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Dear SBIMC-BVIKM member,
Dear colleague,

The SBIMC-BVIKM is pleased to invite you to join the IGGI steering committee we recently set up to transition the current IGGI into a new, user-friendly and regularly updated format.

Essential in the daily practice of infectiologists, microbiologists and hospital pharmacists are evidence-based recommendations for the treatment of infectious diseases. These recommendations help streamline antibiotic policies, reduce antimicrobial drug resistance and lower costs.

Ever since its foundation, one of the main tasks of the SBIMC-BVIKM has been to provide the Belgian physicians with regularly updated scientific antimicrobial recommendations. Initially it did so in narrow collaboration with Sanford Inc. As of 2017, it has been doing so by developing and marketing Belgium's online Infectiology Guide IGGI (Infectiologie Gids/Guide Infectiologique).

As the current guide's web format is obsolete and its content difficult to update with the society's current means, the board recently presented a detailed strategic plan to overhaul it.

The plan's main recommendations are the following:

1. to adopt user-friendly software;
2. to set up an IGGI steering committee which designs and implements the overhaul;
3. to hire a scientific collaborator and coordinator, who will manage the scientific and non-scientific aspects of IGGI;
4. to seek partnership and structural government funding in particular from the Directoraat Generaal Gezondheidszorg-Direction Général Soins de Santé DGGS.

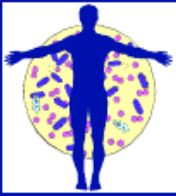
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The IGGI steering committee will consist of seven members (three adult and paediatrician infectiologists, two microbiologists and two hospital pharmacists). Two of them will be SBIMC-BVIKM board members. Its main task will be to develop and update the IGGI. The steering committee will also oversee the transition to the new web format, hire a manager and scientific collaborator(s) and conduct negotiations with the government and other partners. The IGGI steering committee will meet at least once a month, especially during the transition period, and will be renewed every five years.

If you are interested in joining this new IGGI steering committee, please send your motivation letter and CV to info@sbimc-bvikm.be.

Board of directors

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