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Dear Dr Kirketerp-Møller,

It is with great delight that I am writing to inform you of the decision by Infection Prevention & Control Nurses and associated healthcare colleagues to form an Irish based organisation to promote infection prevention and control within our healthcare system. This new organisation **Infection Prevention Control Ireland (IPCI)** was formed in September 2015 and already has 160 members with new members joining every month. The society aims to continue and build upon the excellent contribution already made by infection prevention and control practitioners to the Irish healthcare system, national stakeholders and organisations.

We held our inaugural conference “Sepsis Management: six steps to save a life” in May 2016. The day was a resounding success with 250 delegates and 40 exhibitors in attendance. Planning is already underway for our conference in 2017. IPC Ireland is a dynamic and proactive organisation and is represented on many national working groups, including our national healthcare regulator Health Information & Quality Authority (HIQA).

With our shared agenda to provide the best possible care of our patients through the prevention of healthcare associated infection, we hope to foster collaborate working and sharing of knowledge with our international colleagues. On behalf of the society, we would like to take this opportunity to make the members of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society aware of this exciting new development within Ireland and hopefully we will have an opportunity to work together in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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