



Infection Control in European Countries

Professional Organisations

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This questionnaire is addressed to the **local institutions** which have been designated by the official IPSE National Contact Point. It should be completed by the president or a member of the **scientific board** of the organisation. When responding, please try to take into account **national circumstances** as well as those specific to your own institution.

COUNTRY AND ORGANISATION

Name of your Country

Name of your Organisation

DETAILS OF PERSON COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

First name

Last name

Title/Position

Phone

Fax

E-mail

Date of Completion

__ / __ / ____ (must be completed by 1st of September)

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information or advice on completion of the questionnaire.

IPSE PROJECT

Considerable efforts have been made to date in harmonising data on NI and AR in Europe. As a result, large variability in preventive practices and outcomes across countries has become evident. Based on this experience, IPSE aims at resolving these persisting differences through the following approaches:

- **Providing health services with timely information, evidence-based guidelines and educational tools to manage effectively the risk of NI and AR,**
- **Strengthening the status of professionals involved in IC activities,**
- **Fostering the control of the emergence and spread of multiple resistant organisms in the ICU through an integrated surveillance programme,**
- **Monitoring the level of achievement of the NI & AR control programmes.**

These approaches are carried out by different working groups within the project:

- **WP1: European training for infection control doctors & nurses in connection with ESCMID**
- **WP2: European standards & indicators for Public Health surveillance and technical guidelines for the control of HAI & AMR**
- **WP3: Event warning and rapid exchange on NI & AMR**
- **WP4: Technical support for sustaining and extending of HELICS surveillance of nosocomial infections and control of HAI & AMR**
- **WP5: Improving surveillance and controlling AB resistance in ICU**
- **WP6: Providing complementary tools for the study and control of AMR in ICUs**
- **WP7: Feasibility study of surveillance of HAI in European nursing homes**

For more information on our project, please visit our website <http://ipse.univ-lyon1.fr>

WP1: EUROPEAN TRAINING FOR INFECTION CONTROL DOCTORS & NURSES IN CONNECTION WITH ESCMID

WP1 specific tasks are:

- **Inventory and analysis of existing courses in infection control in all European member states:**
- **Analysis of the professional status of infection control staff in all European member states:**
- **Definition of a core curriculum for IC training in Europe**

To achieve these tasks two “professional profiles and training” questionnaires have been designed: One questionnaire is addressed to the national authorities (represented by the IPSE national contact point) and this one is addressed to the leading professional organisations implicated in Infections Control activities in each EU country.

This questionnaire is divided into three sections:

Section 1: Characteristics of your organisation

Section 2: Infection Control training programmes

Section 3: European consensus

Please note that further information and details can be described in the **comments area** (page 8).

Section 1: Characteristics of your organisation

PROFESSIONALS IN YOUR ORGANISATION

1- What types of professionals are affiliated to your organisation?

Medical Doctors

- Infection Control Doctors
- Medical Epidemiologists
- Public Health Professionals
- Microbiologists
- Infectious Diseases Specialists
- Hygienists
- Other clinical Specialists

Nurses

- Infection control nurses
- ICU nurses
- Operating room nurses
- Anaesthesiology nurses
- Hygienist nurses
- Other specialised nurses
- Other qualified/registered nurses

2- How many professionals from your country are affiliated to your organisation?

- Information not available

3- How many professionals from other countries are affiliated to your organisation?

- Information not available

MAIN TASKS/INFLUENCE OF YOUR ORGANISATION

4- What are the main tasks of your organisation?

- Professional advocacy and promotion
- Scientific expertise and advice
- Contribution to a national programme
- Preparation of guidelines or recommendations
- Training of IC professionals
- Research
- Other, specify -----

5- Does your organisation influence national policy on Infection Control?

- Yes, always
- Yes, usually
- Yes, occasionally
- No, not at all

FORWARD-PLANNING

6- Does your organisation foresee an increasing need for qualified Infection Control professionals in the next decade in your country?

- Yes, for IC doctors
- Yes, for IC nurses
- Yes, for other professionals, specify: _____
- No, we only need to maintain the existing IC teams
- No, for other reasons, specify: _____

7- Does your organisation foresee qualitative changes in the role of IC professionals?	Infection Control doctors	Infection Control nurses
Yes, they will be increasingly associated with	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical work <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation and clinical research activities <input type="checkbox"/> The organization of risk management in hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Other activities Specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical work <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation and clinical research activities <input type="checkbox"/> The organization of risk management in hospitals <input type="checkbox"/> Other activities Specify: _____
No	<input type="checkbox"/> They will probably continue along existing lines <input type="checkbox"/> They will be less involved with the following activities Specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> They will probably continue along existing lines <input type="checkbox"/> They will be less involved with the following activities Specify: _____

TRAINING

8- On which aspects would your organisation put the main emphasis in the training of IC professionals?

- On the technical knowledge of the methodological aspects of Infection Control (epidemiology, investigation, evaluation, planning)
- On the technical knowledge of the bio-clinical aspects of HAI and AMR (microbiology, pathology, treatment)
- On the ability to promote the improvement in the quality of health care within clinical teams
- On the ability to contribute to risk and quality management for their institution
- Other, specify: _____



Please complete Annexe ‘Improvement in the Training of Infection Control Tasks’ by ticking the tasks for which your organisation thinks that there ought to be improvements in the current training of Infection Control professionals.

ANNEXE: IMPROVEMENT IN THE TRAINING OF INFECTION CONTROL TASKS

General Tasks

Do you think that improvement is required in the Training of the following:	Yes	No	Not applicable
1- The elaboration of an Infection Control programme, work plan and projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2- The management (implementation, follow up, evaluation) of an Infection Control programme, work plan and projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3- Research activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Specific Tasks

Do you think that improvement is required in the Training of the following:	Yes	No	Not applicable
4- The identification and investigation of outbreaks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5- The design of a surveillance system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6- The management (implementation, follow up, evaluation) of a surveillance system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7- The analysis and feed back of Infection Control data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8- Audits and evaluation of professional performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9- The development of Infection Control procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10- The implementation of Infection Control procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11- Training of hospital employees in Infection Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12- Antibiotics policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13- Environmental surveillance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14- Procedures for disinfection of medical devices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15- Procedures for sterilisation of medical devices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Complementary Tasks

Do you think that improvement is required in the Training of the following:	Yes	No	Not applicable
16- Expertise in Infection Control policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17- Clinical management of infected or at risk patients	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18- Appropriate laboratory testing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19- Prescription of antibiotics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20- Work organisation of clinical units	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21- Employee health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22- Elaboration of Healthcare procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23- Implementation of Healthcare procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24- Risk management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25- Quality management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26- Control of epidemic community infections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Section 2: Infection control training programmes

10- What are the usual training programmes followed by IC doctors in your country? If there are numerous training opportunities, please select a few typical ones.

	Title of Training Programme	Responsible Organisation	Number of hours		Practical work (thesis)		Contact information Name /e-mail of the responsible person, Web address of the training programme
			In class	In the field	Yes	No	
1					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



11- What are the usual training programmes followed by IC nurses in your country? If there are numerous training opportunities, please select a few typical ones

	Title of Training Programme	Responsible Organisation	Number of hours		Practical work (thesis)		Contact information Name /e-mail of the responsible person, Web address of the training programme
			In class	In the field	Yes	No	
1					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Section 3: European consensus

PROFESSIONAL PROFILES



If possible, send us attached to this questionnaire any professional profiles of Infection Control practitioners from your institution. It will be taken into account, in the proposal mentioned below.

12- A proposal for a European professional profile for IC doctors is in preparation. Would you be willing to review a draft of this proposal?

Yes

No

13- A proposal for a European professional profile for IC nurses is in preparation. Would you be willing to review a draft of this proposal?

Yes

No

CORE CURRICULUM

14- A proposal for a European core curriculum for IC doctors is in preparation. Would you be willing to review a draft of this proposal?

Yes

No

15- A proposal for a European core curriculum for IC nurses is in preparation. Would you be willing to review a draft of this proposal?

Yes

No



COMMENTS

Comments on Section 1: Characteristics of your organisation

Comments on Section 2: Infection control training programmes

Comments on Section 3: European Consensus

