

Title: The 11th Focus on Infection meeting 2017

The department of Clinical Microbiology held their annual Focus on Infection meeting on December 4th 2017 in the Radisson Blu hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8. Each year the meeting brings together renowned national and international speakers from all areas of infectious disease.

This year Prof Martin Llewelyn from Brighton and Sussex Medical School spoke on his controversial paper recently published in the British Medical Journal challenging the long held practice of completing the antibiotic course (doi: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.j3418>). Given the recent media attention surrounding Carbapenemase Producing *Enterobacteriaceae* (CPE) and the announcement of CPE as a national public health emergency, Prof Martin Cormicans' update on CPE in the healthcare setting and the environment was particularly topical. Nosocomial infections caused by the emerging pathogen *Candida auris* and outbreaks of pneumonia caused by *Pneumocystis jirovecii* were presented by Dr Andy Borman (Mycology reference laboratory Public Health England) and Dr Tim Boswell (Nottingham University Hospital, UK) respectively. Updates on the epidemiology of *Clostridium difficile* infections (Dr Geraldine Moloney, Cork University Hospital), Hepatitis infections (Dr Lelia Thornton, Health Protection Surveillance Centre) and infective endocarditis (Prof Margaret Hannan, Mater Hospital Dublin) were also provided at the meeting. Dr Sanjay Chotirmall joined us via video link from Lee KongChian School of Medicine in Singapore to discuss his fascinating research on infections in chronic pulmonary diseases with an emphasis on the role of microbial communities in the airways. The meeting was a great success and we look forward to organising the 12th Focus on Infection meeting in 2018.



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