




Welcome to the Inaugural
WASIG Breakfast Forum

Leads – Megan Reilly & Sylvia Gandossi



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Overview

- Welcome and housekeeping Megan Reilly
- College activities update & SIGs Megan Reilly
- WAMRO, MRO Taskforce, IIH Network update Sylvia Gandossi
- Continental breakfast
- Role of HICWA & threats posed by MROs in WA Paul Armstrong
- WASIG going forward Megan Reilly

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Congratulations!

Helen Bucknell Infection Control Manager Bethesda Hospital
Recipient of 2012/2013 Asia Pacific Hand Hygiene Excellence Award



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Sub-Committees

Election Timeline for Committees

New Sub Committees
 Terms of Office
 July 2012-June 2014

Election of new committee
 April – June 2014

Announcement of new committee
 July 2014

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 July 2014-June 2016

Election of new committee
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 July 2016

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Sub-Committees

Current Sub-Committees

Subcommittees	Chair Person
Special Interest Groups	Annie Wells
Education and Research	Anne Gardner and Megan Reilly (outgoing)
Governance* <i>Finance and Audit Sub Committee (still pending)</i>	Lesley Lewis
Credentiailling	Claire Boardman
Credentiailling Advisory & Review Panel	Ramon Shaban
Conference Organising Committee* <i>(Scientific Committee)</i>	Belinda Henderson (committee link)
Policy & Publication	Marija Juraja

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Education & Research Committee

Activities

- Monthly teleconference meetings
- Annual face-to-face meeting
- Education needs member survey
- National conferences
- Scholarship program
- National journal club
- Research opportunities with stakeholders
- State/Territory professional development events
- Education collaboration with stakeholders

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What's Next?

Activities 2013-2014

- Implementation of strategic plan
- National conference Gold Coast 30 Sept – 2 Oct 2013
- International Infection Prevention Week 20 – 26 Oct 2013
- Antibiotic Awareness Week 18 – 24 November 2013
- Website update
- Renaming E-bulletin
- Mentorship program
- National conference Adelaide 2014

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SIGs

Current Special Interest Groups

- Residential Care
- Office Based Practice
- Mental Health
- Surveillance and Applied Epidemiology
- Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilisation
- State/Territory
- Journal Club – National*

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SIGs

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Purpose

- To facilitate meeting the unique infection control needs for best practice in specific interest groups or geographically linked professionals
- To develop and maintain a network for sharing information, ideas, solutions to issues and other specific interest group resources
- To identify and refer to the Policy & Publication Committee topics for positions statements, generic or model standards, policies or procedures
- To identify and refer on to the ACIPC Education & Research Committee continuing infection prevention and control education requirements in the interest group area.

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- To identify interest group members who have specific expertise to represent the ACIPC on other internal or external committees and who may be willing to be added to a database of experts
- To provide a forum for ACIPC to actively promote understanding of the unique interest group needs
- To promote infection control research in the interest group area
- To promote synergistic partnerships with other SIGs or relevant external groups

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Structure

- Special interest group membership is only open to ACIPC members
- The special interest groups will report through the Special Interest Advisory Committee Chairperson to the ACIPC Executive Council
- Special interest groups will be facilitated by a liaison person for a term of two years
- The liaison person for the initial SIGs will be an appointed member of the SIG Advisory Committee

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Function of the SIG Liaison Person

The role of the SIG Liaison Person will be to:

- Facilitate SIG activities
- Request funding for SIG activities
- Facilitate the submission of regular reports to the SIG Advisory Committee and contribute to a regular online E-bulletin
- Communicate education and research and policy and procedure topics to the relevant ACIPC committees via the SIG Advisory Committee


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What can you do to be part of the changes and be progressive?

It doesn't take much and leads to great networks and knowledge

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Engagement

How Can You Get Involved?

- Be an active member
- Join the Executive Council; president elect 2014!
- Join a sub-committee
- Join a SIG
- Participate in professional development events
- Apply for a scholarship
- Submit a conference oral or poster abstract
- Attend 2013 & 2014 conferences
- Join Infection Connexion discussion list
- Read E-bulletin
- Become credentialed

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Moving Forward

- Forum lead(s)
- Terms of reference
- Forum frequency
- Host venue (videoconferencing facilities)
- Time of day
- Topics for next forum

Membership renewal reminder!

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