

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

**Re: 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Prevention and Infection Control (ICPIC), Geneva, Switzerland, 20-23 June 2017**

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, I should like to thank you all for your tremendous support for the forthcoming 4<sup>th</sup> ICPIC. This year scientific program is extremely promising and includes a special pre-ICPIC workshop on refugees and migrants to be held on Tuesday 20 June, as well as 30 Symposia, 16 Meet-The-Expert sessions, keynotes, 10 slide sessions, and many posters sessions.

Of more than 530 abstracts submitted, 62 have been selected for oral and 421 for poster presentations. A total of more than 90 countries from all continents will be represented demonstrating the global reach of ICPIC. A large number of excellent abstracts have been submitted from colleagues in low-/middle-income countries and many fellows have applied for travel or grant support to enable their participation. Following in the longstanding Swiss and Geneva humanitarian tradition, Geneva's University Hospitals and the University of Geneva have been particularly generous and their contribution will allow us to fund more than 45 fellows from low-income countries. However, approximately 30 fellows still remain to be funded or supported.

In a spirit of partnership in science, I would like to ask if you might be willing to fund **one** participant from a low-income country to ensure a truly global meeting and to allow less fortunate colleagues to share their experiences with you. Some of you have already contributed and I would like to extend my personal thanks to you for your solidarity.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me directly or Coralie Deleage (on copy). It goes without saying that your support will be duly acknowledged in the final programme and at the conference. Possibilities for support are indicated below.

**Europe:** Travel/accommodation support CHF 500 + CHF 325 student registration

**Low-income countries:** Travel/accommodation CHF 1000 + CHF 325 registration

**Lower middle-income countries:** Travel/accommodation CHF 1000 + CHF 490 registration

I look forward to the possibility of a positive reply and to welcoming you to Geneva.

Kind regards,

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