

**ICPIC @ 2011** 

International Conference on Prevention & Infection Control

Geneva, Switzerland June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011



WHO Collaborating Centre for Patient Safety Infection Control & Improving Practices

#### Invitation

During the last decennium the prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAI) has become increasingly important. This change is demonstrated by the choice of an Infection Control topic by the World Health Organization for its first Global Patient Safety Challenge. Furthermore, major companies in the fields of diagnostics and biomedical products are focusing their attention on HAI-prevention.

In the past, research and continuing education were driven by only a few North-American and European centers while today, a growing number of centers from around the globe join an ever increasing effort in the prevention of HAI.

There is a need to share knowledge and experience in HAI prevention from the numerous countries and cultures around the world. This need and the worldwide nature of HAI-prevention are the reasons to initiate a global conference on this important topic.

It is our pleasure to invite you to Geneva, Switzerland, for the  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  International Conference on Prevention & Infection Control (ICPIC) to be held on June  $29^{th}$  – July  $2^{nd}$  2011.

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Prof. Andreas Voss Co-chair & Program director

#### **About Geneva**

Geneva is both an international centre of world importance and a small and friendly town of only 200,000 inhabitants. Set on the banks of Lac Léman between the Alps and the Jura mountains in the southwest corner of Switzerland, Geneva enjoys a temperate climate and breathtaking scenery with Alpine lakes, snow-capped mountains, lush forests and enchanting countryside.

Geneva hosts many international organizations, the most well known being the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the World Trade Organization. Fashionable hotels, chic restaurants and elegant shops jostle for position along the flower-decked lakefront which encircles the famous "jet d'eau" fountain. Several restaurants have been awarded top marks in the Michelin guide and a wide variety of cuisine is available to suit all tastes.

### **Session Topics**

- Burden of healthcare associated infections
- Surveillance and infection control indicators
- Public reporting / Benchmarking of infection rates
- Staphylococcal infections
- MRSA epidemiology and control
- Vancomycin-resistant enterococci
- ESBLs and other multi-resistant pathogens
- Clostridium difficile
- · Candida and fungal infections
- Nosocomial viral infections
- Lessons learnt form H1N1
- · Occupational health
- · Behavioral factors in infection control
- Hand hygiene
- · Patient participation in improving safety
- Healthcare worker education
- Bone and prosthetic joint infections
- Outbreaks
- · Infections and infection control in ICU
- Intravascular device-associated infections
- · Surgical site infections
- · Antimicrobial resistance
- Antibiotics and antimicrobial stewardship
- Bloodstream infections
- Ventilator-associated pneumonia

- Urinary-tract infections
- Infections in neutropenic patients
- Transplantations and healthcare associated infections
- Infections and infection prevention in paediatric populations
- Environmental control
- Role of animal reservoirs & infection prevention
- Infection prevention in special settings
- Innovative approaches in infection control
- Ergonomics and human factors design in infection control
- Epidemiological methods in infection control
- Qualitative research in infection control
- Mathematical modelling
- Infection control in long-term care facilities and nursing homes
- Infections and infection control in countries with limited resources
- Infection control as a patient safety and public health issue
- Publishing results in infection control

#### **Scientific Program**

The program includes keynote lectures, invited lectures, interactive sessions, workshops, oral sessions, and poster presentations. Specific tracks are dedicated to infection control in critical care patients, neonates and paediatric patients, long-term care, antimicrobial use, resistance and stewardship and patient safety and infection control in countries with limited resources. The official language is English.

#### **Critical dates**

- Abstract submission from December 1st, 2010 to March 4th, 2011
- Confirmation of accepted abstracts on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Early registration is possible until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

#### Information

For more information about the meeting, please visit our general website at www.icpic.eu. If you wish to receive regular updates about deadlines and events you may register using the preregistration form available on our website www.icpic.eu. Alternatively you can contact the conference organizers at <a href="mailto:icpic2011@mci-group.com">icpic2011@mci-group.com</a>.

The 1st International Conference on Prevention & Infection Control (ICPIC) is supported by the University of Geneva Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine and the WHO Collaborating Centre for Patient Safety.

### **Congress Organizer**

MCI Suisse SA has been selected by ICPIC as the official Congress Organizer to process registrations, hotel reservations, abstract management, exhibition and sponsorship.

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