

type of facility, the number of new graduates employed each year and the number and type of placements that the new graduate will experience. IC principles underpin every occasion of care delivery to patients by nurses and needs to be viewed as an important 'building block' in the development of clinical competency. The extent to which these principles are addressed within the curriculum of undergraduate nursing programmes will permeate through all practice. Therefore the need for IC education to be made relevant and practically orientated is essential. This said, the authors concede that the implementation of the proposed recommendations will only be achieved if a number of stakeholders are lobbied for support.

Postscript – 2002

2002 has provided the opportunity for the IC department of CCH to be involved in the implementation of some of the outlined recommendations. Discussions with programme coordinators of the first year undergraduate nursing programme at a local university have resulted in the inclusion of a structured IC module with CCH IC staff being requested to deliver the content. Negotiations for incremental involvement over the 3 years remain in a preliminary stage.

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STATE

22-23 May 2003

Enterprise – The Next Generation
Victorian Infection Control Professionals Association
Conference & Exhibition

Melbourne Convention Centre

Preliminary Program & Call for Abstracts: Dec 2002

Abstract deadline: Feb 2003

Abstract acceptance notification: Mar 2003

Early bird registration: Mar 2003

Contact: ICMS Pty Ltd

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9-11 Oct 2003

A Gold Standard – Promoting the Future
4th Joint Conference of the Infection Control
Practitioners Association of Queensland (ICPAQ) and
the Queensland Wound Care Association (QWCA).

Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort

Surfers Paradise, Qld

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NATIONAL

22-25 March 2003

Question Time?

Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases Annual Scientific Meeting

Hyatt Hotel, Canberra, Australia

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Website: <http://www.racp.edu.au/asid/asm.htm>

9-11 June 2004

AICA National Conference

Wrest Point Casino, Hobart

INTERNATIONAL

6-8 April 2003

Society for Health Care Epidemiology of America Inc Annual Meeting

*Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel
Arlington, Virginia, USA*

Contact:

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19 Mantua Road, Mt Royal, NJ 08061 USA

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Website: www.shea-online.org/Annmtg.html

1-3 May 2003

**Antimicrobial treatment in the 21st Century:
Current challenges and future strategies**

**The 4th International Symposium on
Antimicrobial Agents and Resistance
(ISAAR 2003)**

COEX Center, Seoul, Korea

Contact:

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29-30 May 2003

**International Society of Chemotherapy (ISC)
and the Interregional Association for Clinical**

**Microbiology and Antimicrobial Chemotherapy
(IACMAC) International Conference
Surgical Infections: Prevention and Management**

Cosmos Hotel, Moscow, Russia

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E-mail: conference@antibiotic.ru

Website: www.microbiology.ru/en/confer/2003/surgery.shtml

8-12 June 2003

**APIC 2003 – APIC 30th Annual Education Conference
and International Meeting**

San Antonio Convention Centre, San Antonio, Texas, USA

Contact: APIC, 1275 K Street, NW, Suite 1000

Washington, DC 20005-4006, USA

Tel: (1) 202 789 1890

Fax: (1) 202 789 1899

E-mail: APICinfo@apic.org

Website: <http://www.apic.org/apic2003/events/>

23-25 June 2003

CHICA-Canada:

2003 National Education Conference

Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, Ontario

Preliminary program available:

Website: http://www.chica.org/2003_confe.html

14-17 September 2003

PHLS Annual Scientific Conference

University of Warwick

Abstract Submission Deadline: 7 March 2002

Accommodation Reservations Deadline: 23 August 2002

Contact: PHLS Headquarters

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Website: <http://www.phlsnorth.co.uk/asc2002/>

9-12 November 2003

**4th Congress of the International Federation of
Infection Control**

Business Centre, The Hilton, St Julians, Malta

Abstract Submission Deadline: 1 May 2003

Earlybird Registration Deadline: 1 June 2003

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