



ISCM Spring Meeting – Friday 22nd March 2024 – Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin

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

11:00 – 12:00 Parallel session:

1. Spring Business meeting (incorporating reference laboratory meeting)
ISCM members only – meeting room 1
2. Poster viewing and trade exhibition – meeting room 2

12:00 – 13:00 Oral presentations

Chair: Dr Deirdre Brady, Consultant Microbiologist, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin

12:00 – 12:10 Sarah McGarry, Health Protection Surveillance Centre, Dublin

The National SARS-CoV-2 Whole Genome Sequencing Programme

12:10 – 12:20 Aisling Rafferty, Children’s Health Ireland

Where to start? The Irish Emergency Department Antimicrobial Discharge (EDAD) study: A multi-centre, prospective cohort analysis

12:20 – 12:30 Elaine Houlihan, National Maternity Hospital

Longitudinal Carriage of Antimicrobial Resistant Microorganisms in Preterm Neonates

12:30 – 12:40 Aneesa Solwa, St James’s Hospital Dublin

Diagnostic Value of Molecular Detection of *Treponema pallidum* DNA for Diagnosis of Early Infectious Syphilis and Neurosyphilis in a Tertiary-Care Hospital

12:40 – 12:50 Maeve Leonard, Galway University Hospital

Outbreak of OXA-244-producing *Escherichia coli* ST648 colonisation in a haemodialysis unit

12:50 – 13:00 James Donnelly, Beaumont Hospital

Time to ditch transrectal prostate biopsies - A review of antimicrobial resistance in post transrectal ultrasound-guided biopsy Infections

- 13:00 –14:00** Lunch break – Poster viewing and Trade exhibition
- 14:00 – 16:30** **Laboratory sustainability and automation**
Chair: Dr Nuala O’Connell, Consultant Microbiologist, University Hospital Limerick
- 14:00 – 14:25** **Dr Ana Rakovac - Consultant Chemical Pathologist & General (Internal) Medicine Physician, Co-Chair of Tallaght University Hospital Green Committee**
‘Laboratory sustainability’
- 14:25– 14:50** **Deirdre Quinn & Aoibhin Sally, Senior Scientists, St Vincent’s University Hospital Dublin**
‘My Green Lab accreditation’
- 14:50 – 15:05** Refreshment break – tea and coffee
- 15:05 – 15:30** **Dr Aodhan Breathnach, Consultant Medical Microbiologist, Infection Care Group, St George’s University Hospitals NHS FT, London**
‘Laboratory networking and automation - the London experience’
- 15:30 – 15:55** **Sofia Seittenranta-Vekki, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Microbiologist (M.Sc.), Biomedical Laboratory Scientist, HUS Helsinki University Hospital, Helsinki, Finland**
‘Optimizing Laboratory Workflow by Implementation of WASPlab Automatic Lab Processing’
- 15:55 – 16:15** **Gillian Cant** *Industry presentation - not included in the approval for CPD Credits
‘Laboratory analysis consultation in preparation for laboratory automation integration’
- 16:15 – 16:45** Panel discussion
- 16:45 – 17:15** Presentations and awards
- 18:00** Dinner – ISCM members & invited guests only