

APCI Conference on Infection Prevention and Control 2026
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Preliminary Scientific Program

**8-10 OCT
2026**

Grand Hotel Napoca, Cluj-Napoca



PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Pre-Conference Workshops		Time (minutes)
09:30 - 10:45	Dina Budacan (IRL) From Logbook to QR Code: The Evolution of Traceability in CSSD	75
09:30 - 11:00	Carole Hallam (ENG), Kerry Holden (ENG) From Data to Change: How to Turn Infection Prevention Auditing into Action	90
11:00 - 12:15	Marcin Kwiatkowski (POL), Marta Solinska-Tkaczyk (POL) Precision Rules. The Anatomy of Success in the Operating Room	75
13:00 - 14:00	Participants Registration	
14:00 - 14:30	Official Opening	30
14:30 - 16:30	Session 1	
14:30 - 15:05	Julie Storr (ENG/Global) An Optimal IPC Service - How Do We Get There?	35 (30+5)
15:05 - 15:40	Ermira Tartari (MLT) Novel and Engaging Approaches to Training and Education as One Part of IPC Improvement	35 (30+5)
15:40 - 16:05	Lavinia Rusu (ROU) Strengthening the Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections and the Response to AMR: From Capacity Assessment to Health System Transformation	25 (20+5)
16:05 - 16:35	Pharma One Presentation Gema Garcia Martinez - Enhanced Decontamination: Beyond Guidelines to Improve Clinical Outcomes	30
16:35 - 17:20	Coffee Break 	45

THURSDAY

8th October



17:20 - 19:10 Session 2		
17:20 - 17:55	Mahmood Bhutta (ENG) Why Reuse and Not Single Use? Environmental Destruction and Labour Harms	35 (30+5)
17:55 - 18:30	Claire Kilpatrick (ENG/Global) Integrating and Improving Environmental Cleaning - A Multifaceted Approach	35 (30+5)
18:30 - 18:55	Cătălin Popa (ROU) Beyond the Cloth: The Role of Microfiber in Healthcare Environmental Cleaning	25 (20+5)
18:55 - 19:15	Tehnoplus Medical Presentation Barbara Flach - How to Tackle Multidrug-Resistant Bacteria in Sink Drains: A Technical Approach to Infection Prevention	20
19:15 - 19:45	Round table: Discussions Regarding Romanian IPC Legislation Septimu Voidăzan (ROU), Edit Szekely (ROU), Simin Aysel Florescu (ROU), April Baller (SUI)	30

FRIDAY

9th October

09:00 - 11:00 Session 3

09:00 - 09:35	Julie Storr (ENG/Global) Compassion in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) - Does It Conflict with Organizational Priorities?	35 (30+5)
09:35 - 10:10	April Baller (SUI) Global Perspectives on Successfully Managing Emergencies Using WHO IPC Strategies and Tools: Examples from the Field	35 (30+5)
10:10 - 10:40	Martin Kiernan (ENG) Diagnostics of Urinary Tract Infections (online)	30 (25+5)

10:40 - 10:55	Synttergy Presentation Jess Botting - The Use of CIO2 Disinfectants in Public Healthcare	15
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10:55 - 11:40	Coffee Break 	45
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11:40 - 14:05 Session 4

11:40 - 12:05	Arkadii Vodianyk (UKR) Continuous On-site Mentoring for Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs in War-affected Settings: The Example of Ukraine	25 (25+5)
12:05 - 12:30	Mariia Dolynska (UKR) Evolving IPC Priorities During Four Years of War: Lessons from Field Practice	25 (25+5)
12:30 - 13:05	Ermira Tartari (MLT) Integrating Planetary Health into Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare Settings - Towards a Balanced and Evidence - Based Approach	35 (30+5)
13:05 - 13:40	Pauline Jumaa (ENG) IPC in Burns Services	35 (30+5)
13:40 - 14:05	Szederjesi János (ROU) When Infection Control is Put to the Test: Lessons from the ICU	25 (20+5)

14:05 - 14:50	Lunch Break	45
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FRIDAY

9th October

14:50 - 16:20 Session 5

14:50 - 15:15 Mirela Flonta (ROU) 25
Where Are We with Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms and (20+5)
Can We Control It?

15:15 - 15:40 Marina Indreas, Edit Szekely (ROU) 25
Candidozyma auris: Experiences from Two Hospitals in Managing (20+5)
Colonization, Infection, and Transmission

15:40 - 16:05 Simin Aysel Florescu (ROU) 25
Infection or Colonization - from Guidelines to Clinical Practice (20+5)

16:05 - 16:20 BBraun Presentation 15
Georgiana Simion - The Hidden Threat - The Role of
Decolonization in Preventing MDRO Infections

16:20 - 16:40 Refreshment Break 20

16:40 - 17:30 Round table: How to Isolate When You don't Have Isolation Rooms 30
Ramona Marincas (ROU), Iulia Draghiev (ROU), Szederjesi János (ROU), April Baller (SUI)

17:30 - 18:00 APCI General Assembly 30

19:00 - 22:00 Gala Dinner

SATURDAY

10th October

09:00 - 11:00 Session 6

09:00 - 09:40	Dominique Monnet (NOR) Surveillance of Antimicrobial Consumption and Antimicrobial Resistance: European Data and the Position of Romania	40 (35+5)
09:40 - 10:20	Gabriel Popescu (ROU) Problems with Antibiotic Use in Romania – Dimensions, Causes, Consequences, Possible Solutions	40 (35+5)
10:20 - 10:45	Diana Gabriela Iacob (ROU) Implementation Challenges of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs in Intensive Care Settings	25 (20+5)

10:45 - 11:00	Mediclim Presentation Mihai Ghetu - Use of the LUMED Platform to Support Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention and Control Programs and Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs	15
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11:00 - 11:45	Coffee Break 	45
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11:45 - 14:05 Session 7

11:45 - 12:00	Novomed Presentation Nicola Richmond - Single-Use Pulp and Human Waste Management: A UK Clinical Perspective on Dignity, Sustainability and Infection Prevention	15
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12:00 - 12:25	Oxana Vrabie (MDA) Social Media: Turning Messages into Behavior Change	25 (20+5)
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12:25 - 12:50	Anamaria Rosu (ROU) Infection Control and Psychological Barriers Among Healthcare Staff	25 (20+5)
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12:50 - 13:15	Beatrice Mahler (ROU) Empathy and Assertiveness in Healthcare Communication	25 (20+5)
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13:15 - 13:40	Paula Rusu (ROU) From "I Told Them" to "They Understood": How We Turn Medical Information into Action – Communication as a Tool for Infection Prevention	25 (20+5)
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13:40 - 14:05	Radu Predescu (ROU) Diagnosis: Unspoken. What We All Feel. What No One Says. What Silence Costs Us.	25 (20+5)
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14:05 - 14:45	Closing Ceremony	40
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