


# 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Prevention and Control of Infection

 19-21 November, 2020

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**"IPC & COVID-19: Lessons learned  
and preparing for a second wave"**

  
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The largest gathering of infection prevention community in the region

# Welcome Message from the Conference President



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the scientific committee, it gives us immense pleasure to announce the **"4th International Conference on Prevention and Control of Infection"** to be held on **19-21 November, 2020** as a Virtual Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

We cordially invite infection control practitioners, Physicians, Microbiologists and other healthcare professionals who are interested in sharing their knowledge and research in the arena of prevention and control of infection to join our leading international faculty.

The Program aims to discuss key issues and latest advances and controversies in the arena of prevention and control of infection across a broad range of sessions, state-of-the-art-lectures, plenary sessions, oral presentations, poster presentations, interactive discussions and workshops for professionals looking for solutions to prevent infection and improve healthcare in everyday practice.

The scientific committee has teamed up with national and international societies in offering a comprehensive program that covers the latest evidence, cutting edge information of effective infection prevention and control program management. This Meeting is multi-disciplinary and draws on expertise from throughout the world to perceive new scientific innovations.

The event will feature some of the world-class experts in prevention and control of infection from USA, Europe, Middle East, in addition to an elite roster of eminent local speakers to encourage exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices. This unique event anticipates more than 800 participants around the region. We encourage you to join us for one of the exciting events we are planning, and experience firsthand the pride we take to improve the health of our patients in the UAE and the region.

Our collective excellence will ensure an engaging meeting where new ideas will abound to deepen your skills and enhance your clinical practice. With ample opportunity to network, collaborate and share ideas for better tools to improve the well-being of our patients, this should be the meeting you plan to attend in 2020.

Tremendous efforts were made to make the program this year enjoyable and unforgettable.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!



**Dr. Nawal Al Kaabi**

Conference President  
Paediatric Infectious Disease Consultant  
CMO, Adjunct Associate Professor,  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi - UAE

# Invitational Message from the Conference Chair



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing and scientific committee, it is with great pleasure to invite you to the **4th International Conference on Prevention and Control of Infection** scheduled to be held on **19 - 21 November, 2020 virtually** in Abu Dhabi.

As we try to continue keeping our colleagues and families safe during the global COVID-19 Pandemic, we are proud to organize an innovative learning experience alternative to the traditional in-person conference. Our International Conference On Prevention And Control Of Infection will offer the same exceptional learning experience as the physical conference, with world-class speakers, high-quality content and new networking opportunities in a dynamic virtual environment full of innovation.

The three-day program aims to create an immersive experience and deliver insight, updates and practical learning across a broad range of sessions for clinicians, managers and Prevention and Control Of Infection Professionals, policy leaders and stakeholders looking for solutions to prevent infection provide safer Care, and enhance Healthcare provision standards.

The most resonating topics will be addressed including: IPC & COVID-19: Lesson learned and preparing for second wave, antimicrobial resistance, spreading knowledge preventing infection, quality of patient care, healthcare associated Infection prevention strategies using various implementation tools, Public Health for emerging infections, Best practices for environmental infection control issues, Electronic Surveillance for healthcare associated infections, Healthcare quality Indicators, Clean healthcare as well as plenary symposia, key note presentations, thoughtful dialogues/debates, case discussions and demonstrations, practical workshops, skills development and many more.

Prominent national and international speakers and world leading experts in this field from the USA, Europe, Asia and the Middle East will discuss the latest approaches to Prevention and control of the spread of dangerous infections. You will learn how infection rates can be cut Eliminated with better hygiene, clean care, surgeries and home care. You will hear about the latest innovations in technology and how they are improving outcomes in infection prevention.

The ICPCI Conference collaborates with various national and international societies and organizations to mobilize more world experts and key opinion leaders to share their knowledge and expertise. The current program includes representatives from the association for professionals in infection control and epidemiology, USA (APIC), UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention (MOHAP), Department of Health – Abu Dhabi, (MoH).

We believe this event will be an important meeting point to inspire and connect key opinion leaders, clinicians, policy makers, and stakeholders in the prevention and control of Infection community to share their knowledge and expertise, foster relationships and discuss future collaborations to enhance prevention and control of infection practices and improve patient safety.

Through this meeting, I hope we share and exchange the latest studies, findings and experience, we learn and we advance our techniques, so that we can reduce infection, protect our patients and provide the very best and safe medical care.

This is an event not to be missed! Looking forward to welcoming you on 19-20 November, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abeer Khallaf'.

**Ms. Abeer Mohammed Khallaf**

Conference Chair  
President APIC chapter UAE,  
Prevention and Control of Infection Manager,  
Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi, UAE

## Scientific Committee



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## Organizing Committee



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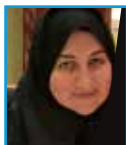
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# “IPC & COVID-19: Lesson learned and preparing for a second wave”

## Learning Objectives



- Review innovative and latest evidence measures based prevention of HAI (CLABSI, CAUTI, VAP, VAE and SSI)
- List essential components of an effective infection prevention and control program management
- Explain the Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management plan for Infectious Diseases
- Describe current patterns and trends of antimicrobial resistance in the UAE
- Identify the guidelines of environmental infection control in healthcare settings
- Recognize the fundamentals of Infection Prevention and Control during construction
- Review the best practices related to reprocessing of flexible endoscopes
- Discuss best practices that could enhance safety in the Reprocessing of flexible endoscopes
- Review best Practices for Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization in All Health Care Settings
- Sustain compliance with regulatory bodies related to prevention and control of infection.

## Program Highlights

- COVID-19 Updates
- Prevention and control of Infection program management
- Innovative and evidence based Prevention of HAI ( CLABSI, CAUTI, VAP, VAE and SSI)
- Antimicrobial Stewardship and MDRO prevention
- Emergency preparedness for infectious disease disaster management
- Waste management from cradle to grave
- Environmental infection control in healthcare settings
- Infection prevention and control during construction & renovation
- Reprocessing of flexible endoscopes best practices
- Cleaning, disinfection and sterilization best practices
- Surveillance of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- Food safety
- JAWDA indicators
- Animal infection control

## Target Audience

- Healthcare providers
- Physicians
- Nurses
- Infection Preventionists
- Quality officers
- Microbiology
- Infectious disease consultants
- Public health officers
- Internal medicine
- Hospital Administrators
- Operating Theatre Personnel
- Pharmaceutical Personnel
- Emergency Response Personnel
- Critical Care Personnel who are involved in Infection Control
- Respiratory Therapists
- Lab Technicians
- Occupational Health
- Environmental Health & Safety
- Quality Director
- Chief Quality Officers
- Risk Management Professionals



## What is a Virtual Conference?

A virtual conference is an event that happens completely online that attendees can access from wherever they are, providing they have internet access. By using the purpose-built platform, the event will be available online via PC, mobile or tablet for all to attend. The high-quality audio and visual feed can be accessed by participants globally. Delegates can interact, network and collaborate using web chat, audio chat or video chat functionalities built into our virtual event platform.

## Features

- Delegates can view in real time and switch between parallel sessions and access recordings of all sessions for up to one month after the conference within the platform.
- The online platform is being built to guarantee online networking opportunities with speakers and fellow conference delegates.
- Posters and a virtual exhibit hall are integrated.
- Compete with fellow participants to win a prize on our interactivity leader board, making connecting from your home or office more fun!



Meeting Room



Exhibitor Booth



Exhibition Hall

## ICPCI Virtual Conference 2020

The online conference platform has been designed to guarantee a truly immersive and virtual experience for all participants. You will be able to network with exhibitors directly on the virtual booths and with fellow delegates using the intra-environment emails or instant chats along with open discussions in the lounge area with a special group chat included.

Free time to visit the exhibition and posters has been integrated into the program along with facilitated networking opportunities with speakers and fellow conference delegates.

## Continuing Medical Education

European Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) accreditation is in process



# 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on

## Highlights of 3<sup>rd</sup> ICPCI 2019

"Innovate, Prevent and Save Lives"

October 31 - November 2, 2019 | Grand Hyatt Hotel, Abu Dhabi



15

Sessions

11

Workshops

50

Lectures

08

Key Note Lectures

16

Posters

03

Tracks

05

Oral Presenters

13

Film Entries



### Delegates Feedback

98%

Attended the event for scientific content

94%

Described the conference as excellent

96%

Rated the speakers as outstanding

93%

Rated the conference very well-organized

Amazing experience with outstanding faculty and carefully selected relevant IC topics

*Dr. Ziad Memish, Consultant Infectious Diseases, Prince Mohammed Bin Abdulaziz Hospital*

It was very useful and interesting, the topics were informative and diverse, and the presenters were clear and explained accurately.

*Fatima Alnaqbi, Medical Laboratory Technologist 1, SEHA*



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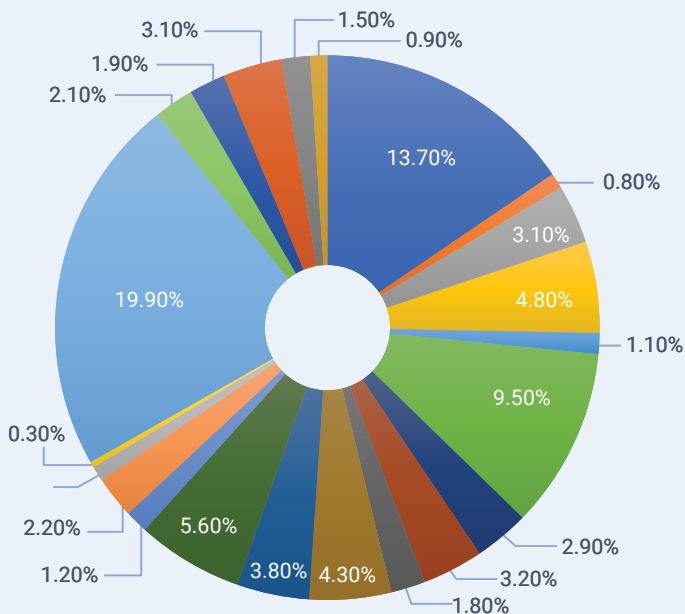
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## Delegates Participation from Different Countries



Over 950 Participants attended the conference which was extremely beneficial in their practice.

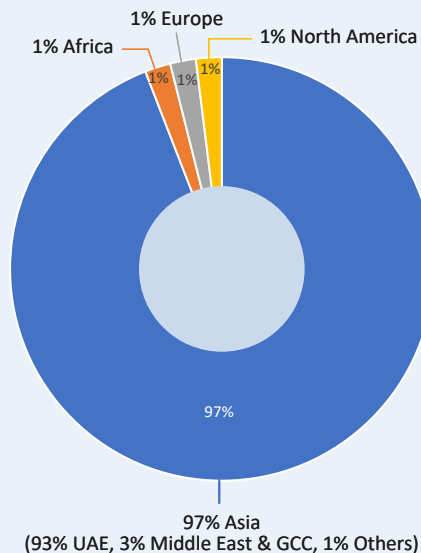
### Delegates by Specialty



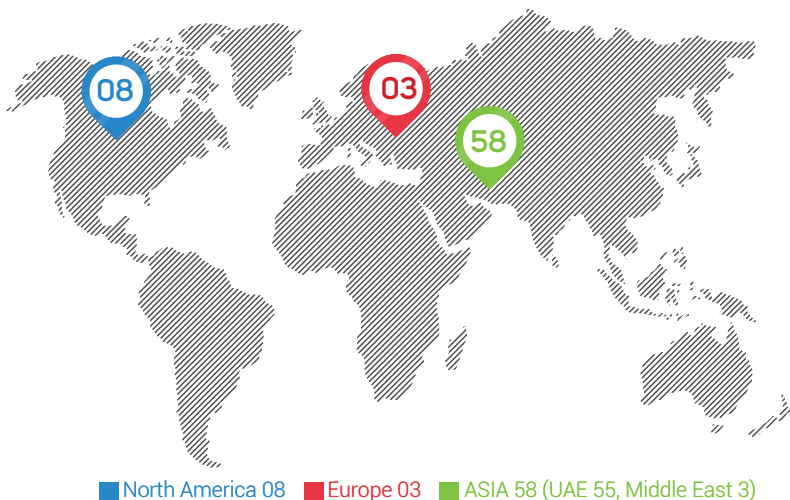
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Great to see so many committed professionals  
**Martin Kiernan**  
 Visiting Clinical Fellow,  
 University of West London

### Delegates by Continent



### Speakers by Continent



### Why Delegates Attend 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Prevention & Control of Infection?

- 98%** Keep up-to-date on the Latest Trends in Infection Prevention & Control
- 99%** Career Development
- 96%** Connecting Scientific Committee
- 95%** Meet the industry colleagues
- 94%** Establish new contacts and collaborations

# Highlights of 3<sup>rd</sup> ICPCI 2019



## Exhibition Summary

The largest infection control event is hosted by 13 leading companies from the industry. There is no other show in the UAE which brings together as many industry experts to showcase and discuss the latest trend, products & services on Infection Prevention.



### Why our Exhibitors chose 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Prevention and Control of Infection?

|     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 98% | Create brand awareness of company |
| 96% | Seek immediate business           |
| 94% | Meet existing clients or partners |
| 91% | Look for a local agent            |
| 87% | Monitor competitor activity       |

### Exhibitors Survey Results

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| 96% | Exhibitors have re-booked for 4 <sup>th</sup> ICPCI                |
| 94% | Described the quality of visitors as very good                     |
| 92% | Exhibitors generated business leads                                |
| 92% | Exhibitors described the overall quality of the event as excellent |



The Conference was really informative. The speakers were excellent. Some of them really took the control of Infection as a passion.

**Shainy George;**  
Staff Nurse, Ambulatory Health Services

It was a wonderful and well-prepared conference. It was a good mixture of local and invited speakers with both practical and inspiring talks mixed in.

**Patrick Munk;**  
Postdoc, Technical University of Denmark

# Highlights of 3<sup>rd</sup> ICPCI 2019



## Practical Workshops

### Workshops Conducted

#### Overcoming Hand Hygiene Challenges in Health Care Facilities

Mihaela Nica - Ecolab

#### How to write a high-quality abstract Workshop

Carol McLay, APIC

#### Viral Hemorrhagic fever (Laboratory Precautions) Workshop

Dr. Stefan Weber, Alia Sami Tomeh, Mohammed Abdoh - SEHA

#### Level 4 PPE Workshop Handling and cleaning of Powered Air Purifying Respirators- PAPR

Reham Jafer Al Hajjeh, Prameela Maniama, Jancy Varghese - SEHA

#### Effective Deployment of Germicidal UV-C Disinfection Technology in Healthcare Settings

Richard Hayes - UVDI

#### Validation of JAWDA HAI with a focus improving case findings

Dr. Bashir Aden - Department of Health Abu Dhabi

#### Construction and Renovation at Hospitals Workshop

Seham Abuhija, Euphemia Maseti - SEHA

#### Infection Prevention in Long term care workshop

Connie Steed - APIC

#### WHONET Workshop: Cumulative Antibigrams

Dr. Jens Thomsen - Department of Health Abu Dhabi

#### Hospital Respiratory Protection Program Workshop

Hanan Rashed, Raji Mathew, Wafa Jaradat - SEHA

#### Infection Preventionist in Operating Room Workshop

Karen Hoffman - APIC



The 3rd ICPCI Conference exceeded my expectations. The speakers were very credible in their fields of expertise. The topics were also very interesting and offered a lot of new knowledge and awareness of latest trends.

*Jesse Ian Andal; Quality and Patient Safety Officer, Mediclinic Parkview Hospital*

## How to Register

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This conference has a limited capacity. Pre-registration is mandatory.

### Personal Details

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JOB TITLE

PLACE OF WORK

CITY

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FAX

EMAIL

- Yes, I would like to receive information on future events and services by e-mail.  
 I do not want my address to appear on the delegates list.

### Registration Fee for SEHA International Conference on Prevention and Control of Infection

| Registration Category (3DAYS Full Access)         | Physicians / Specialists | Non-Doctors / Others |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Regular Registration / Non-SEHA / Non-APIC member | AED 1100                 | AED 800              |
| SEHA Employee / APIC Member                       | AED 1000                 | AED 750              |

- The above registration fees entitles the registrant to access the event
- Group Registration of 5 delegates or more will get a discounted rate from the regular registration fee
- The above rate is exclusive of the 5% value added tax (VAT) as per UAE Law

### Payments

Please choose one of the following mode of payment

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### Cancellation / Substitution Policy

If you are unable to attend, a substitute delegate will be very welcome in your place. If this is not suitable, a 20% administration fee will apply. Registrations cancelled less than two weeks before the event are non-refundable.


### Event Venue



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