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IPC News
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ACIPC President Associate Professor Phil Russo

Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the last quarter of 2021, our members continue to be under pressure in their various roles due to the ongoing outbreaks and lockdowns.

During the month, we made the decision to move to an entirely online conference for 2021 due to the uncertainty around border closures. We hope this format will provide a platform for our members and all IPC practitioners to gather and interact together. The conference includes a number of themed sessions, including for aged care settings. More details are included below.

With the AGM in November, I would encourage members to consider nominating for the College's board. All members have been emailed information and can contact the office with any questions.

The College has continued to be busy with our education activities, notably Foundations of IPC. Our education program is a core platform for supporting members and non-members, and the College will continue to develop our range of courses.

I look forward to seeing you all during the conference. In the meantime, please stay safe and look after yourselves.



Phil Russo



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2021 AGM

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the College will take place online on Tuesday 9 November 2021 from 5.10 pm to 6 pm. Members will receive an agenda and participation details by email before the AGM.

Nominations for ACIPC Board Director and ACIPC President-Elect are now open. There are seven Board Director positions and one President-Elect position available. This is an opportunity to take on a leadership role at a pivotal time in the history of the College. Financial Members, Fellow and Life Members who meet the essential criteria are invited to nominate themselves for either, or both, of these positions.

You can read more about the role requirements including time commitments, legal responsibilities, and essential criteria for each position on the ACIPC website. Nominations must be received by email to office@acipc.org.au by 11:59 pm on Sunday 17 October 2021.

Recently Credentialed Members

This month we congratulate Kylie Robb, Matthew Mason, Brett Mitchell, Mandy Davidson, Fiona De Sousa and Gemma Mallin who have become credentialed or recredentialed at various levels.

If you are interested in finding out more information about our credentialing framework click [here](#).

Latest Articles from *Infection Disease and Health*

[Universal testing for SARS-CoV-2 infection on admission among hospitalized emergency patients: A survey report from a single facility in Tokyo](#)

Shoko Marshall, Motonao Ishikawa, Hiroaki Tanaka, Hiroshi Sakura, Yasuko Uchigata

[Performance of hospital-based contact tracing for COVID-19 during Australia's second wave](#)

Christopher R. Bailie, Vivian K. Leung, Elizabeth Orr, Elizabeth Singleton, Cate Kelly, Kirsty L. Busing, Benjamin C. Cowie, Martyn D. Kirk, Sheena G. Sullivan, Caroline Marshall

The Conversation: Allen Cheng Article

Allen Cheng is a long-standing member of the College and was appointed the role of Victoria's Deputy Chief Health Officer in July 2020. Allen recently wrote about [My year as Victoria's deputy chief health officer: on the pandemic, press conferences and our COVID future](#) for the Conversation. It's an enlightening and insightful account of Allen's time in the role and will be of interest to many members.

Education Update

Dr Stéphane Bouchoucha, Chair of ACIPC Education Committee, Board Director

As we move into the next phase of the College, we are looking at new IPC education opportunities. We are currently developing an HIV and Hepatitis Pre and Post Testing Discussion course. This course was previously delivered by the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS) at the La Trobe University.

The initial cohort of Aged Care IPC Leads have completed the Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control (FIPC) course. We have had over 3000 graduates to date. We continue to offer FIPC with new courses opening up subject to demand. There are currently over 1000 students studying, the majority are from the aged care sector.

Our thanks to GAMA Healthcare for co-branding with the College on a series of three webinars, *Complete Care for Aged Care*. It was great to see so many participants online, over 700 people from aged care and other sectors and there was detailed discussions following each session.

Our annual conference is just around the corner. The speakers and topics form an engaging program and I encourage all members to register to take part in this event. Although we would ideally be able to meet face-to-face, I look forward to interacting with members online during the conference from 8 to 10 November.



Aged Care IPC Leads FIPC Graduate Survey

Aged Care IPC Leads graduates have been emailed a survey on ACIPC's Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control course. This survey is anonymous, and your answers will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared. The College will use the survey to assist us to develop our support for Aged Care IPC Leads.

Everyone that completes the survey by Thursday 14 October will go into the draw to win one of two \$150 vouchers to JB Hi-Fi.

If you are a graduate of the FIPC course and you have not received an email with a link to the survey, please email learning@acipc.org.au.

FIPC Course Availability

The College is running Foundations of IPC on demand. We currently have courses starting in November with availability.

Visit: <https://www.acipc.org.au/education/>

ACIPC FIPC Graduate Pins

ACIPC will be issuing commemorative graduation pins for 2021 graduates of the Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control (FIPC) Course.

The pins will be issued in November and FIPC graduates will be emailed a link to update your postal address.

If you are a past graduate of Foundations of IPC, please email learning@acipc.org.au if you would like to receive a pin.

Kerri from the ACIPC office showcasing our new graduate pins!



HIV and Hepatitis Pre and Post Testing Discussion Course

We are excited to announce that the HIV and Hepatitis Pre and Post Testing Discussion Course will be delivered by ACIPC later this year.

This course was previously delivered by the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS) at the La Trobe University.

This course is suitable for healthcare practitioners involved in undertaking HIV and Hepatitis testing in all healthcare settings including midwifery, acute care, community health, women's health, correctional health, rural and remote health, refugee health, sexual health, infection prevention and control practitioners.

Register your interest here: <https://www.acipc.org.au/hiv-and-hepatitis-pre-and-post-testing-discussion-course/>

Infexion Connexion Members Email Forum

All full individual members of ACIPC have access to our members-only discussion forum *Infexion Connexion*. The College has produced infographics on how to correctly post to the discussion forum and guidelines that govern the use of Infexion Connexion.

View infographics here:

www.acipc.org.au/resources/infexion-connexion

ACIPC International Conference

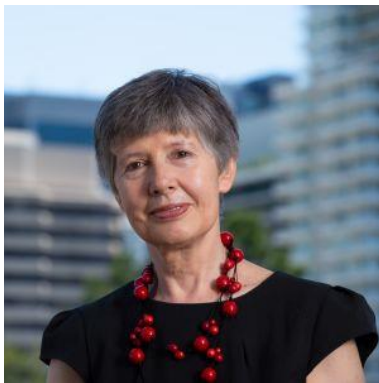
ACIPC has made the decision to hold this year's conference as a fully online event.

The conference will bring together professionals working in the infection prevention and control space to discuss discoveries and advancements in practice, education, and research to help prevent and control infection in our communities.

The conference will take place 8 – 10 November and features an impressive array of invited national and international speakers, oral presentations, poster presentations and themed sessions.

Topic and speaker highlights include:

- Controversies surrounding mask use, *Distinguished Professor Lidia Morawska, Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world*
- How has COVID-19 changed infection prevention and control, *Adjunct Professor (Practice) Alison McMillan, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer*
- Making decisions without evidence during COVID-19, *Professor Dale Fisher*
- Worldwide trends in infection prevention and control, *Professor Brett Mitchell*
- The use of Genomics in carbapenamase producing Enterobacteriaceae outbreak, *Dr Lex Leong*
- The Public Health Response to COVID-19 (Contact Tracing), *Dr Sonya Bennett*



Distinguished Professor Lidia Morawska



Adjunct Professor Alison McMillan



Professor Dale Fisher



Professor Brett Mitchell



Dr Lex Leong



Dr Sonya Bennett

ACIPC International Conference

The conference will also have a theme session running throughout each of the three days for aged care, office-based practice, and immunisation.

Infection Prevention and Control in residential and aged care facilities

- Infection prevention and control challenges in aged care
- [Developing a risk management IPC plan for your facility](#)
- [Developing an outbreak management plan for your facility](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control resources for residential aged care facilities](#)
- Experiences of outbreaks in aged care
- A risk-based approach to staff health and safety

Infection Prevention and Control in office-based practice

- 'Back to basics' microbiology and Infection Prevention and Control basic principles
- [Regulatory Obligations, Guidelines and Standards](#)
- Hand hygiene in office-based practice
- Environmental cleaning and disinfection
- Aseptic technique, PPE and aerosol generating procedures in a podiatry and dental setting
- Infection prevention and control audits in office-based practice & look backs
- [Instrument cleaning and reprocessing in office-based practice](#)

Immunisation workshop

- Vaccine programs in aged care settings
- Vaccine programs in hospital settings
- Approaching the introduction of an influenza vaccine directive
- Mandatory influenza vaccinations for healthcare workers

*Current Foundations of IPC students and 2020 graduates have access to a **discounted** registration rate. Rates start from \$125.*



More Information and Registration: www.acipconference.com.au

GOARN Request for Assistance COVID-19 Global Response

The College is a member of the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN).

GOARN

This RFA is intended to address potential rapid response support and direct assistance to countries; and support to WHO offices and team at the global, regional, and country level. In addition, if administrative arrangements can be rapidly put in place – offers of support will be shared with other partners, technical networks and teams to support coordination, urgent readiness and planning in countries at risk, and potential rapid response capacity teams.

This global RFA is to seek the support of partners for the network response in all the expected technical areas, including:

- Emergency and outbreak coordination
- Epidemiology
- Infection prevention and control
- Laboratory
- Clinical case management, and emergency medical response capacity
- Logistics
- Community engagement
- Risk communications
- Information management
- Operational research

Terms of Reference for each of these areas will be available on the knowledge platform: <https://extranet.who.int/goarnops/#/operations/138812/updates/138902>.

Please note TORs may be adapted and specified for specific missions or activities.

Please provide all required details, including the CV, availability date range, minimum and maximum duration for deployment to the College GOARN representative, Peta-Anne Zimmerman, goarn@acipc.org.au

Job Opportunities: Infection Management, Sunshine Coast

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Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service have RN positions available. Visit the [ACIPC Website](#) for more information.

Webinar: Pioneering a New Paradigm in Hand Hygiene Compliance Measurement

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Professor Mary Louise McLaws will be the guest speaker for Whiteley's Seminar Series Webinar in October. Professor McLaws will present a new quantitative approach for measuring Hand Hygiene compliance with less measurement bias.

Hand Hygiene remains as the single most significant intervention for Infection Prevention and Control. The 5-Moments-of-Hand-Hygiene (5MHH) Program remains probably the most significant intervention for patient safety. The principles of Hand Hygiene (HH) are largely undisputed, but the compliance required under the program has been subject to significant criticism as being overly qualitative and subject to observer bias. A new algorithm used to measure HH compliance is proposed that both removes bias and establishes a new quantitative approach to measure minimum expected compliance and alert Infection Prevention and Control staff about the need to perform on the ward education of the whole clinical team.

This would be suitable for those working in Infection Prevention and Control staff within healthcare. Join us for the Webinar:

When: Oct 21, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM AEST

Register: https://login.bettermail.com.au/em/forms/subscribe.php?db=775137&s=586519&a=39907&k=NNYwL6l-H4_qumliheirjgh34WaaXpYUkdzcovxRUVY

Please note there are limited places available to attend this webinar. For further information contact Whiteley on 1800 833 566.



SEMINAR
series

Pioneering a New Paradigm in Hand Hygiene Compliance Measurement

The McLaws Hand Hygiene Calculator

Whiteley
DATE Thursday 21st October 2021
TIME 7pm to 8pm (AEST) (60-minute webinar)

Registrations Close Tuesday 19th October 2021

Earn
1hr CPD
at this FREE
event



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8th Rural & Remote Health Scientific Symposium 6-7 October

Virtual registrations are now open for the [8th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium](#) on 6-7 October. The full digital program retains the more than 60 research presentations, poster sessions and engagement with high-quality keynote speakers, including:

- Professor Mary-Louise McLaws, infectious disease expert and COVID-19 commentator
- Associate Professor Jacki Schirmer, head of the Canberra University Regional Wellbeing Survey
- Associate Professor Adrienne O’Neil, Director of Heart & Mind Research and Deputy Director of the Food & Mood Centre in the Deakin University School of Medicine.

The theme of the virtual symposium is ‘Connecting research, practice and communities’ – bringing together rural health academics, clinical researchers and practitioners, students, as well as policymakers engaged with the Alliance and the rural health sector. The Alliance hosts the Symposium in conjunction with the Australian Rural Health Education Network, the Federation of Rural Australian Medical Educators and the Lowitja Institute.

The symposium offers comprehensive knowledge learning and professional development, as well as the opportunity for personal engagement with speakers, presenters and peers.

Webinar: Nursing and Midwifery Life as a Clinician-Scientist

Online Webinar, 6 October 2021, 2.00PM - 4.30PM

A joint initiative of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences and Australian and New Zealand Nursing-Midwifery Clinical Trials Research Network, you are invited to learn how to combine your clinical practice with scientific research to get the best for your patients. Featuring some of the leading clinician-scientists in Australia, this online event will explore the many pathways in this rewarding career.

Register and find information at www.aahms.org/events.

Topics include:

- Building excellence in the next generation of health practitioners and leading clinical innovation
- How to get started in clinical research
- Research challenges and opportunities
- Strategic leadership to establish nursing and midwifery clinician-researcher pathways

Webinar: Ultraviolet Germicidal Lighting

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The current global pandemic is looking for answers to reduce the risk of COVID-19 in commercial buildings, hotels, hospitals, education, and defence sectors. Recently Oproia hosted a webinar by Dr Normand Brais. The recording is available to view on the ACIPC website, www.acipc.org.au.

Webinar: Complete Care for Aged Care, GAMA Healthcare

Thank you to the excellent presenters and to GAMA for co-badging with the College for the series.

The recorded webinars are available on the ACIPC website.

Topics and speakers:

[Infection Prevention recommendations in plain English - Presented by Kathy Dempsey](#)

[Choosing a disinfectant & auditing 'clean' - Presented by Kate Smith](#)

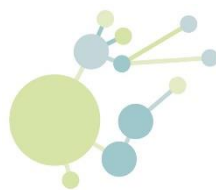
[Best practice for the management of Incontinence Associated Dermatitis](#)

International Infection Prevention Week

International Infection Prevention week runs from 17 – 23 October 2021. APIC has chosen the theme “Make Your Intention Infection Prevention”. The theme highlights the importance of the science behind infection prevention and inspires the next generation of infection preventionists (IPs) to join the fight.



For more information: <https://infectionpreventionandyou.org/iipw/>



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