

# PORTOMASO HALL

## SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2003

10.00 - 14.00	Registration Opens
14.00 - 15.00 S.01	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>KEY NOTE LECTURE</u> Chair: H. Kolmos, <i>Denmark</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">IFIC: Past, present and future P. Lynch, <i>USA</i> <i>Chair - International Federation of Infection Control</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOSOCOMIAL INFECTION SURVEILLANCE</u> <i>Sponsored by ICNet</i> Chair: P. Heeg, <i>Germany</i></p>
15.00 - 15.20 S.02	<p style="text-align: center;">Priorities for surveillance in limited resources N. Damani, <i>UK</i></p>
15.20 - 15.40 S.03	<p style="text-align: center;">Surveillance initiatives in intensive care settings U. Ransjo, <i>Sweden</i></p>
15.40 - 16.00 S.04	<p style="text-align: center;">Informing the surveillance cycle – the HARMONY project experience B. Cookson, <i>UK</i></p>
16.00 - 16.20 S.05	<p style="text-align: center;">The role of information technology in hospital infection surveillance E. Krisiunas, <i>U.S.A.</i></p>
Evening	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome reception</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Palazzo Castellania, Valletta</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosted by the Hon. Dr. L. Deguara, Minister for Health.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Transport leaves from the Hilton Malta at 18.00 p.m.)</p>

# PORTOMASO HALL

## MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2003

	<u>OPENING CEREMONY</u>
09.00 - 09.20	Welcome M. Borg - <i>Chair, Organising Committee IFIC2003</i> P. Lynch - <i>Chair, International Federation of Infection Control</i>
09.20 - 09.30	Opening of Congress The Hon. Dr. L. Deguara, <i>Minister for Health</i>
09.30 - 10.00 S.06	Infection Control before antibiotics - a historic treatise C. Savona Ventura, <i>Malta</i>
10.00 - 10.30	Refreshment Break
	<u>IMPROVING THE INFECTION CONTROL TEAM</u> Chair: P. Lynch, <i>U.S.A</i>
10.30 - 11.00 S.07	Improving the involvement: developing a link nurse system C. Perry, <i>UK</i>
11.00 - 11.30 S.08	Improving accountability: the infection control audit M. Walker, <i>Canada</i>
11.30 - 12.00 S.09	Improving the collaboration: working with occupational health R. Agius, <i>UK</i>
12.00 - 14.00	Lunch
	<u>NEEDLESTICK INJURY - A RECURRENT CONCERN</u> Chair: G. van Knippenberg-Gordebeke, <i>Holland</i>
14.00 - 14.30 S.10	Needlestick injury prevention & management M. Borg, <i>Malta</i>
14.30 - 15.00 S.11	Safe needle devices E. Krisiunas, <i>U.S.A.</i>
15.00 - 15.30 S.12	Epidemiological prediction of occupational blood exposures P. Lynch, <i>U.S.A.</i>
15.30 - 16.00	Refreshment Break
16.00 - 17.00 S.13	<u>STERILISATION SYMPOSIUM</u> <i>Sponsored by Getinge AB</i> LTSF sterilization and the new European standard J. Oudakker, <i>Sweden</i>
17.00 - 18.00	IFIC Members Meeting

# BUSINESS CENTRE

## MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2003

10.00 - 10.30	Refreshment Break	
10.30 - 10.55 S.14	<u>GIFEN SUITE</u>  <u>FREE PAPER SESSION</u> Chair: N. Damani, <i>U.K.</i>  Validation of the processing of medical devices P. Heeg, <i>Germany</i>	
10.55 - 11.15 S.15	Real time genotyping in the control of MRSA spread S. Kalenic, <i>Croatia</i>	
11.15 - 11.40 S.16	Challenges to establishing hospital infection control in developing countries O. Rasslan, <i>Egypt</i>	
11.40 - 12.00 S.17	Legionellosis in the hospitals U. Ransjo, <i>Sweden</i>	
12.00 - 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 - 15.30 S.18 S.19	GIFEN SUITE  <u>Workshop</u>  Sensible antibiotic practices in hospitals  B. Cookson <i>U.K.</i>  H. Kolmos <i>Denmark</i>	CATRA SUITE  <u>Buzz group</u>  Understanding the psychology of change  B. Caruana <i>Malta</i>
15.30 - 16.00	Refreshment Break & Poster Walk (Luzzu Suite)	

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## TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2003

09.00 - 10.00 S.20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>KEY NOTE LECTURE</u> Chair: G. French, <i>UK</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Global Strategy for the Control of Antibiotic Resistance P. Jenkins <i>Director - Communicable Disease Surveillance &amp; Response Unit, WHO, Switzerland</i></p>
10.00 - 10.30	Refreshment Break
10.30 - 11.00 S.21	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN INFECTION CONTROL</u> Chair: J. Cachia, <i>Malta</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hygiene aspects of hospital planning &amp; design A. Hambreus, <i>Sweden</i></p>
11.00 - 11.30 S.22	<p style="text-align: center;">Food Hygiene - still a relevant nosocomial issue M. Borg, <i>Malta</i></p>
11.30 - 12.00 S.23	<p style="text-align: center;">How does infection control affect the environment? F. Daschner, <i>Germany</i></p>
12.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.30 S.24	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>EFFECTIVE CLINICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT</u> Chair: E. Krisiunas, <i>U.S.A.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alternative technologies for the treatment of clinical waste I. Salkin, <i>U.S.A.</i></p>
14.30 - 15.00 S.25	<p style="text-align: center;">Waste management in developing countries: are we doing too little? N. Damani, <i>Pakistan</i></p>
15.00 - 15.30 S.26	<p style="text-align: center;">Waste management in developed countries: are we doing too much? F. Daschner, <i>Germany</i></p>
15.30 - 16.00	Refreshment Break
16.00 - 17.00 S.27	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISINFECTION SYMPOSIUM</u> <i>Sponsored by Getinge AB</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The impact of coming EN/ISO norms on cleaning and disinfection procedures K. Voboril, <i>Sweden</i></p>
Evening	Gala Dinner - Mdina (Transport leaves Hilton at 18.30)

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## TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2003

8.15 - 8.45	IFIC BOOTH  <u>MEET THE IFIC BOARD</u>	
10.00 - 10.30	Refreshment Break	
10.30 - 12.00	GIFEN SUITE  <u>ORAL DELEGATE PRESENTATIONS</u> Chair: A. Hambreus, <i>Sweden</i>	
12.00 - 14.00		
14.00 - 15.30 S.28 S.29	GIFEN SUITE  <u>Workshop</u>  Protecting the healthcare worker  R. Agius <i>U.K.</i>  C. Perry <i>U.K.</i>	CATRA SUITE  <u>Buzz group</u>  Introducing cost-effective isolation precautions  G. van Knippenberg-Gordebeke <i>Holland</i>
15.30 - 16.00	Refreshment Break & Poster Walk (Skuna Suite)	

# PORTOMASO HALL

## WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2003

<p>09.00 - 10.00 S.30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>KEY NOTE LECTURE</u> Chair: M. Borg, <i>Malta</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The socio-economic impact of hospital acquired infections B. Cookson <i>Director - Hospital Infection Laboratory, Health Protection Agency, UK</i></p>
<p>10.00 - 10.30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Refreshment Break</p>
<p>10.30 - 11.00 S.31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT ABOUT MRSA?</u> Chair: U. Ransjo, <i>Sweden</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Low endemicity situations: what is behind the success? G. van Knippenberg-Gordebeke, <i>Holland</i></p>
<p>11.00 - 11.30 S.32</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">High endemicity situations: should we just give up? G. French, <i>UK</i></p>
<p>11.30 - 12.00 S.33</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Staphylococcal carriage: is it relevant? H. Kolmos, <i>Denmark</i></p>
<p>12.00 - 12.15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation of IFIC scholarship award &amp; best poster prizes  Closing of congress</p>
<p>12.15 - 13.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Snacks &amp; refreshments</p>
<p>13.00 - 13.30 S.34</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>POST-CONGRESS HAND HYGIENE SYMPOSIUM</u> <i>Sponsored by BODE Chemie</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hand hygiene and its impact on nosocomial infection M. Rotter, <i>Germany</i></p>
<p>13.30 - 14.00 S.35</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Indications for hand rub and hand wash P. Heeg, <i>Germany</i></p>
<p>14.00 - 14.30 S.36</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Will alcohol-based liquids remain first choice in hand hygiene? G. Kampf, <i>Germany</i></p>

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10.00 - 10.30	Refreshment Break
	<u>GIFEN SUITE</u>
	<u>THE MALTA EXPERIENCE</u>
	Chair: O. Rasslan, <i>Egypt</i>
10.30 - 10.55 S.37	Post-qualification general nurse training in infection control P. Pace, <i>Malta</i>
10.55 - 11.15 S.38	Antibiotic resistance surveillance in the Mediterranean region E. Scicluna, <i>Malta</i>
11.15 - 11.40 S.39	Domestic cleaning audits - a worthwhile exercise? N. Abela, <i>Malta</i>
11.40 - 12.00 S.40	Improving antibiotic prophylaxis in surgery P. Zarb, <i>Malta</i>

# ORAL DELEGATE PRESENTATIONS

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2003

GIFEN SUITE

Chair: *A. Hambreus (Sweden)*

10.30 - 10.40

O.01

Training rural birth attendants in infection control

*J.N. Fombe, Cameroon*

10.40 - 10.50

O.02

Data validation study of the national surveillance of nosocomial infections in intensive care units

*A. Versporten, Belgium*

10.50 - 11.00

O.03

Preliminary data on second Polish hospital infection surveillance programme

*P. B. Heczko, Poland*

11.00 - 11.10

O.04

Guidelines for the prevention of HI in the Netherlands

*T. Daha, Netherlands*

11.10 - 11.20

O.05

History of infection control - Essential for our understanding of the present and future

*W. Dobb, UAE*

11.20 - 11.30

O.06

Improving hand hygiene in a University Hospital setting in Denmark

*S. Laustsen, Denmark*

11.30 - 11.40

O.07

Evaluation and monitoring of infection control training in neonatal Intensive Care Units in Egypt

*S. Yassin, Egypt*

11.40 - 10.50

O.08

Role of prevalence survey for monitoring emerging hospital acquired infections

*R. Gaiind, India*

11.50 - 12.00

O.09

The burden of nosocomial gastroenteritis outbreaks: enhanced active surveillance in Avon, England

*B. Lopman, UK*

# INDUSTRY SYMPOSIA

## Monday 10 November 2003 - CATRA SUITE

10.30 - 11.30  
I.01

Current Issues in Testing, Selection and Use of  
Microbicides in Infection Control

*S.A. Sattar, Canada*

Presented by JohnsonDiversey

## Monday 10 November 2003 - GIFEN SUITE

16.00 - 17.00  
I.02

Postoperative wound infection in clean surgery  
in relation to the use of single use drapes and gowns

*P.J.F. Sandberg, UAE*

Presented by Molnlycke Health Care

## Monday 10 November 2003 - CATRA SUITE

16.00 - 17.00  
I.03

Minimising the infection risk of human waste disposal: a UK perspective

*S. Millward, U.K.*

Presented by Verna Group

## Tuesday 11 November 2003 - GIFEN SUITE

16.00 - 17.00  
I.04

Presented by ICU Medical Inc.

## Tuesday 11 November 2003 - CATRA SUITE

16.00 - 17.00  
I.05

Is it time to progress?

*H. Farmer, U.K.*

Presented by New Genn Research Ltd

## Wednesday 12 November 2003 - CATRA SUITE

10.30 - 11.30  
I.06

Role of the ICN in the commercial & manufacturing arena

*H. O'Connor, U.K.*

Presented by Huntliegh Nesbit Evans

# POSTER DELEGATE PRESENTATIONS

## LUZZU SUITE

<i>Poster Number</i>	<i>Presenting author</i>	<i>Title of poster</i>
P.01	N.S. Hadjieva <i>Bulgaria</i>	Current status of antimicrobial resistance in "Queen Joanna" University Hospital, Sofia, Bulgaria
P.02	E. Leens <i>Belgium</i>	Preparatory survey for a national surveillance of accidental blood exposure in Belgian hospitals
P.03	M. Gubina <i>Slovenia</i>	Organisation of hospital hygiene in Slovenia
P.04	D.O. Duerink <i>Netherlands</i>	Prevalence of healthcare-related infections in two teaching hospitals in Java, Indonesia
P.05	D. Torfoss <i>Norway</i>	Antibiotic use and antimicrobial resistance at an oncological tertiary care hospital in Norway
P.06	G. McDonnell <i>UK</i>	Cleaning and Reducing the Risks of Prion Contamination on Medical Devices
P.07	K. Van Voorst <i>Netherlands</i>	Duration of colonization with <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i> or <i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> in neonates
P.08	I. Khairy <i>Egypt</i>	The applied training program on infection control in Egypt
P.09	A. Kandeel <i>Egypt</i>	A national program for promotion of infection control in Egypt
P.10	E. Davidsson <i>Sweden</i>	Infection control surveillance in Ostergotland, a county in Sweden
P.11	P. Brenner <i>Chile</i>	Hospital accreditation in infection control in Chile
P.12	V. VoyNova <i>Bulgaria</i>	Infection control in Bulgaria: an overview and perspectives of the ongoing Bulgarian - Swiss programme
P.13	J. Wojkowska Mach <i>Poland</i>	Neonatal infections in Polish Hospitals
P.14	A. Rozanska <i>Poland</i>	Cost effectiveness of infection control in Polish Hospitals
P.15	A. Rozanska <i>Poland</i>	Incidence, mortality and direct costs of nosocomial pneumonia in Polish hospitals
P.16	R. Gaiind <i>India</i>	Outbreak of ESBL producing <i>Proteus mirabilis</i> in neonatal Unit - lessons learnt
P.17	J. Asebergiene <i>Lithuania</i>	Nosocomial infections and risk factors in Intensive care Units in Lithuania
P.18	M. T. Al-Shankiti <i>Jordan</i>	Nurses' perceptions and judgments of infection control as an indicator for quality of care

# POSTER DELEGATE PRESENTATIONS

## SKUNA SUITE

Poster Number	Presenting author	Title of poster
P.19	A. Tavakoli <i>Iran</i>	The spectrum of T.B. presentations in Shiraz University Hospitals, Iran
P.20	H. Nekoulie <i>Iran</i>	Effectiveness of two insecticide: Ficam D & aluminium phosphide on leishmaniasis vectors in Varamin
P.21	A.R. Hamidian Jahromi <i>Iran</i>	T.B. patients in general wards
P.22	A.R. Hamidian Jahromi <i>Iran</i>	High incidence of sinonasal mucormycosis in patients with haematological malignancies
P.23	N. Khamis <i>Egypt</i>	B-lactamase & Mex-R gene mutation in a nosocomial outbreak of carbapenem-resistant <i>Pseudomonas</i>
P.24	A. K. Chidozie <i>Nigeria</i>	Contamination of laboratory bench-tops & incubators and the effects of spray disinfectant
P.25	M. Tavodova <i>Slovakia</i>	<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> in Zloven Slovakia
P.26	P. Naaber <i>Estonia</i>	Control of sexually transmitted diseases in Estonia: reliability of laboratory diagnostics
P.27	R. Valinteliene <i>Lithuania</i>	Nosocomial infection control in Lithuania
P.28	R. Zerafa <i>Malta</i>	Prevalence of glycopeptide-intermediate <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (GISA) in St. Luke's Hospital Malta.
P.29	S. Decelis <i>Malta</i>	Prevalence of glycopeptide-resistant Enterococci in at-risk hospital patients in Malta
P.30	A.L. Lohinivia <i>Egypt</i>	An injection safety campaign to prevent transmission of blood borne pathogens in Egypt
P.31	K. Borocz <i>Hungary</i>	How to manage viral gastroenteritis outbreaks in hospitals with limited resources
P.32	H. Nahrevanian <i>Iran</i>	Penetration of <i>Plasmodium</i> into RBC is a protective mechanism of parasite against high NO level
P.33	M. Burd <i>Ireland</i>	Segregation, packaging and storage guidelines for healthcare risk waste In Ireland
P.34	D. Ezra <i>England</i>	<i>Pseudomonas keratitis</i> in anaesthetists - a nosocomially acquired disease?
P.35	M. Kolarova <i>Czech Republic</i>	Airborne fungal spore monitoring in the oncohaematology unit: a 1-year prospective study
P.36	M. Wroblewska <i>Poland</i>	Outbreak of nosocomial meningitis caused by <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> in neurosurgical patients
P.37	M. Knoll <i>Germany</i>	Outbreak of vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) on a haematological oncology ward

# PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

The following countries are represented at IFIC2003 either as delegates, faculty or member societies:

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