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ACIPC ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW COLLEGE COURSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MEDICAL AUSTRALIA

The Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control has today announced the launch of the *Medical Australia 2016 Inaugural Infection Prevention and Control Scholarship* in partnership with Medical Australia Limited.

Medical Australia has invested \$15,000 in scholarships to support today's infection control professionals to undertake the College's Inaugural Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control Course, which commences in May.

During 2016 there will be 20 scholarships available, each worth \$750, to support individuals to undertake the course.

ACIPC President, Professor Ramon Shaban, said the scholarships represent a significant opportunity for infection control professionals to expand the educational base to their practice.

"ACIPC's Foundations Course will set a new standard in the quality and provision of infection prevention and control professional education in Australia.

"With the generous support of Medical Australia, we are able to significantly increase the number of people who will be able take advantage of the new ACIPC Foundations Course," he said.

Medical Australia CEO, Darryl Ellis said his company was proud to support this important healthcare initiative.

"There are very real and tangible benefits for all Australians that we have an increasing number of properly trained professionals working in this field."

"At Medical Australia we recognise the dangers presented by healthcare-associated infections and are delighted to be playing our part in ensuring that healthcare workers at the frontline are well prepared educationally," he said.

The ACIPC Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control Course is an important component of the College's revitalised professional credentialling program. In 2016, the program will see a new three-tiered approach introduced for those wishing to renew or commence their infection, prevention and control credentials.

To find out more about the ACIPC Foundations Course and the Medical Australia scholarships, the College will be hosting a webinar via the ACIPC website next Wednesday 27 April.

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For interviews please contact Professor Ramon Shaban 0478 312 668.

About ACIPC

The ACIPC is the peak body for Infection Prevention and Control in the Australasian region. The College supports infection prevention and control professionals by providing them with support, networking, knowledge and up to date information relevant to their area of practice. This media release has been prepared and approved by the ACIPC Board of Directors. www.acipc.org.au

About Medical Australia

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