

BIA Monthly Digest – 19th February 2019

News Items

BIA Council Elections

Nominations open in March

Posts for Renewal

- Vice President
- Hon. Secretary
- Guidelines Secretary
- Member Secretary
- Communications Secretary

Nominations from members are welcomed. Please ensure your membership is active to be eligible to nominate, be nominated or to vote.

ACCEA 2019

BIA supporting Clinical Excellence Awards 2019

BIA ACCEA Committee 2019 will be Chaired by Professor David Dockrell

To all eligible BIA consultants working in England & Wales BIA is able to support applications to ACCEA for national awards. Applicants seeking support should be able to demonstrate a contribution to infection medicine and involvement with BIA activities.

To apply for BIA support applicants should submit their ACCEA form including any supplementary forms to BIA by **17:30 on Friday 1st March 2019**.

For further information on how to apply please see [BIA ACCEA](#) page

NITCAR Update

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

The [Winter 2019 Newsletter](#) is now available. Visit the [NITCAR website](#) for more information.

Annual Meeting

The NITCAR annual meeting will take place after the BIA Spring Trainees' Meeting on the evening of the 22nd May 2019.

Visit <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/BIAT/> to register for the BIA Trainees day and sign up for the NITCAR annual meeting.

Resources to diagnose, manage and prevent UTIs in out of hospital settings

Health Education England has commissioned an educational film, in collaboration with Public Health England's Primary Care Unit on the treatment of UTIs in older adults for all out of hospital health and social care workers, introducing resources that can be used to diagnose, manage and prevent UTIs in out of hospital settings.

It supports staff to effectively treat older adults with UTI's, supporting existing Public Health England tools – [TARGET UTI leaflet](#) and [UTI diagnostics tool](#) and compliments the other short films that we have supported in a collaboration with PHE Primary Care Unit and TARGET Toolkit. It also promotes 'To Dip or Not to Dip' that aims to improve the management of urinary tract infections in older people in nursing home care.

The film, and additional resources, can be found on the [e-Learning for Healthcare website](#)

UK SMI

[UK SMI V 8: vertical and perinatal transmission of hepatitis C](#) (Re-issued) [Review of users' comments](#)

[UK SMI V 26: Epstein-Barr Virus Serology](#) (Re-issued) [Review of users' comments](#)

[UK SMI V 27 Hepatitis A virus acute infection Serology](#) (Re-issued) [Review of users' comments](#)

Comments that have been received as part of the consultation process for the development of the UK SMIs can be seen in the associated document. Anyone who does not want their comment(s) to be in the RUC document should let the Standards Unit know.

Postgraduate Diploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases

University of Oxford, Department for Continuing Education

The Postgraduate Diploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases is a two-year part-time programme taught via a blend of online and residential components.

The Programme draws on world-class research and teaching in paediatric infectious diseases and offers a unique opportunity to gain an understanding of the principles that underpin paediatric infection, the ways in which those principles have developed, and to translate this understanding into good clinical and research practice.

Applications for September 2019 are now being accepted. Please [click here](#) for the course brochure.

Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

CLIP, a new official journal of the BIA, is now open for submissions.

The Journal will provide 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.

This will be of particular value in a field where clinicians are often faced with relatively rare conditions or clinical problems where the only supportive literature is at case report level. It is aimed at all specialists and trainees working in clinical infection-related disciplines including Clinical Microbiologists/Virologists, Infectious Diseases and Tropical Disease physicians, Public Health Specialists and supporting professional staff.

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

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

The 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.

Please state this is the case when you submit your article in order to claim this waiver. To submit an article please [click here](#).

Grants

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

BIA Grants are now open

- BIA Research Fellowship ([click here for Terms and Conditions](#))
- BIA Research Project Grants
- BIA Clinical Exchange Award

To apply complete the [BIA Grant Application Form](#) and return to Dr Chris Chiu [BIA Scientific & Research Secretary](#) . **Closing date: 31st March 2019**

BIA Travel Awards

Support travel to major national or international meetings, in particular, ASM, ICAAC, IDSA, and ECCMID to present original research, where the abstract is already accepted.

Forward letter of acceptance, name of conference, abstract, and 2-page C.V. by e-mail to Dr Chris Chiu [BIA Scientific & Research Secretary](#) to apply.

Three deadlines each year: 31 March, 30 June & 27 October.

BMA 2019 Research Grants

Now **OPEN** for online application, **closing date for applications 1 March 2019**

[View BMA Grants Poster](#)

The HC Roscoe - to promote research into the elimination of the common cold and/or other viral diseases of the human respiratory system

The Kathleen Harper - to assist research into antimicrobials

Online application for these grants can be made via the BMA Foundation [website](#).

Current Consultations

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

NICE Guideline: Lyme Disease

The draft Lyme disease quality standard consultation period is now open.

Please click to view [Lyme disease consultation](#)

Please submit your comments on the form listed on the website and ensure all relevant fields are completed.

Responses must be submitted to Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by **9am, Monday 11th March 2019**.

DAP44 Rapid Tests for Group A Streptococcal infection in people with a sore throat

The first committee discussion of the assessment of Rapid Tests for Group A Streptococcal infection in people with a sore throat will take place on Monday 17th June 2019.

BIA Spring Trainees' Meeting 2019

See [Trainee Days](#) page for full information

Wednesday 22nd May 2019, London
Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LS

Includes evening programme for juniors with an interest in infection & NITCAR (National Infection Trainee Collaboration for Audit and Infection) annual meeting

Registration fees:

- 1 day registration £60.00 (includes registration for evening programme)
- 2 days registration £90.00 (Trainees day & Annual Scientific Meeting)

Registration for evening programme only available to those who have also registered for the Trainees' Day

Trainee call for abstracts:

BIA invites trainees to submit abstracts on 'travel dilemmas' these can be interesting travel related cases or complex challenges presenting in travel clinics.

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, and submitted by Monday 6th May 2019 at 5pm via email to Farnaz.Dave@nhs.net

Please include a title for your abstract and your place of work. Trainees invited to present will be informed by the end of Friday 10th May 2019.

Register

BIA Spring Meeting – 22nd Annual Scientific Meeting

See [BIA Spring Meeting](#) page for full information

Thursday 23rd May 2019

Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

Registration Fees:

- 1 day registration £60.00
- 2 days registration £90.00 (Trainees day & Annual Scientific Meeting)

Keynote Speakers:

Current management and latest research on endovascular infections

Dr Nicholas Price, Director of Infection & Joint Director of Infection Prevention & Control.
Consultant Infectious Diseases, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Non-Inferiority trials in infection research

Professor Sarah Ann Walker, Professor of Medical Statistics & Epidemiology, Experimental Medicine Division, University of Oxford & John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

[View the provisional programme](#)

Call for abstracts:

To view the call for abstracts with full instructions please [click here](#).

You are invited to submit abstracts for the 22nd Annual BIA Spring Scientific Meeting.

Abstracts should be submitted as free papers or clinical lessons.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 5pm, 15th March 2019. Please note that you will not receive any reminders before this date. Authors will be notified of acceptance by the 13th April 2019.

Please click to [submit an abstract](#)

Register

BIA Autumn Trainees' Meeting 2019

Thursday 17th October

Harwood Room, Barnes Wallis Building, University of Manchester, Altrincham Street, Sackville Street Campus, Manchester, M1 3BB

More details to follow soon.

Infection Events

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

3rd Infectious and Global Nephrology Course

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March 2019

Atrium, Royal Free Hospital, London, NW3 2QG

This 2-day course will cover renal disease secondary to infectious agents and the management of acute and chronic kidney disease in resource-poor environments.

The course is aimed at nephrologists, infectious disease specialists, general medicine trainees and consultants, and renal nursing staff with particular emphasis on the diagnosis and management of infectious diseases impacting on the kidney as well as the practice of nephrology in resource poor environments

Further details can be found [here](#)

21st Annual Superbugs & Superdrugs Conference

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March 2019

Holiday Inn Kensington Forum, 97 Cromwell Road, London, United Kingdom

This year's event aims to provide valuable insights and key updates on the latest developments within the scientific communities, as well as the processes and strategies pharmaceuticals use to develop novel therapeutics that utilise alternative mechanisms to treat multi-drug resistant infections.

[Click here for more information and to register online](#)

8th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March 2019

Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford

The programme for the 8th OBIC includes internationally renowned speakers who 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.

[View the programme](#)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

We need you to share your ideas, research and clinical findings and present these to 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.

More detailed information about abstract submissions can be found [here](#).

For more information visit the [OBIC website](#) to register visit: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/OBIO/>

BSAC Spring Conference 2019

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March 2019

The ICC, 8 Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 2EA

The BSAC Spring Conference 2019 offers a state of art overview of the infection management and antimicrobial resistance landscape. The programme includes keynote lectures, plenary and parallel sessions, debates and an opening series of spotlight presentations – offering insights into the latest in drug discovery and development, socio-economic challenges, new and emerging treatments and diagnostics and debates and challenges policies and usage of antibiotic regimens.

Medicine 2019 - RCP annual conference

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th April

Manchester Central Convention Complex, Windmill Street, Manchester, M2 3GX

Ideal for all specialties and grades, Medicine 2019 will explore the latest cutting-edge developments in healthcare and focus on how to improve patient care.

37th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases ESPID 2019

Monday 6th May – Friday 11th May 2019

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Building on the success and innovation of previous meetings, ESPID 2019 will feature a wide range of sessions and learning opportunities showcasing the latest research and developments in the field hosted by leading international experts.

The RCPE Course in Acute and General Internal Medicine

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2019

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ

This 5-day course will provide topical and relevant updates on a wide variety of acute and general medical conditions encountered by clinicians. Experts will cover topics of current and practical relevance with frequent opportunities for interactive case-based learning.

For more information please visit <https://events.rcpe.ac.uk/rcpe-course-acute-and-general-internal-medicine>

Viruses, Vaccines and Eradication Conference 2019

Thursday 6th June

Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Broad Sanctuary, London, SW1P 3EE

www.vveconference.com

A one-day conference dedicated to providing academics and clinicians with novel information and opportunities for scientific debate on the topic of reducing global disease through virus elimination and eradication.

The provisional programme information is now available to view; please [click here](#).

Registrations for the conference can be submitted [online](#).

Discounted registration rates are available to members of BIA. The number of places at the conference are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. As such, we would encourage you to register at your earliest convenience.

Virology-2019 - International Conference on Virology

Thursday 25th July – Friday 26th July, 2019

Rome, Italy



Please see the website for further details: <http://virology.madridge.com/>

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Harwood Room, Barnes Wallis Building, University of Manchester, Altrincham Street, Sackville Street Campus, Manchester, M1 3BB

Meningitis & Septicaemia 2019 - Meningitis Research Foundation's 12th International Conference

Tuesday 5th – Wednesday 6th November 2019

The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG

The twelfth international conference brings together world leading experts to share the latest advances and discuss the challenges of defeating meningitis and septicaemia.

Please click [here](#) for further information.

19th International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID), Kuala Lumpur

February 20th – 23rd, 2020

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

Vacancies

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

NICE Clinical Guideline Chair

Closing date: [4th March 2019](#)

The National Guideline Alliance (NGA), on behalf of NICE, is seeking to recruit a number of Chairs for guideline committees due to start work over the year.

the Chair will work in collaboration with the staff of the National Guideline Alliance, the Topic Adviser and the Committee over a period of approximately 24 months to develop the guideline on behalf of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

For more information please [click here](#)

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