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FOREWORD

I am pleased to welcome you at the "Third CEE Conference on Hospital Hygiene and Patient Safety" in Vienna – the city where Ignaz Semmelweis practiced and developed his hypothesis regarding childbed fever. His message – that doctors' hand disinfection contributes to the elimination of germs and effectively prevents infections – is as important today as it was in his time. Last year we celebrated his 200th birthday with a symposium at the Medical University of Vienna. Among high-level speakers and guests was the grand grandson of Ignaz Semmelweis, which gave the symposium a very emotional touch.

During our last conference in Budapest in 2017, we discussed the importance of communication as a key for enhanced infection control. This year, we will continue to further our cause by elaborating on the topic "Silo Busting - More interdisciplinarity in our fragmented healthcare system". Interdisciplinarity is essential when talking about hospital hygiene and patient safety since all departments in hospitals are intertwined. Apart from communication and information sharing, working together is vital to ensure patients' safety in the long term. That is why we dedicate this year's conference to that important topic. International professionals and researchers will present best-practice examples and share their expertise through speeches as well as workshops. There will also be discussions and interactive information exchange. Increased interdisciplinarity in hospitals and healthcare facilities improves not only the quality of medical treatment, but also contributes significantly to the development of patients' recovery.

In addition, we are proud to announce the issuance of a supplement journal for the "Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift". It included contributions from 18 CEE countries describing their systems and the status-quo regarding hospital infections as well as infection prevention. In this context we would like to thank Prof. Franz Allerberger, who has taken the lead in this effort. On a similar note, we also express gratitude to Prof. Didier Pittet, the Honorary President of the Semmelweis Foundation, for his continuous support as well as our speakers and experts for their contribution to this event.

I wish you a pleasurable experience at our third conference and look forward to thought-provoking discussions with all of you!

Bernhard Küenburg

President of the Semmelweis Foundation



About Semmelweis

The Semmelweis Foundation is an open, international, independent and non-profit oriented initiative with its headquarter in Vienna. It was founded in 2012 by a group of individuals with the mission to inform the public and healthcare professionals about all aspects of hospital hygiene and patient safety with a focus on the Central Eastern European region.

In order to achieve this goal, a web portal with information about hospital hygiene and patient safety was created. New reports, data, interviews and videos are regularly uploaded: www.semmelweis.info

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Our Speakers

"One of the major challenges for

modern medicine is the spread of

antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

How to respond to this public

health threat? The most sustainable approach is the prevention of AMR and holding AMR beneath the epidemic threshold. This needs

multiple interventions in different

layers of the healthcare systems.

We need to understand the invisible drivers for AMR in different healthcare systems and organize a transdisciplinary network to implement

University Medical Centre Groningen

Alexander W. Friedrich

Netherlands

real-life interventions."



"Awareness for nosocomial infections is more important than ever in light of the recent rise of resistance to antibiotics. The Austrian Medical Chamber makes a contribution by offering a diploma that provides theoretical and practical foundations in hospital hygiene necessary for the prevention, detection and control of nosocomial infections."

Thomas Szekeres Austrian Medical Association Austria

"Continuous learning is mandatory for healthcare workers. The medical system is like a domino game: we depend on each other; all activities are intertwined. A mistake of one person can lead to a bigger one. All hospital personnel need to be involved: nurses, doctors, cleaning personnel, but also visitors and patients.

Through correct information we can provide the compliance of rules and principles. This is our mission and





"With the Semmelweis CEE Conference on Hospital Hygiene and Patient Safety we will increase the necessary awareness at a political level for the prevention of nosocomial infections."

Didier Pittet WHO Switzerland



"Hygiene is not everything in medicine, but medicine without hygiene is limited in its ability for improvement and future development. This conference will build bridges from East to West, and from healthcare workers to patients. Contemplating on the future of hygiene may foster novel strategies to increase patient safety and the quality of healthcare."





"During the EU-presidency Austria clearly stated its outstanding dedication for the fight against AMR and hospital infections."





"The story of Ignaz Semmelweis, which has profoundly inspired me in my work on knowledge production, shows how the beginning of hospital hygiene was accompanied by vivid emotions. We should not forget about that today, when proposing new measures for hospital hygiene. We should have the courage to demand high standards and face conflicts."

Anna Durnová Political Scientist Austria

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Mardjan ArvandRobert Koch Institute
Germany



"Infection control and hospital hygiene are essential elements of patient safety. I am convinced that the success in these fields depends on multidisciplinary collaboration which, among others, may be fostered by team work and better communication. The CEE Conference 2019 in Vienna with its engaging program will certainly generate and share new and innovative ideas for further strengthening this important area in our healthcare system."



"The proper handling of peripheral in central venous catheters like PICC or Port a Cath makes it necessary to be aware of correct hygiene activities. Nurses play a pivotal role in terms of prevention of nosocomial infections."

Harald Titzer Vienna General Hospital Austria



"Nosocomial transmission of influenza may increase morbidity and mortality among patients. The implementation of isolation wards for influenza patients could reduce the risk of transmission. We have been using a rapid molecular diagnostic test in our emergency room for the detection of the viruses directly from nasal swabs. I will demonstrate the potential benefits of this novel approach in my presentation."

Christoph WenischVienna Hospital Association
Lecture by OEGIT
Austria

"To reduce the large number of hospital aquired infections we want to encourage our healthcare professionals and patients to improve hand hygiene. Referring to this we started some projects in hospital hygiene and infection prevention resulting in our next goal: the application for the Hand Hygiene Excellence Award. And this is why the CEE Conference is an important opportunity to learn from each other and to share best practices."

Elke Schindler Regional Hospital Villach Austria



ting consequences of nosocomial infections and antibiotic resistance for the individual patient as well as for health care systems.

Striving to minimize these adverse effects by coordination of rapid diagnostics, consequently applied infection control and antibiotic stewardship is an important contribution to patient safety."

"We are aware of possibly devasta-

Agnes Wechsler-FördösFormerly Hospital Rudolfstiftung
Austria

"It is well known that only adequate and appropriate hand hygiene practices constitute a basis for nosocomial infection prevention and healthcare workers' hands are the most important vehicle for pathogen transmission. However, studies show that healthcare workers still do not sufficiently recognize the significance of proper hand hygiene."

Astrid Mayr Medical University Innsbruck Austria



"The Semmelweis CEE Conference on Hospital Hygiene and Patient Safety successfully promotes an IPC culture in Central and Eastern Europe!"

Mohamed Abbas Hôpitaux Universitaires de Genève Switzerland

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Our Speakers

"In contrast to common QM-certifications, measures to increase patient saftey in medicine require education and training and the orientation towards simple and easy practicable strategies. My workshop will demonstrate, how employees can be inspired by relevant measures to ensure a practical benefit."



Hans Härting
AssekuRisk
Austria

"Testing for healthcare-associated and community-acquired pathogens using molecular methods can deliver results in less than an hour. These results can guide the effective implementation of contact precautions, decrease unnecessary use of respiratory isolation rooms, and inform antimicrobial stewardship programs to improve patient outcomes in a cost effective manner."

Fred C. Tenover
Cepheid



have been seriously infected by this virus, it will never let you go. Because you have found something, where you can make things a little better every day as part of a worldwide community. Many thanks to the Semmelweis Foundation to give us a platform to share and improve!"

"Hygiene is a lifetime passion. If you

Roland Knieler Knieler & Team GmbH Germany



"Outbreak of HAI with carbapenem resistant Klebsiella pneumoniae took place during August — September 2018 at the Clinic for Cardio surgery in Skopje. An imported strain from another clinic was spread to 6 patients and successfully cured in 4 of them as well as eradicated from the Cardio surgery clinic in the next month."

Milena PetrovskaUniversity Ss Cyril and Methodius
Macedonia

"It is a pleasure for me to attend such a relevant and high-quality conference. Guarding the professional heritage of Ignaz Semmelweis and engaging in an open and constructive dialogue on key issues and best practices in infection prevention and control to support patient safety is of particular importance to me."



Andrea Kurcz National Center for Public Health Hungary



"Measuring infection prevention and control structures, processes and outcomes using standardised methods help hospitals and countries to compare and improve their performance, share best practices and guide decision-making at local, national and international level."

Ramona Marincas Satu Mare Emergency Hospital Romania

"My presentation focuses on endoscope reprocessing to illustrate the complexity of reprocessing of thermolabile reusable medical devices and its potential role in the transmission of health-care associated infections if not done properly."







"My presentation deals with technical aspects of water safety in hospitals regarding global warming."

Alexander BlackyVamed



Our Speakers

"Sound organisation of infection control, dedicated experts and healthcare workers who put their heart and mind into their work are keys to success in infection prevention as well as control on local, regional and national level."



Viktorija Tomic University Clinic of Respiratory and Allergic Diseases Golnik Slovenia

"In Latvia the control of HAIs is regu-

lated by the Cabinet of Ministers. Despite a well-developed regulatory basis, more efforts must be put on implementation of requirements



care associated infections, the first is highly developed local infection control program with well trained and experienced personnel, another one is high level interdisciplinary cooperation and involvement of clinical staff on a daily basis."

Vlastimil Jindrak National Institute of Public Health Prague Czech Republic



and on the training and education of healthcare workers. Challenges in control of HAIs will be shown in the country presentation from Latvia."

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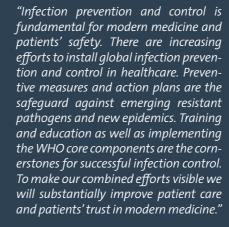
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Kate Vulane



"In Serbia, an infection control committee and infection control program for each hospital were recommended by law in 1997. A national surveillance system was established in 2001. Despite many limitations, and reduced funds of the country, the hospital epidemiology and infection control are rapidly growing in Serbia."

Ljiljana Markovic-Denic Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade





"Hospital acquired infections are



"Infection control in Kosovo is challenged by the lack of financial and human resources. There are 8 hospitals, of which 7 are general hospitals and only one provides tertiary teaching. Infection prevention and control does not exist as a medical or nursing speciality. Framework for prevention and control of HAIs in Kosovo is set by Administrative Instruction No=05/2011. Hospitals are obliged to conduct mandatory prevalence studies of HAIs every three years. The deputy director of the hospital is the leader of council for hospital infections."



Lul Raka National Institute of Public Health of Kosovo



Claus Krenn Medical University of Vienna Austria



Our Speakers

"Infection control and prevention strategies are not only important for infections caused by bacteria and viruses. Fungal infections should never be neglected as they can also pose a challenge for infection control. Candida auris, a recently described yeast has caused nosocomial outbreaks in various countries. Only strict infection control strategies were able to stop the outbreaks. This is one of the reasons why the importance of hygiene should never be underestimated. Thus, this conference plays an essential role in underlining the importance of infection control."





"Raising hand hygiene awareness among healthcare workers is an important but difficult task. It is time we use innovative marketing strategies in order to promote safe practices for both patients and personnel."

Alexandru ComanCenter for Health Policy and Public Health
Romania



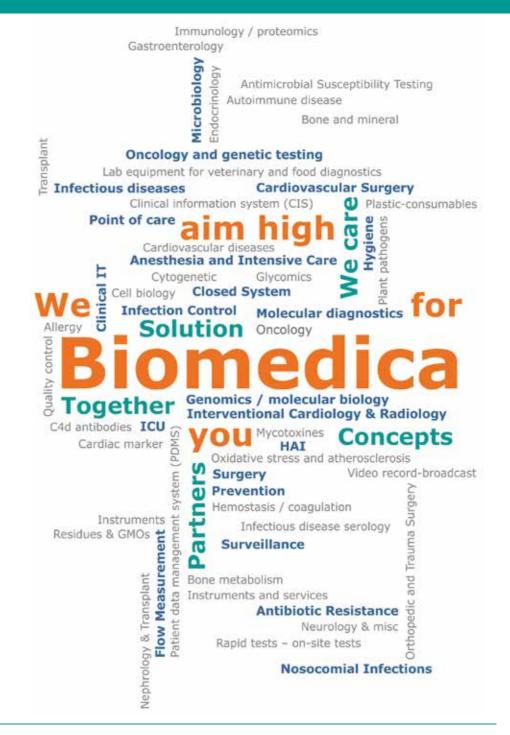
"We shall never stop embracing innovation to fight HAI. New technological tools enable continuous monitoring of compliance, yet numerous open questions remain regarding efficacy, usability, cost/benefit ratio and behavioral change. Our mission is to collect and generate further evidence to improve the quality of patient safety measures."

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Program Day 1 / 12 March 2019

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14.00 - 15.30

Registration & Welcome Drink

15.30 - 16:00

Welcome Speech

Bernhard Küenburg – President Semmelweis Foundation Thomas Szekeres – Austrian Medical Association Michael Binder – Medical Director of the Vienna Hospital Association

16.00 - 16.45

Keynote

"CRE-free Europe: Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance Across All Borders"

Alexander W. Friedrich - University Medical Center Groningen

16.45 - 18.00

"Silo Busting - Challenging the Old Problem of Interdisciplinary Work"

Michael Binder – Medical Director of the Vienna Hospital Association Anna Durnová – Political Scientist Alexander W. Friedrich – University Medical Center Groningen

Andreea Moldovan – St. Constantin Hospital Romania

Didier Pittet – Infection Control Programme & WHO Collaborating Centre on Patient Safety,
The University of Geneva Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine
Thomas Szekeres – Austrian Medical Association

18.00 - 18.30 Break

Ernani

18.30 - 18.50

"The View of a Medical Director on Infection Control"

Ojan Assadian – Regional Hospital Neunkirchen Lecture by OEGKH

18.50 - 19.10

"One Health"

Reinhild Strauss – Federal Ministry Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection

19.10 - 19.30

"The Robert Koch Institute's Approach to Infection Prevention and Control in Germany"

Mardjan Arvand - Robert Koch Institute

Hamlet

18.30 - 18.50

"The Development of Infection Control in Healthcare Settings in Hungary"

Beatrix Oroszi – National Center for Epidemiology Hungary

18.50 - 19.10

"Catheter Indused Bloodstream Infections and Their Prophylaxis from the Point of View of the Nursing Practice"

Harald Titzer - Vienna General Hospital

19.10 - 19.30

"Patient Outcome on Influenza-wards during two Influenza Seasons in three Hospitals in Vienna after PCR Point of Care Diagnosis in the Emergency Room"

Christoph Wenisch – Vienna Hospital Association Lecture by OEGIT

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Dinner & Networking

Ecolab Hygiene Party

Program Day 2 / 13 March 2019

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8.00 - 9.00

Registration / Breakfast

9.00 - 10.00

"Silo Busting: From Semmelweis' Time to Today and Beyond"

Didier Pittet – Infection Control Programme & WHO Collaborating Centre on Patient Safety, The University of Geneva Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine

10.00 - 10.30

Break

Ernani

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10.30 - 11.20

"The Journey to Becoming a Hand Hygiene Excellence Award Winner"

Didier Pittet

Elke Schindler – Regional Hospital Villach

Andreea Moldovan – St. Constantin Hospital

11.20 – 11.40

"Careful Use of Antibiotics to Reduce the Development of Resistance"

Agnes Wechsler-Fördös – Formerly Hospital Rudolfstiftung Austria

11.40 - 12.00

"Do We Need Antimicrobial Surfaces in Infection Prevention? – A Critical Update"

Astrid Mayr – Medical University
Innsbruck

10.30 - 10.50

"We Need Your Papers"

Mohamed Abbas – Geneva University Hospitals

10.50 - 12.00

Presentation of Top 10 Abstracts

Hamlet

10.30 - 12.00

Workshop "Patient Safety"

Hans Härting - AssekuRisk

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12.00 - 13.00

Lunch

13.00 - 14.00

"The Challenge of Implementing Molecular Diagnostics for Infection Control"

Fred Tenover - Cepheid

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14.00 - 14.20

"Patient Near Environment – State of the Art Disinfectants – A View on Latest Studies"

Roland Knieler - Knieler & Team GmbH

14.20 - 14.40

"Semmelweis' Lesson for the Current Innovations in Health Care"

Anna Durnová - Political Scientist

14.40 - 15.00

"The Ongoing Evolution of MRSA – Does it Matter for Infection Control"

Fred Tenover - Cepheid

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14.00 - 14.20

"Recent Outbreak in the Hospital for Cardiosugery"

Milena Petrovska – Ss. Cyril and Methodius University

14.20 - 14.40

"Characteristics of Reported Hospital Outbreaks in Hungary, 2007-2017"

Andrea Kurcz – National Center for Public Health Hungary

14.40 - 15.00

"Patient Safety Starts with Me – The Safety of Care for Patients in Romanian Hospitals"

Ramona Marincaş – Satu Mare Emergency Hospital

Hamlet

14.00 - 14.20

"Endoscope Reprocessing Between Then and Now"

Magda Diab-Elschahawi – Vienna General Hospital

14.20 - 14.40

"Patient Safety"

Maria Kletecka-Pulker – Austrian Network for Patient Safety

14.40 - 15.00

"Technical Aspects of Water Safety in Hospitals"

Alexander Blacky – Vamed

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15.00 - 15.30 Break

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15.30 - 16.30

"CEE Initiative – Standardisation and Education"

Viktorija Tomic – University Clinic of Respiratory and Allergic Diseases Golnik

Vlastimil Jindrak – National Institute of Public Health Prague

Kate Vulane – Centre for Disease Prevention and Control of Latvia

Ljiljana Markovic-Denic – Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade

Lul Raka – *National Institute of Public Health of Kosovo*

Chair and Host: Elisabeth Presterl – Vienna General Hospital

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15.30 – 15.50

"Surgical Site Infections"

Mohamed Abbas – Geneva University Hospitals

15.50 - 16.10

"How to Deal with Infections Interdisciplinarily – an Intensivist's Perspective"

Claus Krenn – Medical University of Vienna

16.10 - 16.30

"SSI: Practical Aspects"

Tudor Birsan – Hospital of St. John of God

Hamlet

15.30 - 15.50

"Guerilla Marketing Methods to Increase Hand Hygiene Awareness in Healthcare Workers in Romania"

Alexandru Coman – Center for Health Policy and Public Health

15.50 - 16.10

"Candida Auris – Human Threat or Harmless Bug?"

Birgit Willinger – Medical University of Vienna Lecture by OEGHMP

16.10 - 16.30

"Bringing Hand Hygiene to the National Level – The Hungarian Case"

Tamás Haidegger – HandlnScan

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16.30 - 17.00

Closing Statement

Bernhard Küenburg - President of Semmelweis Foundation

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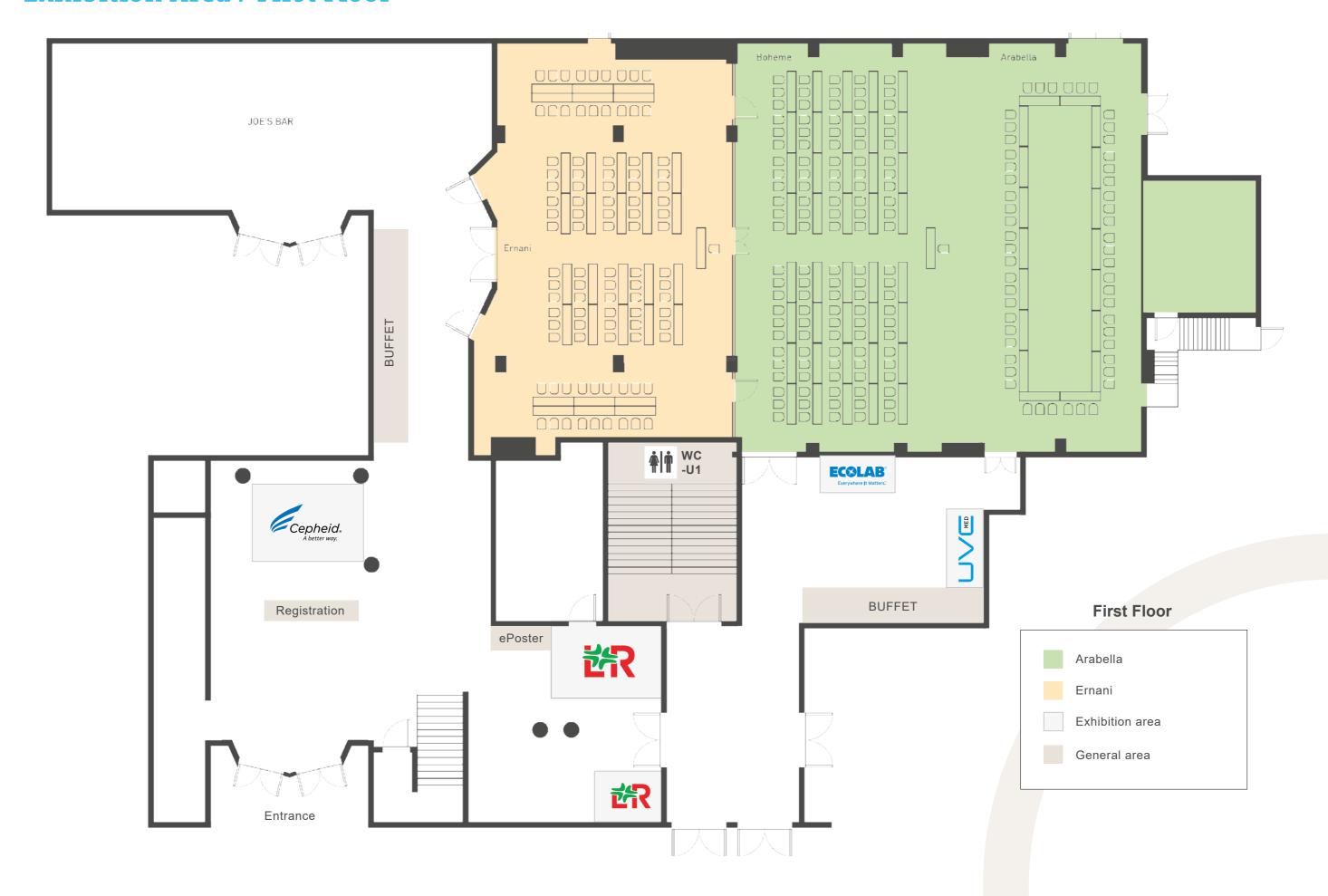
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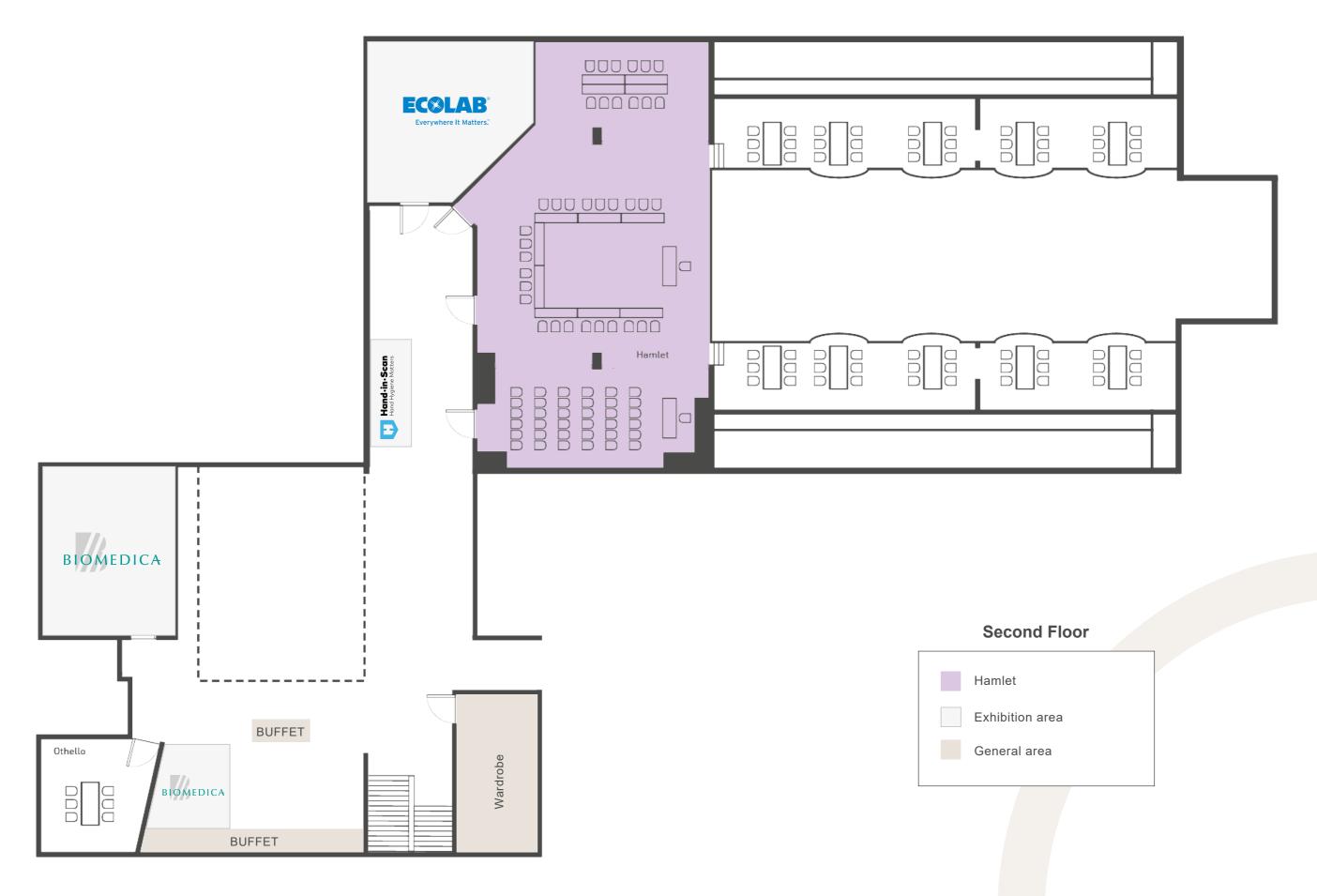


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THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

Mohamed Abbas

University of Geneva Hospitals, Switzerland



Born on 10 May 1982 in Cairo, Egypt.

Mohamed Abbas received his M.D. degree from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva. Subsequently, he did his residency training in Internal Medicine at the University of Geneva Hospitals and at the Hospital of Sion.

After that he completed a clinical fellowship in the ID Division, followed by a research fellowship in the Infection Control Programme of University of Geneva Hospitals, allowing him to complete training in Infectious Diseases. During his fellowship he completed a M.S. degree in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

He is currently a Senior Research Associate in the Infection Control Programme. His research interests focus on surgical site infection surveillance, antibiotic stewardship and hospital epidemiology.

Franz Allerberger

Division Manager Public Health at AGES GmbH, Austria



Born on 30 August 1956 in Salzburg, Austria. Consultant of Clinical Microbiology and Consultant of Infectious Disease.

Franz Allerberger attended Medical School from 1976 to 1982 at the University of Innsbruck. Additionally, he received a Master of Public Health at the School of Public Health and Hygiene at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore (Maryland) in 1994. He took up his residency in Internal Medicine at the Hospital of Tamsweg (Austria) 1982/83.

From 1983 to 2003 he was working at the Microbiology Laboratory of the University of Innsbruck. He worked at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester (Minnesota) during a sabbatical year (1989/90) and at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore during another sabbatical year (1993/94).

In 1992 Mr. Allerberger received the Venia Legendi for "Hygiene, Microbiology and Preventive Medicine", the title "a.o. Univ.-Prof." in 1998, as well as the title "Univ.-Prof." in 2006. He has been the Head of Division Area Human Medicine at the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety in Vienna since 2003.

Andreea Moldovan

St. Constantin Hospital, Romania

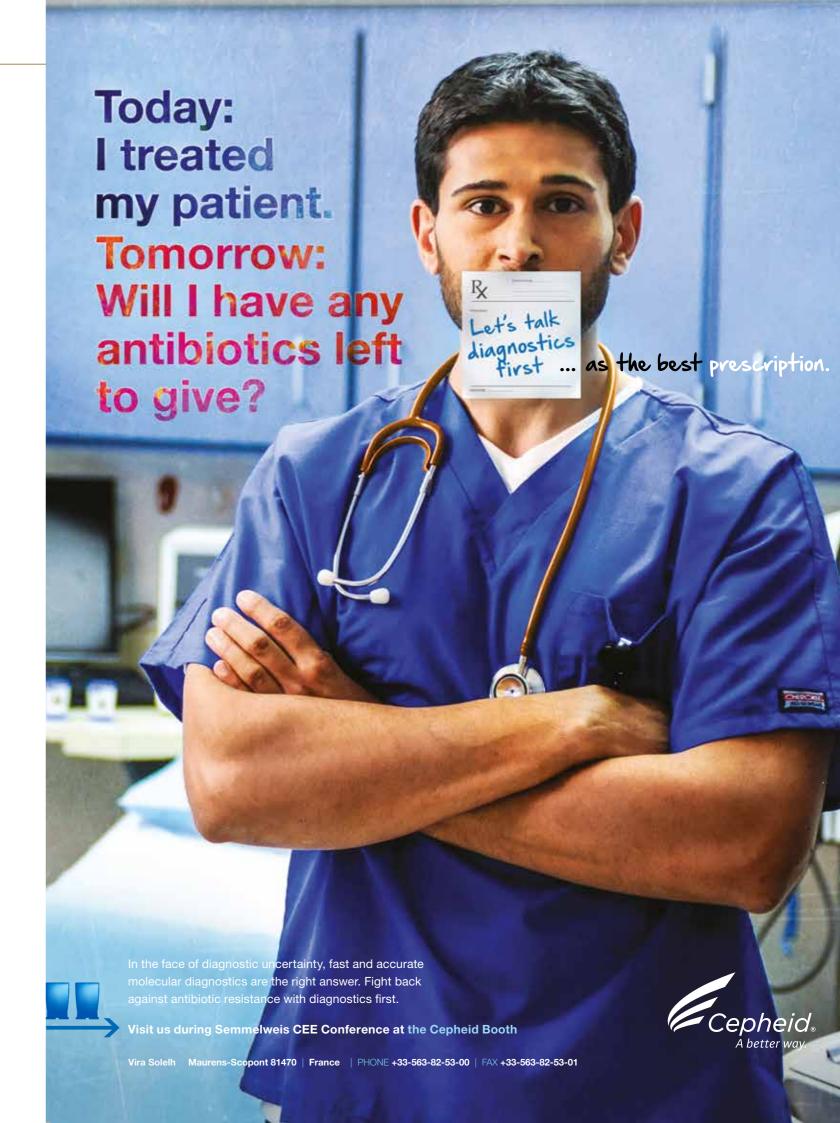


Born on 23 November in Târgu Mureş, Romania. She studied medicine in Târgu Mureş and graduated in 1998.

Since 1999 she has been specialised on infectious diseases, she worked in Geneva for 30 months (in the department of infectious diseases – pre and post transplant patients) and has been working in the St. Constantin Hospital since 2011. Beside of that Mrs. Moldovan worked as a university assistant at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in her home town from 2000 to 2008.

Her areas of expertise include hospital epidemiology, molecular biology, microbiological diagnosis and psychopedagogy.

She has published 54 articles as a co-author and 19 articles as a first author.





10 BEST E-POSTERS

E-POSTER PRESENTATION SESSIONS

The e-poster session will take place during the whole conference on March 12 and March 13. At that time, delegates who submitted a poster and received a separate invitation to give further information, will present their posters at the exhibition area at e-terminals.

The 10 best posters reviewed by the international jury will be presented on March 13 from 10.50 to 12.00 in the room "Ernani".

We would like to thank all participants of the Abstract Submission for their contribution.

We congratulate the 10 best authors on their abstracts and wish them all the best for their presentation!

OR ventilation a relevant factor in prevention of surgical site infections

Clemens Bulitta

Technical University of Applied Sciences Amberg-Weiden, Institute of Medical Engineering, Weiden

Co-Author: Sebastian Buhl Country: Germany

Adopting the World Health Organization Multi-Modal Strategy for Hand Hygiene Improvement

Maria Teresa Blanco-Abuy St. Luke's Medical Center – Quezon City

Country: Philippines

Clostridium difficile infection associated with tuberculosis (TB) medication

Anca Hnatiuc

Municipal Hospital Dr. Gavril Curteanu Oradea

Country: Romania

Microbiological Validation of Expert Evaluation: Reliability of Human Assessment

Viola Sári

Faculty of Chemical Technology and Biotechnology, Budapest University of Technology and Economics

Country: Hungary

Barriers in preventing healthcare associated infections in the nurses' activity

Viorica Nedelcu

The Order of Nurses, Midwives and Medical Assistants in Romania Bucharest Branch, The "Carol Davila" University of Pharmacy and Medicine of Bucharest

Country: Romania

Surgical Residents' Hand Hygiene: Assumptions and Beliefs

Száva Bánsághi

Department of Epidemiology, Semmelweis University

Country: Hungary

Fighting against permethrin resistant and non-resistant strains of bed bugs (Cimex lectularius) with the use of a special fogger and a combination of H²O² fluid and permethrin – a light at the end of the tunnel

Georg Duscher

Institute of Parasitology, Department of Pathobiology, University of Veterinary Medicine

Co-Authors: Adnan Hodžić, Elena Battisti, Stefanie Boigenzahn, Thomas Schwan, Patrick Jaeger, Davul Ljuhar Country: Austria Successful implementation of hand hygiene program in Trnava University Hospital during period 2013-2018

Janka Prnova

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Financial Burden of Healthcare-Associated Infections Costs in Hungary: A Cost Based Analysis

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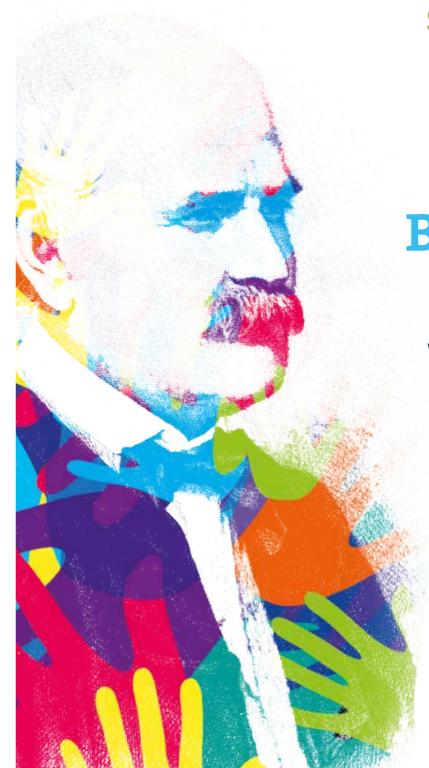
Better feedback for hand hygiene using an innovative support system

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