

## **BIA Monthly Digest – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **News Items**

#### **Membership Fee Increase**

The BIA membership fees will be increasing in 2020 as discussed and supported by the members at the AGM meeting which was held on 23rd May 2019. The membership fees have not been increased in 10 years and the BIA are looking at ways to increase support for educational meetings and guidelines

All membership fees will be collected at the new below rate from 1st January 2020.

#### **Full Membership**

Online £100 / Print £120

#### **Trainee and Associate Membership**

No Journal £0 / Print £60 / Online £40

#### **Overseas Membership**

Online £100

#### **Retired Membership**

£10

Should you wish to cancel your membership, please cancel your direct debit via your bank and notify us in writing at [BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk](mailto:BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk)

### **Call for applications - Junior BIA Representative**

BIA invite all trainees below ST3 to apply for the role of 'Junior BIA representative' by the **30<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

The representative will work closely with the trainee representative for meetings and will also be part of the BIA education subcommittee. The responsibilities for the representative are outlined below.

#### **Primary Responsibility**

· To assist in the organisation and promotion of the biannual junior trainee evening following on from the trainees' days.

#### **Additional responsibilities**

- To attend and contribute ideas to the training subcommittee.
- To contribute ideas and content to online educational ventures including study tools created by BIA.
- To promote BIA in its entirety (including but not limited to training events, educational tools, available grants/opportunities) by liaising with various organisations associated with infection specialty and educational establishments such as medical schools and various training deaneries.

#### **Conflicts of interest**

As for everybody who takes a formal role within BIA appointment to this post will require disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest.

Applications should be submitted in writing to [Farnaz.Dave@nhs.net](mailto:Farnaz.Dave@nhs.net) (BIA trainee representative for meetings). The application should be no more than 250 words and explain why you would be suitable for this role and how you feel you can contribute to BIA.

## **NITCAR Update**

See [BIA NITCAR](#) page for more information

The National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) continues to work on the necrotising otitis externa project, which aims to collate a dataset of cases from across the UK. The project has now launched and is recruiting interested centres. Further information please visit <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/noe/> .

The NITCAR Autumn Newsletter is [now available](#).

If you would like further information about NITCAR, or would like to ask us a question, please go to our website - [www.nitcollaborative.org.uk](http://www.nitcollaborative.org.uk)

## **Medical Microbiology SAC: The launch of the newly revised model job descriptions**

The College has now launched the revised model job descriptions and supporting documents.

They are available at: <https://www.rcpath.org/profession/employing-pathologists/employing-doctors.html>

## **Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)**

**CLIP, a new official journal of the BIA, first edition published September 2019 and available online [here](#)**

The Journal provides a forum for the advancement of knowledge and discussion of clinical infection in practice. It will embrace relevant clinical research and clinical management issues, including case reports and case series demonstrating novel or interesting findings.

The **CLIP Editor in Chief is Professor Martin Wiselka** supported by a distinguished Editorial team.

Visit the [Elsevier website](#) for further information

To submit an article please [click here](#). BIA will waive the publishing charges for the first 25 accepted papers for BIA trainee and associate members who are currently training and/or working in healthcare in the UK and Ireland.

## **Grants**

See [Grants](#) page for full information of all grants available

**Please note:** The BIA grants provision is currently under review. No calls for applications will be made before the BIA Spring Meeting in May 2020.

## **BMA Foundation for Medical Research HC Roscoe Grant**

The BMA Foundation for Medical Research awards research grants each year to encourage and further medical research in a variety of areas. One of these grants, the HC Roscoe, is to promote research into the elimination of the common cold and/or other viral diseases of the human respiratory system.

Applications are invited from UK-registered medical practitioners or research scientists working in the UK and can be for either research in progress or prospective research.

In 2020, the HC Roscoe grant will be awarded for an amount up to £65,000.

This grant, and other BMA Foundation grants will be available to apply for online on the BMA Foundation website **from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020**. The application deadline is **6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

For more information on the HC Roscoe grant, other BMA Foundation grants and to apply, please see: [www.bmafoundationmr.org.uk](http://www.bmafoundationmr.org.uk)

If you have any queries please contact [researchgrants@bma.org.uk](mailto:researchgrants@bma.org.uk) or telephone 020 7383 6341.

## **Guidelines**

See [Consultations](#) page for full information of all consultations

## **Consultations**

### **NICE Draft guideline on Insect bites and stings: antimicrobial prescribing**

The draft guideline and supporting evidence for [Insect bites and stings: antimicrobial prescribing](#) are now out for consultation.

We hope that you will submit comments on this draft guideline; it is a valuable opportunity to ensure that the guideline considers issues important to our members.

The [consultation page](#) has all the information and documents you need to comment.

Please send comments to Daniel Pan [daniel.pan@nhs.net](mailto:daniel.pan@nhs.net) by **5pm Monday 16th December**.

### **NICE draft scope consultation: Meningitis (bacterial) and meningococcal septicaemia in children and young people: recognition, diagnosis and management**

The draft scope consultation for [Meningitis \(bacterial\) and meningococcal septicaemia in children and young people: recognition, diagnosis and management](#) is now open for comment. The scope defines what the guideline will (and will not) cover.

We welcome you to submit comments on this draft scope, also [available here](#); it is a valuable opportunity to ensure that the guideline considers issues important to you. The consultation page has all the information you need.

Please return comments to Fiona McGill at [fmcgill@liv.ac.uk](mailto:fmcgill@liv.ac.uk) before the **21st December**.

## **Published Guidelines**

### **Draft guidelines on pneumonia: antimicrobial prescribing**

The following final guidelines have now been published:

- [Pneumonia \(community-acquired\): antimicrobial prescribing](#)
- [Pneumonia \(hospital-acquired\): antimicrobial prescribing](#)

You can also find the supporting evidence, as well as all the stakeholder comments that we received during consultation and the responses to these comments. The comments were invaluable in helping us to develop and refine the guidelines. We have also produced equality impact assessments to support the guidelines.

## **Infection Events**

See [Infection Events](#) page for full information

### **BIA 4th Infection Dilemmas Day**

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

Cotton Theatre, Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

Chairs: Dr Hiten Thaker, Hull & Dr Stephane Paulus, Oxford

In association with BPAIG, a mixture of difficult and challenging cases drawn from real life will be presented by experts using interactive keypad voting throughout.

Suitable for consultants and trainees with an interest in paediatric and adolescent infectious diseases.

#### **Topics include:**

- Unusual rashes
- Sexual health
- Antibiotic therapy
- Osteoarticular infection
- Tuberculosis
- Tropical infections
- Endocarditis
- Expert Panel debate

For more information [view the flyer](#) and to register [click here](#).

### **HIV Dilemmas Day**

24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Cotton Theatre, Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

CPD Approval Pending (Royal College of Pathologists)

A mixture of difficult and challenging cases drawn from real life, all presented by experts using interactive keypad voting throughout.

Suitable for consultants and trainees from all specialities who look after people with HIV.

For further information and to register [click here](#)

### **HIS/PHE Foundation course in infection prevention and control**

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

PHE, Colindale

This four-day non-residential course, organised by HIS and Public Health England is held annually in January, is a stand-alone course, with the opportunity to learn from the leading UK experts in the field. The course will allow medical trainees, newly appointed consultants and other practitioners such as nurses and clinical scientists to gain a firm grounding in infection prevention and control.

The learning outcomes will focus on:

- Developing a sound approach to the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections (HCAI) and related issues of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- Learning how to develop a surveillance programme and gain knowledge of data collection, analysis and feedback to produce information for action

- Outbreaks: learning about prevention and control with emphasis on investigation and data analysis
- Learning how to use molecular typing techniques for outbreak investigation
- Introducing technical aspects of hospital hygiene eg ventilation, disinfection and sterilisation
- Understanding the basis of antimicrobial stewardship
- Covering organisational aspects of HCAI prevention and control.

Previously this course has been approved by the Royal College of Pathologists for 24 CPD credits. Accreditation will be sought for 2020.

To view the programme, find out more or register, [please click here](#).

### **19<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID),**

February 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Kuala Lumpur

The ISID will hold its next International Congress on Infectious Diseases (19th ICID) in Kuala Lumpur from 20-23 February 2020, in partnership with the Malaysian Society for Infectious Diseases and Chemotherapy (MSIDC).

For further information visit <https://icid.isid.org>

### **9th Advances Against Aspergillosis and Murcormycosis**

Thursday 27th – Saturday 29th February 2020

Palazzo dei Congressi Lugano, Lugano, Switzerland

#### **[AAAM2020 Programme](#)**

##### Registration

Online registrations are now open - [click here to register](#)

For further details please [click here](#)

### **Patient Safety Awareness Week**

8th – 14th March 2020

The Royal College of Pathologists will be launching Patient Safety Awareness Week.

See what the College has to offer to give you the confidence, knowledge and skills you need to get involved, make a change and improve patient care. There will be plenty of ways that you can take part in the week, including:

- listening to our podcast conversations between clinicians and patients
- watching videos of our members discussing cases to foster a safety culture of no blame and shame
- taking part in our photo pledge
- entering our essay competition.

Click to [view the flyer](#)

More information will be available soon, [click here to visit the website](#)

## 9th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC)

26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG

### Audience:

The underlying principle of OBIC is multi-disciplinary working. We invite all grades of orthopaedic and trauma surgeons, plastic surgeons, infection specialists, nursing and therapy staff and researchers to attend.

### Programme:

Internationally renowned speakers will deliver state-of-the-art talks, including the prestigious Cierny-Mader lecture which is invited each year to honour 'excellence and innovation in the multidisciplinary management of bone and joint infection'.

The programme will include lectures, workshops and interactive sessions including:

- **Do's and don'ts - An (evidence based) approach to...** Diagnosis of bone and joint infection / Surgical management of prosthetic joint infection / Wound closure
- **Something understood:** Biofilm / Local antibiotics / Biomaterials and bugs
  - How I treat long bone infection
  - Rehabilitation – managing expectations
  - Engaging the research agenda
  - Trials and big data
- **Making the most of what we know:** Why bother with a BIU? / How are we GIRFTING? / Update on diagnostic criteria and standards
- **New horizons:** Bacterial metabolism and nanobubbles / Update on bacteriophages / Direct from tissue diagnostics

### Call for abstracts:

We need you to share your ideas, research and clinical findings with your peers either as a selected oral presentation or selected poster. These can be any projects related to the field of bone and joint infection whether lab based or clinical.

We are also asking for challenging cases to be submitted for interactive audience discussion during the conference. These should be submitted in abstract form with a view to providing slides later.

Please submit the best and most thought-provoking abstracts you can muster – the team at OBIC will be very pleased to receive them.

There will be prizes for the best poster and oral presentations. To submit an abstract please click here: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/1599/submissions/new>

For registration information please [click here](#)

### BSAC Spring Conference: 2020

Into Clinical Practice – Bridging the gap between science, policy and effective antimicrobial use. A global overview of drug development and effective use through diagnostics, stewardship and shared learning

16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, Westminster, London  
[www.bsac-conference.com](http://www.bsac-conference.com)

Globally focused and locally relevant, the conference brings together key opinion leaders, researchers and clinicians from across Europe and further afield.

To view the programme and register, please [click here](#) or download the [registration form](#).

For sponsorship opportunities please contact Debbie Cockayne at [Debbie@pagemedical.co.uk](mailto:Debbie@pagemedical.co.uk) or Tracey Guise at [tguise@bsac.org.uk](mailto:tguise@bsac.org.uk)

For general enquiries, please contact Esme Carruthers, BSAC Event Manager at [Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk](mailto:Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk)

### **BIA 23rd Annual Spring Scientific Meeting 2020**

Thursday 21st May 2020

Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

Further information to follow

### **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society**

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Ljubljana, Slovenia

The main conference theme is:

Joining forces: optimising diagnosis and management of bone and joint infections

The programme topics are:

- Optimising antibiotic treatment of bone & joint infections
- Optimal bone infection sampling and microbiological processing
- Low-grade PJI – what is the best approach?
- Musculoskeletal infections in children
- Infections of arthroscopic implants, osteotomies and tendon reconstructions
- Chronic osteomyelitis with good function. To treat or to live with?
- Spinal infections
- Fracture-related infections

Important dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: **10<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Early Registration Deadline: **Before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

The registration and abstract submission will open in January 2020. Find more information on the conference website: [Click here](#)

### **Workshops and Courses**

See [Workshops and Courses](#) page for more information

### **Medical Microbiology FRCPath Part 2 Mock examination**

Date: 28th February 2020 (8.30am – 7.00pm)

Venue: Pathology Training Laboratory, Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester

A one-day intensive mock examination preparing trainees for the new FRCPath Part 2 examination, for full details view the flyer.

This is a unique course giving trainees that all important pre-exam mock (conducted similar to exam conditions) with questions (clinical scenario & OSPE questions) in line with the actual exam. The day will be split into half a day of mock scenario examination and half a day of mock OSPEs. Feedback on questions and answers will be given on the same day.

The course facilitators have knowledge of the Royal College exam and are experienced teachers.

Places are limited to a maximum of 15 participants and will be on a first come first serve basis.

The deadline for booking a place is **Friday 31st January, 2020**.

To book your place, please complete the [registration form](#) ensuring all sections are fully completed and return your signed form to: [wendy.jones@uhl-tr.nhs.uk](mailto:wendy.jones@uhl-tr.nhs.uk) or [janet.richardson@uhl-tr.nhs.uk](mailto:janet.richardson@uhl-tr.nhs.uk)

### **Tuberculosis, Postgraduate Certificate (1-year Part-time Distance Learning)**

This new programme will provide a comprehensive overview of Tuberculosis with an emphasis on prevention, diagnosis, and management of drug-susceptible Tuberculosis.

The programme has been developed for trainees and consultants in infection specialities and respiratory medicine; it can also be taken by nurses and public health workers, and practitioners with experience in Tuberculosis.

Further information visit the [QMUL website](#)

### **Advanced courses + scientific conferences**

Wellcome Genome Campus Advanced Courses and Scientific Conferences is the only UK-based programme providing open postgraduate courses and conferences focused on biomedicine. We fund, develop and deliver training and conferences that span basic research, cutting-edge biomedicine, and the application of genomics in healthcare.

Please [Click here](#) to view upcoming courses and conference

### **Vacancies**

See [BIA Jobs](#) page for full information

**Currently no vacancies**

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