Dear Lynne

Welcome to this week's edition of the President's Digest. Please share items of interest from the Weekly Digest with your colleagues, friends and at branch meetings as part of your general/business updates. Please send any items for the Digest to your coordinator who can share these with IPSPA@fitwise.co.uk for inclusion.

YOUR IPS

A reminder that we are holding an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Infection Prevention Society on the 7th March. The purpose of the meeting is to get approval from the membership to adopt new Articles of Association, as following a governance review, the previous Articles were not as clear as they could be and did not reflect latest best practice in company law and charity law. Attached is a paper explaining the background to these changes in a little more detail. For clarity, all members are invited to attend the EGM however only Full members, Honorary members and Institutional members are eligible to vote (each Institutional member should appoint one individual being a member or employee to represent it and vote on its behalf). I know like me you have probably been very caught up with Coronavirus preparations at work, but we would be really pleased if you are able to attend the EGM on 7th March. For those of you unable to attend, I would encourage you to appoint a proxy, such as your branch lead who is most likely to be attending, to vote on your behalf. If needed Myself, Claire Chadwick or Val Weston can act as your proxy. If you wish to appoint a Proxy at the above EGM, please
complete, sign, date and return the attached form to the Company at its registered office (IPSPA@fitwise.co.uk). To be effective, please ensure all such completed proxy forms are lodged with the Company no later than 5pm on 5th March 2020.

**IPS CALLS FOR MEMBERS TO BE ACTIVE**

**Do you know someone who you would like to nominate as an Honorary Member of IPS?**
Honorary membership is awarded to one or two people every year who have carried out significant roles for the society on a voluntary basis, contributing to the aims and goals of the society. Nominees are usually someone nearing retirement and are often nominated by their branch to recognise and thank a member however any individual or Committee can put forward a nomination. For further information on Honorary Membership please click here. The **deadline for nominations has been extended to Monday 2nd March 2020.**

**The Brendan Moore Award 2020**
This award is named after the microbologist who had the foresight to appoint the first ever infection control nurse in Torquay in 1959. We have the Cottrell lecture at conference named after the nurse. The Brendan Moore Award is offered to a member who has shown outstanding commitment to the society while in an official role. The nominations come from the Consultative Committee, but you can make suggestions to your Branch coordinator to take to the next CC meeting in March. Nominations forms are available here and you now have until Monday 2nd March 2020 to get your nominations in. Full details of the criteria are available here and on the website. The winner of the award will be announced at the Gala Dinner at conference in Bournemouth.

**HEE Review of Mandatory Training**
IPS has agreed to lead a piece of work on behalf of Health Education England to review the assessment questions within the Infection Prevention and Control Level 1 and Infection Prevention and Control Level 2 sessions to ensure that they are up-to-date and align with the current guidance and Core Skills Training Framework (V1.6). The work is being co-ordinated on behalf of IPS by Tracey Cooper and Vicki Longstaff. Members who are interested in participating in this piece of work should send a short CV and expression of interest to IPSPA@fitwise.co.uk by Friday 6th March 2020. It is anticipated that the work will be completed virtually, with co-ordination via teleconferences, over the next 3-6 months.

**IPS INFORMS PROMOTES SUSTAINS**

**Infection Prevention 2020**
If you are thinking about attending IP2020 make some great savings on registration,
accommodation and travel by booking early. Early bird registration is £475 for IPS members until the 2nd July. Full details [here](#). There are also some great deals on hotels to be had at the moment. With a huge selection of hotels within walking distance to the BIC available via the major hotel bookings sites. It is also worth starting to [plan your travel](#) so you take advantage of cheaper prices as soon as they are released. Full conference details can be found [online](#).

### NATIONAL

**Please help us to improve hand hygiene practice!**

**Do you perform hand hygiene technique in clinical practice or teach others to use it?**

We would like to invite you to take part in an online **survey about the 6-step technique** for the application of alcohol-based handrubs for healthcare staff. The aim of the study is to investigate acceptability and feasibility of this approach in clinical practice. The research is being carried out by Lucyna Gozdzielewsk, a PhD student at Glasgow Caledonian University under the supervision of Prof Lesley Price, Dr Kareena McAloney and Prof Jacqui Reilly. If you are interested in participating, please access this [link](#) to find out more about the study, before making decision whether or not you would like to participate, and to access the survey.

**Job Vacancies**

Did you know that posting your IPC job vacancies on the IPS web site is a free member benefit? Current jobs on the site this week include:

- The Health Service Executive, Ireland has launched a recruitment campaign for **HBS08148 Director of Nursing 4, Assistant (Infection Prevention and Control)**. Closing date: Monday, 02 March 2020 at 12:00.
- **IPC Clinical Fellow**, NHS England and NHS Improvement. Location: Any NHS England or NHS Improvement base, Flexible. Closing date: 09.03.2020

For more information on all jobs advertised, please [click here](#) and click on the ‘Jobs’ button. IPS members wishing to place a recruitment advert on behalf of their Trust/Organisation should contact IPSPA@fitwise.co.uk for further information.

### INTERNATIONAL

**WHO Online Course: Emerging respiratory viruses, including nCoV: methods for detection, prevention, response and control**

This course provides a general introduction to emerging respiratory viruses, including novel coronaviruses. For further information and to enroll please visit [here](#).

**Webber Teleclasses available in March 2020:**

- **On March 03**, **THE EFFICACY OF INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMITTEES IN AFRICAN SETTINGS.** Speaker: Eltony Mugomeri, Africa University, Zimbabwe.
- **On March 12**, **THE BUZZ AROUND MOSQUITOES AND MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES.** Speaker: Dr Marcia Anderson, Environmental Protection Agency.
On March 19, INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN HOME CARE AND Hospice: COMMON COMPLIANCE ISSUES. Speaker: Mary McGoldrick, Home Health Systems, Inc.

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