INFECTION CONTROL AFRICA NETWORK

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEETING/ WORKSHOP 2015

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The Infection Control Africa Network (ICAN) is the largest IPC organisation in Africa and links together with Infection Control Associations in a number of African countries. ICAN has a major commitment to supporting infection prevention and control (IPC) education throughout the continent to assist in strengthening in-country IPC programmes and the development of local IPC associations in every African country.

To further this goal ICAN is requesting applications from African countries/ groups of individuals/ fledging IPC organisations for support for a local National IPC meeting/training workshop (2-3 days) to be held in their country in 2015 with a view to increasing awareness for the need for IPC policies, improving knowledge and practice in IPC within their health systems and the establishment of a national IPC organisation.

Applications should be forwarded to the ICAN administrator, Anna Vorndran: e-mail address anna@icanetwork.co.za and copied to the ICAN Secretary Prof Val Robertson: robertson@uz-ucsf.co.zw. Any queries can be directed to Prof Robertson. The closing date for applications is March 24th, 2015.

Requirements of the application

1. Names of the core team of minimum of 3-5 people that will form the local organising committee
2. Contact details of the committee
3. A two page narrative consisting of:
   a) Background to their countries health system and the role of IPC within the health system with a brief description of previous activities/training programmes in IPC.
   b) A description of the group to be targeted by the meeting/workshop and the numbers of participants.
   c) Aims and Objectives of the meeting/workshop
   d) An outline of suggested topics for the agenda
   e) Outline of a strategy to strengthen the national IPC programme and evidence of a plan beyond the suggested ICAN workshop to further the IPC programme and establish a local infection control association or strengthen the activities of an existing association

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will be responsible for:

- Raising the funds for local participants to attend the IPC meeting/workshop either in the form of registration fees or support funding from governmental authorities, local industrial companies, local NGOs etc.
- The costs of meeting venue; the conference package; accommodation; transport
- Taking care of all meeting logistics; Registration, communication with participants
- Budget for a half-day meeting to establish an association with:
  A presentation on the activities of ICAN and the benefits of being a member
  Presentations on local African associations (Nigeria/Kenya/Zimbabwe/Egypt) to give them ideas of structures and low cost activities to support IPC practice and programmes
ICAN will provide a team of 4 trainers and will fund their accommodation and transport and all the teaching material. They will also provide advice and support in the development of the programme, where requested by the LOC.