



IPS Annual Report 2014

Summary

IPS Board



IPS Officers 2014 (Jan-Sep)

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President	Julie Storr
Vice President	Heather Loveday
Secretary	Lesley Wharton
Deputy Secretary	Debbie Wright
Treasurer	Debbie Flaxman
Deputy Treasurer	Gary Thirkell
Ordinary Member	Jennie Wilson

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Communications	Claire Kilpatrick
Research & Development	Maurice Madeo
Education & Professional Development	Carol Pellowe
Scientific Programme Committee	Pat Cattini
Journal Editor	Neil Wigglesworth

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2014 Highlights



President's Introduction



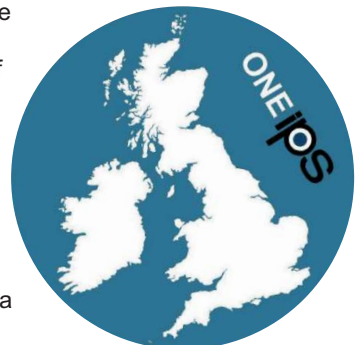
HEATHER LOVEDAY
IPS President

The Infection Prevention Society (IPS) is a charity and professional organisation for all those committed to enhancing patient safety and preventing harm from healthcare infection and communicable disease. During 2014 the global infection prevention community has been focused on the infection threats posed by antimicrobial resistance and epidemics of Ebola in West Africa and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus in the Arabian Peninsula. While each of these pose particular challenges that are exacerbated by international travel, they also highlight that the fundamental principles of infection prevention and control are our first and most effective line of defence against emerging and known infection threats.

To date the Ebola epidemic has cost more than 11,000 lives in West Africa leaving already weak healthcare systems under enormous pressure; it also showed where lack of focus, complacency and poor attention to surveillance data and the proper use of personal protective equipment can claim lives. Members of the Society have been central to the national and devolved governments' emergency response to Ebola, contributing to local education programmes and scenario testing; in addition some have travelled to West Africa to share their skill and expertise as part of volunteer medical and nursing teams.

During 2014 the IPS has continued to deliver the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan, which aims to realise the vision that *"No person shall be harmed by a preventable infection."* We have sustained the focus and activity of the past three years to ensure that we promote infection prevention as a highly skilled discipline and provide added value to our individual and corporate members. Collaborative working with government committees, regulatory agencies, other societies and professional organisations is a feature of the way in which IPS seeks to influence the infection prevention and control agenda nationally and internationally.

This report shares highlights of the work undertaken by the IPS Board, Standing Committees, Branches and Special Interest Groups as 'One IPS' during the past 12 months. On behalf of the IPS Board I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the work of the Society as a member or as part of a collaborative project during 2014.



Membership and Financial Health



The Society remains in excellent financial health demonstrating an operating profit of £72,952 and returns on its investment portfolio.

- Membership income is continuing to grow, with income up 17% on 2013;
- Total Membership at 31 December 2014 was 1904, an increase of 52 members on 2013;
- Journal of Infection Prevention income from advertising remains stable and the Journal is moving steadily towards a break-even position;
- Profit from Infection Prevention 2014, our annual conference, was ahead of target;
- Branch income from educational events continues to support activity at a local level.

Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC)



The EPDC focuses on developing and supporting the professional development of members and the advancement of infection prevention knowledge in the wider healthcare and education sectors. It does this through competency based education activities, development of resources and collaborative working. The Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator and Secretary contributed to the peer review of abstracts for Infection Prevention 2014 and the Federation of Infection Societies 2014 conference; judging poster and oral presentations at IP 2014; and judging the IPS Annual Awards for Practitioner, Team and Branch of the year. Activity highlights include:

- The Implementation Learning Laboratory launch event, supported by The Health Foundation, Care Fusion and BioPatch, at the Thinktank in Birmingham which saw us telecast the whole of the event to 105 virtual delegates;
- In excess of 800 delegates attending the 12 regional Learning Laboratory events to hear 72 expert speakers focusing on aspects of implementing Epic3 and other national guidelines;
- Development of an isolation on-line learning programme in collaboration with Nursing Times, due to be published in January 2015;
- A collaborative project with British Association of Urological Nurses and the Association for Continence Advice to develop algorithms to guide the insertion and removal of indwelling urinary catheters;

- Increased engagement with branch education leads to develop the capacity of the group and improve succession planning;
- Undertaking a review of the IPS competences to create a platform for work in 2015.

Journal of Infection Prevention: Editorial Management Group (EMG)



The EMG focuses on publishing a high quality peer reviewed publication that advances professional knowledge and skill in the art and science of infection prevention and control practice. It is responsible for increasing the profile of the journal and increasing the number of high quality original papers published in each issue. The Editor and Deputy Editor contributed to the peer review of abstracts for Infection Prevention 2014 and the Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2014 and the judging of posters at IP 2014. Activity highlights include:

- Negotiation of a new 10-year agreement with SAGE, which aims to move the Journal to profit over the duration of the contract;
- Establishing an International Editorial Advisory Board to support the development of the Journal and secure Medline indexing;
- Increase in the number of international submissions to the Journal from the United States of America, Australia, South East Asia and South America;
- Establishing a social media presence for JIP @JInfPrev.

The Research and Development Committee (RnD)



The RnD Committee focuses on building research capability and capacity among the IPS membership through education, initiating collaborative research projects and awarding annual research grants. In addition they work with other external groups to further the evidence base for infection prevention and control. Activity highlights include:

- Completion of the WINCL Study (Where is Norovirus Control Lost) funded by the Scottish Infection Research Network. This collaborating project involved 60 healthcare facilities across the IPS branches, Glasgow Caledonian University and the University of West London;
- Award of the collaborative small projects grant to Matt Reid and a team from Wolverhampton (New Cross) Hospitals;

- Award of the Post-Doctoral grant was to Dr Carolyn Dawson and a team from University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire;
- Surveying members to establish a focus for the next collaborative project which will focus on Standard Precautions.



Scientific Programme Committee (SPC)

The SPC focuses on creating robust and topical scientific programmes for the IPS annual conference and works in parallel with Fitwise, the events company, to deliver a high quality, well evaluated professional networking and learning event for members. Activity highlights include:

- A return to Scotland, after 15 years, for Infection Prevention 2014 at the SECC in Glasgow;
- Evaluation feedback from delegates and exhibitors indicated that the programme and venue had contributed to an excellent conference experience;
- Programme headlines included presentations from IPS Patron Prof. Didier Pittet, Cottrell Lecture presenter Dr Evonne Curran, Ayliffe Lecture presenter Dr Stephanie Dancer, Rose George and Dr Jason Leitch, National Clinical Director, Healthcare Quality at the Scottish Government;
- Securing venues for Infection Prevention 2016 (Harrogate International Centre) and 2017 (Manchester Central Convention Centre).

Communications



Communications activity during 2014 was largely led and delivered by Claire Kilpatrick, Paul Cryer and Ann Higgins. The focus of activity was to provide a high quality internal communications platform and build the external profile of the IPS through Social Media and marketing opportunities. The IPS Secretariat at Fitwise Management has supported this activity. Activity highlights include:

- Completion of the IPS website project, including Branch web pages and discussion forums and the membership database;
- IPS Twitter account has 2354 followers; a quarter of the membership follows @IPS_Infection;
- Building capacity of members in the use of Social Media for professional communication and networking through 'Twitter Schools' supported by Daniels Healthcare Ltd and Gary Thirkell (Deputy Treasurer);

- The launch of an official Facebook page to enhance our social media presence, by the end of 2014 we had over 200 likes;
- Branch Twitter presence established with hashtag use for branch conferences and events;
- Completion of an independent review of IPS communications from Jefferson Communications;
- Supporting IPS Branches to produce a 'One IPS' DVD/YouTube film.



Member without Portfolio

The Member without Portfolio has an important role within the IPS Board providing an independent voice on the Board and acting in a personal professional capacity to offer views and opinions on all matters relating to Board activity. This board member also takes on special projects within their sphere of expertise. Jennie Wilson held this role in 2014. Activity highlights include:

- One Together collaboration with the Association for Perioperative Practice (AfPP) and 3M;
 - *Evidence poster* accessible information of evidence-based guidance on preventing SSI distributed to member organisations including to IPS members with their copy of JIP;
 - *Infection prevention self-assessment tool for operating theatres* to support the assessment of infection prevention practice in theatres. A draft tool was evaluated at the 2nd conference held in November 2014 and will be pilot tested during 2015.
 - *Infection prevention toolkit* the group is currently working on a set of resources related to perioperative warming.
- A corporate members day held in July 2014 to follow-up the feedback from the CM survey conducted in 2013;
 - The annual plan for 2015 will include work streams to take forward engagement and building value in the corporate membership category. This will include quarterly IPS President telephone surgery for corporate members; piloting of a product surgery; proposals for project funding for IPS Education and Research and Development;
 - Second Corporate Members Day in 2015.

Branch and Special Interest Group Highlights

The branches are the heart of the Society and provide opportunities for collaborating, problem solving, networking and professional development for IPS members. Activity highlights from the 14 IPS branches include:



- The production of the “One IPS” DVD and YouTube film for International Infection Prevention week. This collaborative project between the Wales, Scotland, Eire, Trent and Yorkshire branches highlights the value of being a member of IPS and the attraction of working in the specialty;
- 14 branch conferences providing professional development for 1,710 delegates;
- 42+ branch meetings providing the opportunity for networking, professional development and project working for branch members;
- Collaborative working with HIQA to review national standards for the prevention of healthcare infections. (Eire);
- Production of an educational DVD and facilitators handbook focusing on standard precautions. (London South);
- Establishing an education sub-group to standardise mandatory infection prevention and control training. (Northern Ireland);
- Contributing to Health Protection Scotland guidance on Tuberculosis, Legionella, Panton-Valentine Leukocidin producing *Staphylococcus aureus* infection and infection prevention in childcare settings. (Scotland);
- Annual Joint meeting with local Public Health England Health Protection Units. (South West);
- Providing Continuing Professional Development accreditation for educational content of branch meetings and branch conference. (Trent);
- Establishing a mentoring programme for new IPS members. (Trent);
- Annual Joint meeting with Welsh Healthcare Associated Infection Programme. (Wales);
- Running a four-day introductory course for new infection prevention and control practitioners. (West Midlands);
- Initiating the “Guidance at a Glance” policy tools project. (Yorkshire).



Activity highlights for the five Special Interest Groups include:

- Audit and Surveillance, Ambulance and Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Forum Joint Conference in January 2014;
- Completion of the second iteration of Commissioning Toolkit and Briefing for the NHS in England in collaboration with the Royal College of Nursing (RCN). (Commissioning SIG);
- Completion of the Vessel Health and Preservation Tool in collaboration with the National Infusion and Vascular Access Society and the RCN;
- Presentation of the Vessel Health and Preservation Tool work at the WoCoVa in Berlin. (IV Forum);
- Highly evaluated 4th Annual IV Forum Conference in November 2014.

Vision and Mission

Our Vision is that no person is harmed by a preventable infection.

Our Mission is that IPS will **inform, promote** and **sustain** expert infection prevention policy and practice in the pursuit of patient or service user and staff safety wherever care is delivered.

#One_IPS
Five Nations
2000 People



- **50+** branch meetings held in a year
- **3000+** people educated through #IPS events
- **4** members given Educational Trust awards
- **50+** e-digests sent: energizing & informing every week
- **10** national & international conferences influenced
- **40+** Corporate Members supported
- **2000** Twitter followers; 2 million+ global reach
- **30,000+** #JIP articles downloaded
- **10** other societies & organisations engaged
- **3** prestigious national awards judged

With thanks to...

The IPS Board, Standing Committees, Branches, Officers, Special Interest Group Leads and Fitwise Management Ltd for providing support to the day to day workings of IPS. And special thanks to all of the 1,904 members for helping IPS make its vision a reality.

This report is a summary of the formal IPS Annual Report 2014. The full version of which is available on our website www.ips.uk.net

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