



# IPS Annual Report 2016

## Summary

# IPS Board



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### Co-opted Board members

Scotland	<a href="#">Elaine Ross</a>	England	<a href="#">Janet De'Witt</a>	Wales	<a href="#">Tracey Gauci</a>
Ireland	<a href="#">Toney Poovelikunnel</a>	Northern Ireland	<a href="#">Colin Clarke</a>		

# 2016 Highlights



## President's Introduction



NEIL WIGGLESWORTH  
IPS President

I'm delighted to introduce the 2016 Infection Prevention Society Annual report on behalf of the members of the Board, including my predecessor, Professor Heather Loveday, as I took over the role of President in October 2016. As in previous years, the challenges and pressures on health and social care and infection prevention professionals remind us of the importance and relevance of belonging to a society of peers and the development opportunities membership gives us. In 2016 we saw the relentless march of antimicrobial resistance writ large, with the emerging threat from resistant *Candida auris* and the increasing concerns of all the administrations in the UK and Ireland regarding resistant Gram negative bacteria. The society, on behalf of its members, welcomes the renewed governmental interest in the importance of infection prevention and control

in all care settings and look forward to working with government departments and regulators in making our vision of 'no person harmed by a preventable infection' a reality.

I hope you'll agree that 2016 was another exciting and successful year for the society and this Annual Report summarises the huge amount of activity that's been going on across the Society, in the Branches, Special Interest Groups, Business Groups and committees and in collaboration with a range of other organisations.

During 2016 we developed, with our members, a new Strategic Plan for the period 2017 to 2020 and I encourage you all to read it and see the direction for the society and the focus on benefits of membership that is at the heart of our plans. In 2016 we started or continued work on a number of these exciting developments; we agreed to review the IPS Competencies and I'm sure you're all looking forward to their launch in 2017. We developed an International Engagement Committee to support our members who do work in resource limited countries and also to encourage international membership. As you can see in the report of the Editorial Management Group, the *Journal of Infection Prevention* is now indexed in PubMed Central. This is an important and exciting step in the development of your journal, which is going from strength to strength. Our corporate members are an enormous asset to us as a society and in 2016 we began work to enhance our relationship with them and to encourage more to join us. Collaborations such as OneTogether and the Vessel Health and Preservation work, illustrate the value of working with other societies and commercial partners to produce resources for our members.

Finally in 2016 we all came together to produce the hugely successful IPS Torch Tour and another fantastic conference in Harrogate. On behalf of the Board, I'd like to thank every single member for their contribution to the work and mission of the Society during 2016 and I look forward to working together in 2017 and beyond.



# Membership and Financial Health



Total membership at 31st December 2016 was 1799, a decrease of 174 members on 2015. Despite a loss of £69,711 in 2016, the Infection Prevention Society remains in good financial health with £643,449 in available funds. The loss was not unexpected as there were a number of initiatives that are investments for the society and our members. These included the addition of co-opted board members to ensure representation of each country at board level, the very successful Hand Hygiene Torch Tour and the contracting of a communications agency to assist with IPS positioning ourselves as experts in the media and public domain in order to present accurate IPC information to the public and those who influence policy.



# Education and Professional Development Committee

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.

Key achievements for 2016 and plans for 2017 include:

- Continued to develop the roles of the Branch Education Leads;
- Undertook a review of IPC content in pre-registration courses for healthcare professional students in HEIs;
- Worked with the Guidelines at a Glance Group to formalise the presentation and layout to enable endorsement;
- Revised the IPS competences for launch at September conference 2017;
- Supported commercial members through the review and endorsement of educational material;
- Taking on the management of the QIT tools;
- Supporting conference.



## Journal of Infection Prevention: Editorial Management Board

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. The EMG is responsible for supporting the publication of high quality original papers and increasing the profile of the journal.

Activity highlights include:

- Our journal is now being cited by PubMed Central; a digital archive of biomedical and scientific journal literature. This is an important achievement, as it will make our papers more readily accessible to readers throughout the world;
- We have published 103 original articles in 2016 and are receiving an increasing number of manuscript submissions, including from international authors;
- We ran a very successful 2-day Writers Workshop to support novice writers to publish their work in JIP;
- JIP papers have been downloaded more than 47,000 times in 2016.



## Research and Development Group

The R&D 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.

Key achievements for 2016 and plans for 2017 include:

- Creation of a Research Network consisting of approximately 25 people who have a keen interest in IPC research. The network, along with the R&D committee are now working on three separate research projects – Defining an Optimum Infection Prevention Service (DOIPS); Evaluation of Care Pathways for Urinary Catheters; The Sharps Study;
- Completed the first evaluation of the VHP Framework using the Outcome Logic Model in collaboration with the Vessel Health Preservation (VHP) team;
- Award of the novice researcher grant to Lucyna Gozdziewska, a PhD student from Scotland who is looking at 'Deconstructing the effectiveness of the WHO 6-step technique for healthcare staff using alcohol-based handrubs' and the collaborative small projects grant to Yvonne Carter and team, from London, who are looking at 'Exploring the patient experience and acceptability of rectal screening'.



## Scientific Programme Committee

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 and the wider national and international infection prevention and control community.

Key achievements for 2016 and plans for 2017 include:

- Infection Prevention 2016 held at Harrogate International Conference Centre (HICC) with 489 delegates attending and 91 exhibitors;
- Held four specialist work streams: focusing on writing for publication, mental health, audit and surveillance and the ambulance service;
- 10 nationally funded registrations for IPS members;
- 122 abstracts submitted;
- 1 nationally funded place for an international member (delegate fee only).

## International Engagement Project

The IEC was introduced in October 2016 to focus on increasing international IPS membership and providing support/resources to infection prevention practitioners collaborating/working in resource limited countries (RLC).

Key achievements for 2016 and plans for 2017 include:

- Development of Special Access Membership for individuals from Resource Limited Countries;
- Looking at the creation of international affiliated societies of IPS;
- Developing online resources for Resource Limited Countries;
- Promoting IPS internationally;
- Engaging with international delegates at the annual conference.

# One Together Project

OneTogether is a partnership of professional organisations supported by 3M who are committed to promoting and supporting the adoption of best practice to prevent surgical site infection (SSI). IPS is a leading member of this partnership.

Activity from 2016 includes:

- Launched the OneTogether Assessment Toolkit for evaluating infection prevention practice across the surgical pathway;
- Presented lectures on the partnership and toolkit both in the UK and Internationally;
- Published guidance on preventing SSI based on the OneTogether toolkit in the Nursing Times;
- Now working on educational material to support clinical staff to implement best practice in specific areas such as skin preparation and peri-operative warming.

# Hand Hygiene Torch Tour

The society held the largest hand hygiene campaign to ***'spread the message, not the bugs'*** in the form of a torch tour around the UK and Ireland. The event began on **5th May** in each of the five countries (Scotland, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Wales) to coincide with the World Health Organisation 'Clean Your Hands – Call to Action' and finished on **26th September** 2016 at the first day of Infection Prevention 2016 Conference in Harrogate.

The aim of the Hand Hygiene Torch Tour was to:

- Raise awareness of the importance of hand hygiene among the general public;
- Promote the Infection Prevention Society nationally and internationally;
- Partner with other healthcare infection and patient organisations to highlight the annual World Health Organisation 'Clean Your Hands - Call to Action' for healthcare workers.

Each of the 14 Branches hosted activities to promote hand hygiene whilst moving the torch around the five countries. In addition, the torch travelled to Malta, Canada, America, Japan, Romania, Portugal and South Africa during the Torch Tour thanks to IPS representatives who were attending international events. Photos from the TorchTour can be found on the IPS Flickr site:



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/110746129@N08/sets/72157669945556421/>

# Annual IPS Awards 2016

The annual awards programme recognises the achievements of IPS members at an individual, team and branch level.

The shortlisted candidates for Team of the Year were:

- North Yorkshire Community Infection Prevention & Control Team, Harrogate District NHS Foundation Trust
- Infection Prevention & Control Group, St Catherine's Hospice, West Sussex
- Infection Prevention Team, Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, Kent

The winning team was the **North Yorkshire Community Infection Prevention & Control Team**. The work of this team with their "can do, will do" attitude has resulted in the production of high quality online educational resources for infection prevention control in the community which aims to improve standards and reduce healthcare associated infection.

The shortlisted candidates for Branch of the Year were:

- IPS Trent
- IPS West Midlands

The winning branch was **IPS Trent**. The branch has initiated a number of branch projects including: a workforce review, which provides information to meet the needs of its members; the establishment of a new member network as a way to make new IPS members feel valued and supported, and were the first branch to have CPD accreditation at their meetings and annual conference.

The shortlisted candidates for Practitioner of the Year were:

- Sue Millward – Infection Prevention Nurse Consultant, Nuffield Health
- Ramona Marincas – Director of Nursing, Zaluski Emergency Hospital

The winning practitioner was **Sue Millward** for the significant role she has played in raising standards of care and improving patient safety. Her most recent achievements include the creation of a sustainable link practitioner system, the first of its kind in IPC; the development and accreditation of a Director of Infection of Prevention course and leading a review of the Society's audit tools.



The shortlisted candidates for Link Practitioner of the Year were:

- Yvonne Place – Clinical Assistant, The Thornberry Centre, Derriford, Plymouth
- Drew McDonald – Senior Staff Nurse, Children’s A&E Department, Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital

The winning link practitioner was **Yvonne Place** for her implementation of audit systems and cleaning processes within the department using her own initiative, time and money to implement some of the changes. She has also been active in the ‘Surviving Sepsis’ arena.

## IPS Ayliffe Lifetime Achievement Award

This year the society also introduced a new award, the **IPS Ayliffe Lifetime Achievement Award** and I am delighted to say that the inaugural award was to Professor Graham Ayliffe himself. Sadly, Professor Ayliffe has since passed away but his legacy will continue to be honoured by the Society through this award which will be given, only rarely, to exceptional individuals.



## Representation and IPS Collaborative Activity

The Society is represented on a range of national working groups and collaborate with other infection related organisations nationally and internationally.

Of particular note in 2016 are the following:

- Board members represented the Society as invited guests at the APIC and IPACC conferences in America and Canada; Carole Hallam and Valya Weston presented work at AVA in America;
- Neil Wigglesworth and Philip Pugh represented IPS and were invited to speak at the ICNJ Annual Conference in Oita, Japan;
- Helen O’Connor attend the EUNETIPS winter meeting in Amsterdam on behalf of the Society;
- 2 joint conferences with the Association for Perioperative Practice (AfPP) with 298 delegates attending.

# Branch and Special Interest Group Activity



**The branches and special interest groups 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 and 5 special interest groups include:

- 12+ regional conferences providing professional development for more than 1,000 delegates;
- 1 IV Forum Conference with 95 delegates,
- 30+ branch meetings providing the opportunity for networking, professional development and joint project working for members;
- 28 branch funded places for IPS members;
- Joint working to produce IPS Calendar for 2017;
- A joint London branch conference focussing on “Something Old, Something New”. (London North & London South);
- Coordination of the IPS Calendar. (London South);
- Joint working to produce promotional materials for International Infection Prevention Week 2017;
- Produced a short u-tube video of their branch event, highlighting the day which will be used to promote future Branches activities. (East of England);
- Public and patient engagement as a feature of branch meetings. (London South);
- Revised the format of branch meetings to make education the focus. (North East);
- Held branch meetings in new locations across the region to encourage those who may not attend due to travel problems. (North West);
- Participation in the SARHAI working group; engagement with SHAIPI research group at Glasgow Caledonian University; NES and HPS collaboration. (Scotland);
- Annual joint meeting with regional PHE group. (South West);
- Carried out an IPC workforce survey and presented the results at the IPS Conference. (Trent);
- Coordination & participation across all branches and SIGs in the Hand Hygiene Torch Tour;
- Featured in the local press as part of the Hand Hygiene Torch Tour. (Wessex);
- New IPC practitioner 3 day programme. (West Midlands);
- Continuation of Guidelines at a Glance development; continued support for international member Ramona Marincas from Zalau Emergency Hospital in Romania. (Yorkshire);
- IPS Trent winner of the Branch of the Year;

- Increased membership of the group. (Ambulance SIG);
- Published Version 3 of the joint IPS / RCN document 'Infection Prevention and Control Commissioning Toolkit'. (Commissioning SIG);
- Collaboration between the Ambulance SIG, Audit & Surveillance SIG and Mental Health SIG;
- Continued work on the Vessel Health & Preservation framework with presentations both nationally and internationally; begun work on a national IV passport in partnership with NIVAS and the RCN which is expected to complete in 2017; attended WoCOVA in Lisbon in 2016 to expand and develop knowledge of the IV forum in the UK and internationally. (IV Forum);
- Reviewed non-alcohol hand sanitising products in light of the PHMB (Polyhexamide) ban. (Mental Health SIG).

## DEVELOPMENTS for 2017

In the business and financial planning for 2017 the IPS Board agreed to the following strategic activity:

- Review of High Impact Interventions (Saving Lives);
- Publishing of the revised competencies;
- Development of Credentialing process;
- Work with Forster Communications to improve our external communications;
- To review, market and award annual research grants to IPC members;
- To provide IPC members with up-to-date and timely IPC research-related information and resources;
- Run a Writers Workshop to support inexperienced authors;
- To create a conference programme for a primary audience of IPC practitioners, researchers and or educators, that showcases the latest research for prevention, preparedness, detection and management of infection-related events;
- To continuously improve the annual IPS Conference by evaluating the experience, educational content and value of each conference and incorporating any learning into the planning for subsequent conferences;
- To promote and improve the benefits of membership for international members who join the IPS;
- Make resources available on the IPS website for members who are supporting resource limited countries;
- Strengthen the relationships with corporate members and corporate partners;
- Development of a Membership Strategy;
- Development of a Financial Strategy;
- Developing the role of Co-opted Board Members, introduced in October 2016, who represent the 5 countries within the society.

## 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.

### 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 1,799 members for helping IPS make its vision a reality.**

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