How do we know our IPC experts are qualified to do their jobs? Many countries across the world have been making efforts to ensure the existence of competent infection prevention and control experts in their healthcare systems. This panel of experts will discuss different elements of how this can be accomplished, including curriculum development, provision of standardized educational programs, and measurement of performance on exams. Panel members will be available for questions during the presentation.Panel members: * Heather Loveday, UK
* Kathy Dempsey, Australia
* Nico Mutters, EU (Germany)
* Elaine Larson and Jessica Dangles, USA

**24 Hour Virtual IPC Conference - Save the date! -  6th July 2023**Our major educational event for 2023 will be, what we believe to be, the first ever 24 hour virtual IPC Conference. Put the date in your diary now and look out for further information in subsequent newsletters, on the web site at [www.theific.org](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=5caf2db0af&e=5c5f792e72) and on Twitter and Facebook.We’ll be announcing speakers and topics soon and we’ll let you know when you can register. |

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| **The 2023 IFIC Annual General Meeting – save the date!** We will be holding the IFIC AGM virtually on 28th **October 2023** at 14.00 CET (GMT+1). Formal notifications will be sent out in due course but please save the date and time.  |

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| **Non IFIC Events**  |

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| **British Infection Association 25th Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting with Spring Trainee Day 2023 | 16-17 May 2023**The two day event will be held at the Pendulum Hotel and Manchester Conference Centre and is aimed at specialists in infection as well as trainees. Including microbiology, virology, clinical infectious diseases, public health, antimicrobial pharmacists, biomedical scientists and infection prevention and control practitioners.The event will cover a range of topics including Clinical infectious diseases, Tropical medicine, Infection prevention, Medical microbiology, Virology and lots more.  Day one, on the 16 May will incorporate the trainees day but all are welcome.  Day two on the 17 May will include the scientific meeting and the BIA AGM, again all are welcome. Click [here](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=c94726b0bb&e=5c5f792e72) to register.Key Speakers Include: * Professor Judith Breuer
* Professor Anna Goodman
* Professor Melita Gordon
* Dr Mike Weinbren
* Dr Tom Fletcher

View the full programme [here](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=ef74fdf8bc&e=5c5f792e72).Abstract submissions are invited for oral and poster presentations. The closing date for abstracts is **7 March 2023.** Click [here](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=fae73afcdb&e=5c5f792e72) to submit your abstract and find out more.If you have any questions, please call the events team on +44 (0) 1506 292 042 or email events@fitwise.co.uk  |

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| **IPAC Canada 2023 National Education Conference (Hybrid)**28th-31st May 2023, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  PremConference Day Workshops (Live Streamed):Oncology and TransplantationHome and Community CareCleaning & Disinfecdtin Featured Speakers:Dr. Steven Taylor - The Philosophy of Pandemics (Live Streamed)Dr. Michael Gardam - Engaging Front Line WorkersDr. Bonnie Henry -  Scientific Communication to the Public (Live Streamed)Sandra Callery - Advancing your Long Term Care Program (Live Streamed)Dr. George Golding - Trends in Nocosomial PathogensPeter Jones, Microsoft Canada - AI in Healthcare (Live Streamed) Concurrent Sessions (In-person only):Disaster ManagementCSA Construction StandardEnvironmentally Responsible PPEBalancing Person-Centred Care For program details, visit their [website](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=9ca7a15d4d&e=5c5f792e72).**COMPLIMENTARY MEMBERSHIP AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**IPAC Canada is pleased to announce it will provide complimentary conference registration (live-streamed sessions) to those who reside in a country identified at [Developing Countries | ISI (isi-web.org)](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=9b31d32fbe&e=5c5f792e72).  Complimentary membership is also available to those in this group.  For more information, contact info@ipac-canada.org.   |

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| **Kongress DGP 2023** | **30th  Annual Meeting of the German Society for Parasitology | 15-17 March 2023**Earlybird deadline to register is **17th February 2023.**Click [here](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=8f3c1448a0&e=5c5f792e72) to register and for more information, please visit the [conference website](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=889ff43aaf&e=5c5f792e72).   |

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| The **Philippine Hospital Infection Control Society** (PHICS), Inc. will be holding its **28th Annual Convention from May 25-26, 2023** (FULL FACE-TO-FACE) with the theme: **Celebrating PEARL in IPC: Pioneering Excellence and Advancing Relevant Learnings in IPC** at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila, ADB corner Ortigas Avenue, Quezon City. We are planning to have around 700 participants nationwide. Click [here](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=db40fb6417&e=5c5f792e72) for programme and registration information.  |

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| **News from the World Health Organisation (WHO)2023 World Hand Hygiene Day**The World Health Organization (WHO) infection prevention and control (IPC) team is delighted to announce the theme for the World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD) – 5 May 2023.Hand hygiene saves millions of lives every year when performed at the right moments in health care.  It is also a smart investment that offers exceptional return for each dollar invested. Now is a critical time when countries across the world need to accelerate implementation of lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic and increase investments to close gaps in IPC, including hand hygiene. Indeed, many countries are demonstrating strong engagement and advancements in scaling-up those actions, but overall, the progress is slow, and gains are at risk.Strong and engaged communities of health workers, policy makers and civil society organizations (CSOs) can accelerate and sustain action at the point of care to protect people from infections and antimicrobial resistance in health care.This year, WHO is calling on CSOs to engage with the campaign and accelerate progress at achieving effective hand hygiene at point of care!Thus, the campaign theme and slogan are:**Campaign theme:** Together, we can accelerate action to prevent infections and antimicrobial resistance in health care and build a culture of safety and quality in which hand hygiene improvement is given high priority.**Slogan:** **Accelerate action together. SAVE LIVES - Clean Your Hands**Based on the theme and slogan, you can find the **main campaign poster** on the [campaign webpage](https://theific.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1d7d6b669eb6fed982d799a56&id=5d2d8593f8&e=5c5f792e72).Please visit this page frequently for updates and new resources for 2023.  |

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