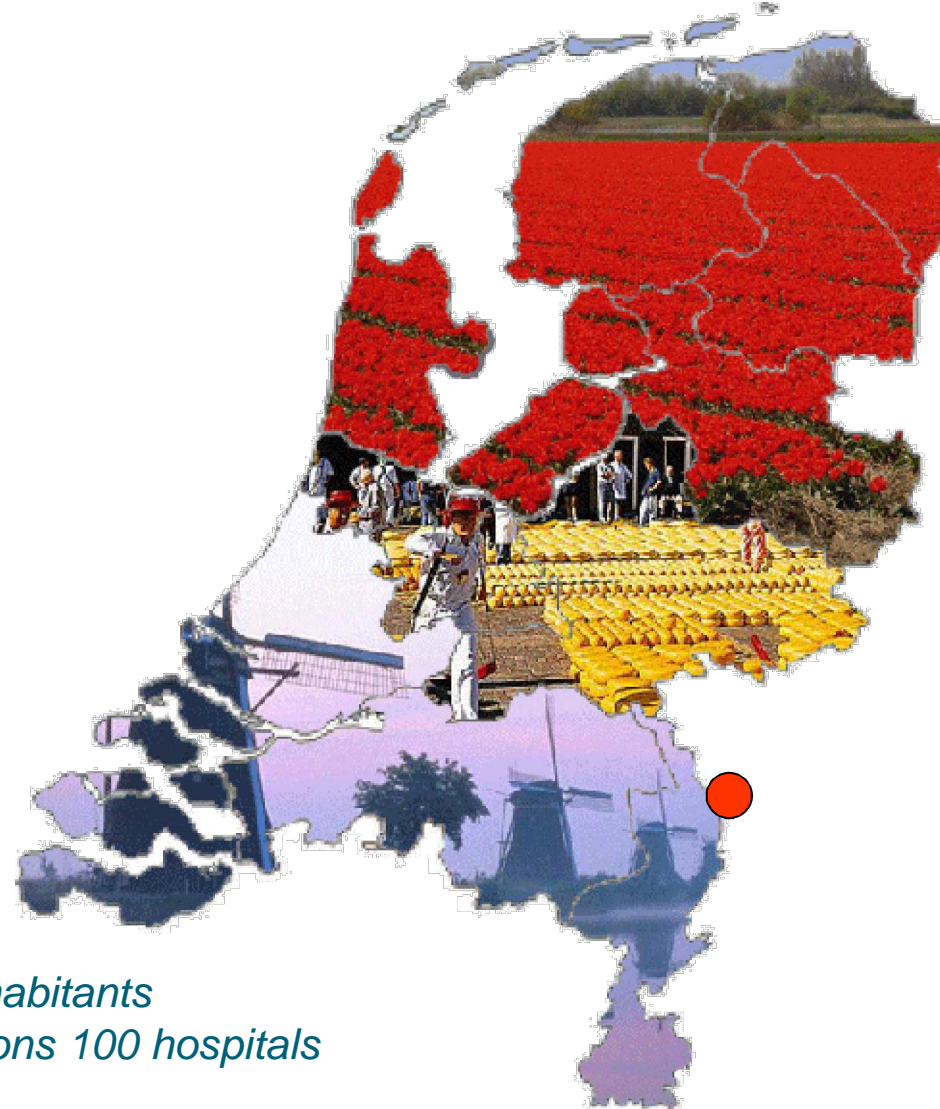


# Infection Control Professionals (ICP) in the Netherlands



41,528 km<sup>2</sup>  
16.358.000 inhabitants  
100 organizations 100 hospitals

Leo Ummels &  
Truus de Ruiter  
Boardmembers VHIG

# Vereniging voor Hygiëne en Infectiepreventie in de Gezondheidszorg



## Professional Groups

- 1. NVMM** Dutch Society Medical Microbiologist  
(*strong position in Hospitals*)
- 2. VIZ** Society Infectious Disease
- 3. VHIG** Dutch Society of Infection Prevention and control  
in healthcare setting

*Together*

**Working Party Infection Prevention (WIP)**





- The aim is to develop and publish up-to-date, scientifically based guidelines for infection prevention in hospitals, nursing homes, institutions for the mentally handicapped, dental care and homecare
- The guidelines are considered professional standards and are used as such by the Public Health Inspector



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## Supervision

### Mandate

The Health Care Inspectorate makes impartial decisions and reports on request and at its own initiative to the Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport. The Minister is formally responsible for activities undertaken by the Inspectorate >>

### Tasks

The core task of the Health Care Inspectorate is to monitor public health and promote and enforce the safety, quality and accessibility of healthcare. >>

### Working methods

Institutions are required to provide care responsibly and safely. The Inspectorate performs supervision in various ways to determine the quality of healthcare. >>

### Performance indicators

Performance indicators are one of the methods of supervision used by the Dutch healthcare Inspectorate. >>



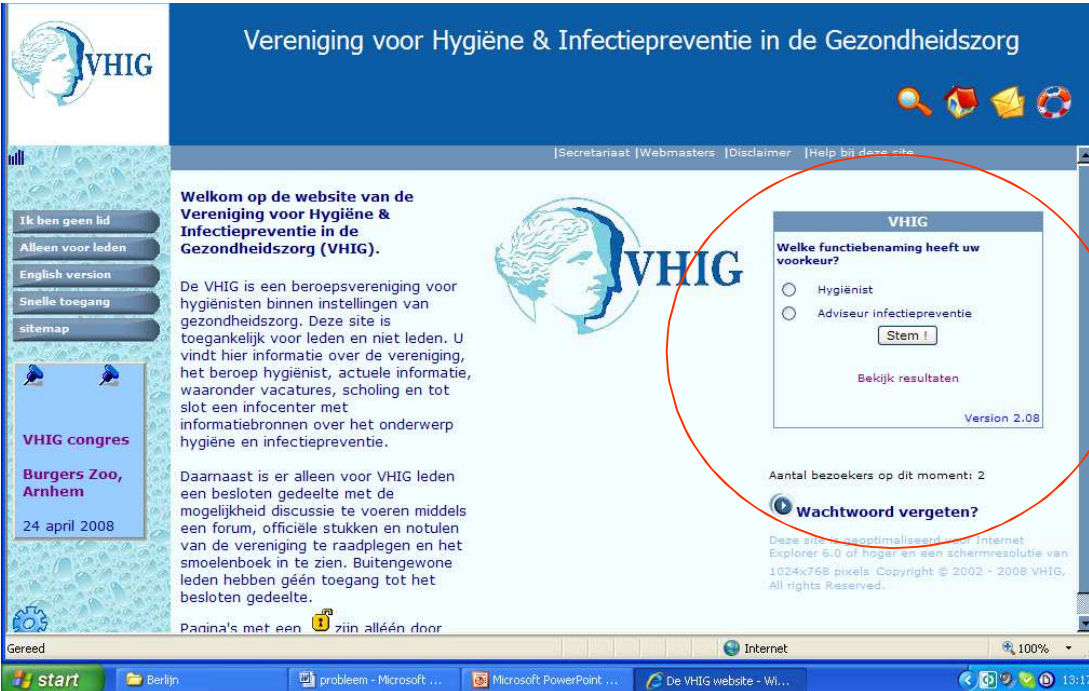
*Member IFIC (1987)*

*founded 1973*

**360 members**  
(265 Accreditation)

- *Nurses (HBO)*
- *Technicians (HBO)*
- *Biologists (University)*

# Discussion about the name Ziekenhuishygiënist Adviseur Infectiepreventie




The screenshot shows the website of the Vereniging voor Hygiëne & Infectiepreventie in de Gezondheidszorg (VHIG). The main heading is "Vereniging voor Hygiëne & Infectiepreventie in de Gezondheidszorg". A poll titled "Welke functiebenaming heeft uw voorkeur?" (Which job title do you prefer?) is highlighted with a red circle. The poll options are:

- Hygiënist
- Adviseur infectiepreventie

Below the options is a "Stem !" button and a "Bekijk resultaten" link. The poll version is noted as "Version 2.08".

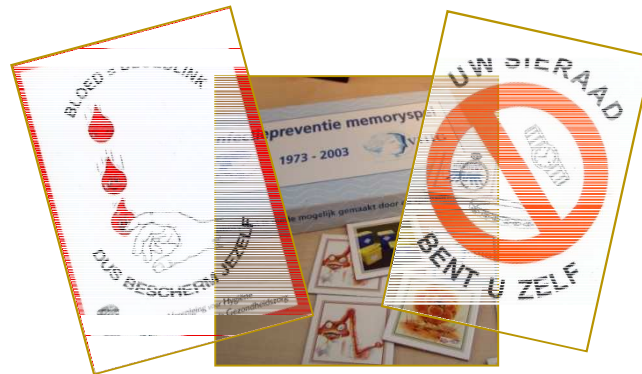
Other visible text on the website includes:

- Welkom op de website van de Vereniging voor Hygiëne & Infectiepreventie in de Gezondheidszorg (VHIG).
- De VHIG is een beroepsvereniging voor hygiënisten binnen instellingen van gezondheidszorg. Deze site is toegankelijk voor leden en niet leden. U vindt hier informatie over de vereniging, het beroep hygiënist, actuele informatie, waaronder vacatures, scholing en tot slot een infocenter met informatiebronnen over het onderwerp hygiëne en infectiepreventie.
- Daarnaast is er alleen voor VHIG leden een besloten gedeelte met de mogelijkheid discussie te voeren middels een forum, officiële stukken en notulen van de vereniging te raadplegen en het smoelenboek in te zien. Buitengewone leden hebben géén toegang tot het besloten gedeelte.
- Parina's met een  zijn alléén door

The website footer includes "Gereed", "Internet", and "100%". The taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, "Berlijn", and several open applications: "probleem - Microsoft...", "Microsoft PowerPoint...", and "De VHIG website - Wi...". The system clock shows "13:17".

## VHIG Communication

- Journal Since 1981
- 6 x year
- shortage articles
- lack Authors



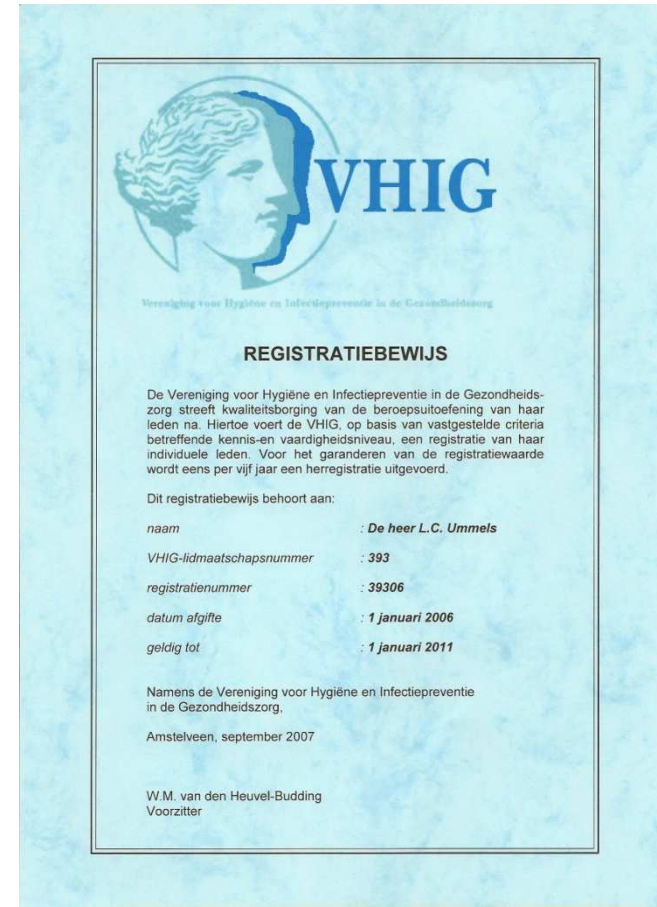


# Education Infection Control Professional

- Education level HBO (bachelor)
- In-service Post-Bachelor 18 month training
- Working in hospital 0,7 fte ( 24 hours)
- 2 Institutes (Wenkenbach, Groningen & AAIDF, Breda)
- each year start in one (1) Institute (20 students max)

# Accreditation ICP

- Member VHIG
- 500 Point in 5 Year
- 5 Category's (min.3)
- Min.50- Max.200 Points
- Each 5 year new
- VHIG Registration
- Public (open)



# 2007 New Norm ICP

(How much staff do we need for prevention of healthcare- associated infections in hospitals, P.J.van den Broek e.a.)

with admissions as denominator

1 fte ICP

per 5000 Admission

**(1 / 178 hospital beds)**

*>40% old standard (1/ 250 Beds)*

1 medical microbiologist/epidemiologist

per 25000 Admission

**(1 / 856 hospital beds)**

*>17% old standard (1/ 1000 Beds)*

# Visitation

- Visitation VHIG & NVMM
  - ISO 9001: 2000  
*Quality security system Organisation*
  - NPR-CEN/TS 15224:2005  
*Qualitymanagementsystem Healthcare*
  - NIAZ, *Quality standard*
- Start 2008, *obligatory*
- 1x each 5 Years

# What the VHIG core business??

- Knowledge
  - Dutch Journal
  - Workshops and symposia
  - Training
- Professionalization
  - More contact with media
  - Euregio
  - IFIC
  - European network
- Accreditation
  - Registration

## What the core business of a ICP in the Netherlands??

- Advice
  - Counseling
  - Participated in work or project groups
- Registration
  - Prevalence or incidence study
  - SSI e.a.
- Education
  - Doctors, nurses, cleaners etc.
- Outbreak management
  - MRSA , BRMO

# OUTBREAK

**Proclaiming an epidemic**

**If 2 or more patients in the hospital  
are colonised or infected with the same strain  
(of MRSA)**



# Are ICP key persons in hospitals ?

They are every where  
**Yes**

- They know a lot
- They work together with other discipline
- (Inter) national working

