



ISCM Autumn Meeting – Friday 29th September 2023 – Tower Hotel, Waterford

10:30 – 11:00 Registration – tea and coffee

11:00 – 12:00 Autumn Business meeting (incorporating reference laboratory meeting)
ISCM members only

12:00 – 13:00 Oral presentations
Chair – Dr Maeve Doyle, Consultant Microbiologist, University Hospital Waterford

12:00 – 12:10 **Siobhain Kelly, Beaumont Hospital Dublin**
Antimicrobial prescribing in acute pancreatitis – too much for too many

12:10 – 12:20 **Seán Whelan, Galway University Hospital**
'Turn UP the volume – making cultures count!' - A quality improvement project to improve paediatric blood culture volumes.

12:20 – 12:30 **Hannah Schwartz, St James's Hospital, Dublin**
CDI: are we treating the patients or ourselves?

12:30 – 12:40 **Jane O'Connor, Cork University Hospital**
A four year retrospective review of Invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) infections in Cork University Hospital (CUH) and Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH).

12:40 – 12:50 **Annemarie Lanigan, St James's Hospital, Dublin**
And the MALDI ID is *Corynebacteria diphtheriae* ... what next?

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break – Poster viewing and Trade exhibition

14:00 – 16:30 Collaborating to fulfil Sláintecare – update on governance
Chair: Prof Breida Boyle, Consultant Microbiologist, St James's Hospital, Dublin

14:00 – 14:25 **Dr John Cuddihy, Director of Public Health**
'Updates on the Public Health Reform Programme'

14:25 – 14:50 **Dr Susie Frost, HPSC, Dublin**
'HPSC updates from Microbiologist's perspective'

14:50 – 15:05 Refreshment break – tea and coffee

15:05 – 15:30 **Pat Mulhare, National Laboratory Programme manager**
'Reference Laboratories alignment within the national pathology network'

15:30 – 15:55 **Dr Eimear Brannigan, AMRIC Clinical Lead**
'AMRIC Updates'

16:00 – 16:30 Panel discussion

16:30 – 17:15 Presentations and awards

18:00 Dinner – ISCM members & invited guests only