FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INFECTION CONTROL
12-15 March 2014 | Hilton Malta, St. Julian's, Malta
www.ific2014.com

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW
The 14th Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC2014) will run from Wednesday 12 March 2014 until Saturday 15 March 2014. The official language of the congress shall be English. Further information on the congress can be accessed from the website: www.ific2014.com

CONFERENCE VENUE
Hilton Malta Hotel
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REGISTRATION
Registration can be performed online or by downloading the registration form from the congress website and mailing or faxing it to the organisers. All applications should be accompanied by payment of the full registration fee, either using credit card or bank transfer.

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* List of Low resource countries can be found at www.thefic.org/waivedmembership.asp

Registration fee for participants includes:
- access to scientific and exhibition areas and sessions, congress bag and scientific programme, abstract CD including IFIC educational resources, welcome reception, coffee breaks, buffet lunches during full days.

Registration fee for accompanying persons includes:
- welcome reception, two half-day tours.

ACCOMMODATION
A range of hotel accommodation will be available in various categories and price ranges. Hotel bookings will be possible from 01 September 2013 via the congress website.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME
An interesting social programme, including half and full day tours and excursions, will also be available.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME
As with previous editions, IFIC2014 will guarantee an outstanding educational experience for a multi-disciplinary delegate mix. This shall be achieved through a combination of state-of-the-art lectures, symposia, pro-con debates, workshops and industry organised sessions.

Much has happened in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) over the past decades. Awareness about hand hygiene has increased exponentially; new tools such as care bundles have materialised. Yet, we still face a common challenge: persuading colleagues to change behaviour and adopt evidence based IPC practices that have been proven to make a difference.

As a result, the theme chosen for the conference is:
Understanding behaviour; Implementing change
IFIC 2014 will aim to underline the problems we all face in our attempts to introduce changes in practices that will lead to clear, sustainable improvements in the prevention and control of healthcare infections. The programme will present experiences from all over the world to help understand IPC behaviour and potential approaches to affect change. The conference will be a unique opportunity for individuals involved or interested in IPC to learn and participate in topics which are rarely featured in conferences, including:
- Behaviour change strategies to improve IPC compliance
- Simplifying the message, achieving behaviour change
- Achieving change through improved audit and feedback
- Achieving front line ownership of the infection control message
- Recognising and addressing IPC dogmas & rituals
- Transposing change management theory into healthcare settings
- Novel approaches to change management in infection control
- Accelerating the integration of human factors with IPC
- Understanding and addressing organisational culture
- Educating for change
- Learning from others: success stories in IPC

In addition, other sessions / topics will discuss:
- Pro-con debates:
  - Laminar flow in orthopaedic operations
  - Cost-effectiveness of barrier precautions
- Implementing evidence-based Infection Control in Intensive Care
- Addressing the threat of MDR Gram negatives.
- Reducing MRSA bacteraemia in high incidence countries
- Prevention of surgical site infections
- Antibiotic stewardship
- Hand hygiene
- Prevention of bloodstream infections
- Prevention of urinary tract infections
- Infection control in limited resources
- Prevention of healthcare associated pneumonia
- Endoscope decontamination
- Prevention of sharps injuries
- Terminal disinfection of patient rooms

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
All abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted in English. The deadline for abstract submission is 15 November 2013. Submissions can be:
- Research-based: describing a formal study on a specific aspect of infection prevention and control.
- “How we did it”: a more descriptive account how a specific healthcare associated infection challenge was tackled and/or improvement achieved.