

BIA Monthly Digest – 16th July 2019

News Items

NITCAR Update

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

The National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) has recently seen its first collaborative project, on hospital-onset diarrhoea, published ([oi.org/10.1016/j.jhin.2019.05.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhin.2019.05.001)). There are a number of other projects in the pipeline and we have just selected one on necrotising otitis externa as the newest to take forward.

Visit the [NITCAR website](#) for the latest NITCAR information to sign up for mailings with information.

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>

GIRFT Survey

Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) is a national clinician-led programme designed to improve the quality of medical care within the NHS by reducing unwarranted variations. As part of this programme we have set up the Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Survey.

The SSI Survey will be live on the 1st May 2019 and run for a period of six months **until 30th October 2019**.

For more information on how to get involved visit: <https://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/cross-cutting-stream/surgical-site-infection-audit/>

Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

CLIP, a new official journal of the BIA, is 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.

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 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.

The second round of travel awards closed 30th June. The Scientific and Research committee is in the process of scoring the applications and the successful applicants will be notified soon.

Remaining deadlines for 2019: **27th October**

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.

Current Consultations

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

NICE Leg ulcer infection: antimicrobial prescribing

This draft guideline and its supporting evidence are now out for consultation.

Please click to view Leg ulcer infection draft guideline [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 on Monday 22nd July 2019**.

Rapid tests for group A streptococcal infections in people with a sore throat

Diagnostics Consultation Documents are now available for the above diagnostics assessment. This will be made available for public consultation on 17th July, 2019 with a closing date of **7th August 2019, 5pm**.

The following documents are available on request, from BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk -

- Diagnostics Consultation Document (DCD)
- Consultation comments table
- Evaluation report

Comments can be submitted using the consultation comments table or via the [NICE website](#). Please be aware that there is a character limit (1200 per field) when using the online facility and this should be considered when submitting comments online.

If you have any questions about this topic or the Diagnostics Assessment Programme, please contact the Diagnostics team on 0161 219 3839 or email Diagnositics@nice.org.uk

UK National Screening Committee: Varicella Susceptibility in Pregnancy

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) has started a national consultation on screening Varicella Susceptibility in Pregnancy. To take part in this consultation, please [visit the website](#).

Please note that the review document is an evidence map and not a rapid review. Evidence maps are literature searches that scan published literature to look at the volume and type of evidence in

relation to a specific topic. They are used to inform whether the evidence currently available is sufficient to commission an external review on the topic under consideration.

We would welcome comments from you on the evidence map. Submissions should be returned to us by **16th September 2019**.

Please be aware that all responses will be published on the website after they have been considered by the UK NSC.

BIA Autumn Trainees' Meeting 2019

Thursday 17th October

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

Trainee call for abstracts:

BIA invites trainees to submit abstracts of interesting infection cases/case series. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, and ideally include a summary of several key learning points.

Please submit abstracts by Tuesday 1st October 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 4th October 2019.

More details to follow soon.

Infection Events

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

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/>



DIPC DAY 2019

Sunday 22nd September

The Arena and Convention Centre, Liverpool, UK

“Successful leaders see the opportunities in every difficulty rather than the difficulty in every opportunity” **Reed Markham**

The IPS is presenting here an opportunity without difficulty. This day will support leaders in infection prevention and control (IPC) by providing expert workshops and presentations on behaviour, challenges and quality improvement.

This day is designed for IPC aspiring and experienced leaders to help them approach the challenges ahead - not as another crisis to manage, but as opportunities in a sea of difficulties.

Online registration is available at www.ips.uk.net/conference/dipc

Infection Prevention 2019

Sunday 22nd – Tuesday 24th September

The Arena and Convention Centre, Liverpool, United Kingdom

This is the premier educational event for all those working and interested in infection prevention and control.

The three-day conference will present the latest scientific evidence from around the globe to enable you to recognise, understand and address current and emerging risks. You will learn from experts about practices which are optimising outcomes and increasing the safety of patients.

Full details and registration can be found online: www.ips.uk.net/conference

4th East Midlands Laboratory Diagnostic Mycology Course

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th September 2019

Pathology Training Laboratory, Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester

A two-day training course comprising of laboratory sessions (hands on and demonstrations) and lecture discussions on laboratory identification of medically important fungi, susceptibility testing, testing for fungal biomarkers, antifungal treatment and resistance to antifungal drugs, therapeutic drug monitoring, environmental sampling for fungi, fungi as aero-allergens and fungal case studies.

Click here to [view the flyer](#) for further information

Infection Prevention Conference 2019

Wednesday 16th October, 2019

Molineux Conference Centre, Wolverhampton

This FREE one-day conference promises to offer delegates the latest in infection prevention and control education and expertise, with inspiring speakers and informative sessions as well as an exhibition featuring the latest in infection prevention technologies.

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

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.



FIS 2019 Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2019

11th – 14th November 2019

Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)

The Microbiology Society are delighted to be hosting the Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2019 (FIS 2019) in Edinburgh between 11–14 November 2019.

This event is a unique conference which includes the collaboration of 16 societies across the UK with interests in different aspects of infectious diseases, clinical microbiology, biomedical science and infection control and provides a great opportunity to find out about the latest developments and to connect with key contacts and networks.

[Visit the website](#) for more event details.

Abstract submission is now open for offered talks and poster presentations at FIS 2019 and the submission deadline is **Monday 5 August 2019**. Click [here](#) to submit an abstract.

Into clinical practice: Meeting the challenges of Gram-negative infection management

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Royal College of Physicians, London

This exciting one-day conference which will explore the current challenges and treatment opportunities for Gram-negative infections.

Delegates will, through plenary lectures and invited papers, learn about resistance mechanisms, clinical presentations of Gram-negative infections, the latest in research and development and hear about frontier and upcoming treatments.

Clinical lessons will give delegates the opportunity to hear about, share and explore real world experiences, and look at the effective application of the latest evidence-based guidelines.

To view the programme and register please [click here](#)

Antibiotic Resistance and Mechanisms Workshop for Researchers

Thursday 28th – Friday 29th November 2019

Holiday Inn, Birmingham City Centre

Click to visit the [Website](#)

To view the programme and register please click on the following link to download the registration form [ARM Programme and Registration Form completed](#) registrations should be sent to dirwin@bsac.org.uk

RSPH: What is the future of water in Public Health?

Thursday 12th December, 2019

University of Sheffield, The Edge, 34 Endcliffe Crescent, Sheffield, S10 3ED

Join the Royal Society for Public Health at this one-day conference for students, health researchers and water professionals to share the latest advances in health-related water topics and network with others in the field. Topics will cover microbiology, chemical contamination, and engineering measures, and will include a mix of keynote sessions, abstract sessions and poster sessions.

All delegates will receive 5 CPD credits. Prices start from only £25.

More information and to book your place [click here](#)

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).

Workshops and Courses

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

Research Methods Course

Monday 29th October - Thursday 1st November 2019

University College London

The Institute for Global Health are thrilled to advertise their annual Research Methods Course which is run primarily by members of the Centre for Clinical Research in Infection and Sexual Health, and the Centre for Population Research in Sexual Health and HIV, and is taught by leading researchers from University College London.

To register an interest, please email [Lydia Clinton](#) or [see our website](#) for updates, information and course materials.

Physician Leadership and Management Skills Workshop - A Co-learning Event for Consultants and Senior Trainees at the Kings Fund

Trainee program 27th - 28th November

Consultant program 28th – 29th November

The Kings Fund, Cavendish Square, London

We are delighted to present a medical leadership for senior trainees and consultants. The course is delivered in association with the Kings Fund, and supported by an unrestricted educational grant from ViiV.

Two parallel workshops will run, in addition to co-learning sessions and social events for both groups through- out the program. With speakers from a convened faculty plus the Kings Fund, topics will include research and innovation, NHS structures, commissioning, tendering and competition, and physician leadership.

The venue is the Kings Fund, Cavendish Square, London. Accommodation is provided for those living outside London and travel expenses will be covered. The trainee program is aimed at ST5/6 doctors, and will run on 27-28th November 2019. The consultant program will run on 28th-29th November 2019, and will be suitable for consultants at any career stage who are now entering into leadership roles. The course is free to attend but subject to selective entry and places are limited.

Please contact Lucy Dobson on lucy.dobson@cwplus.org.uk for an application form.

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](#)

Vacancies

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

Currently no vacancies listed

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