

BIA Monthly Digest – 19th March 2019

News Items

BIA Council Elections

Nominations now open, please click to [make a nomination](#)

Closing date Wednesday 17th April

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.

Voting Opens: Wednesday 24th April

Voting Closes: Wednesday 15th May

Results announced: Thursday 23rd April at the AGM within the BIA Spring Meeting

Cough (acute): antimicrobial prescribing – NICE Guideline published

The final guideline has now been published on [Cough \(acute\): antimicrobial prescribing](#).

The recommendations from this guideline have been included in the [NICE Pathway](#) on cough (acute), which brings together everything we have said on cough (acute), in an interactive flowchart.

ACCEA 2019

BIA supporting Clinical Excellence Awards 2019

BIA ACCEA Committee 2019 will be Chaired by Professor David Dockrell

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.

Paediatric Infection Control Research Network

This newly formed network is designed to be a multi-professional forum aimed at individuals working in paediatric practice with an interest in infection prevention.

The purpose of the group is to identify key areas of research which could lead to specific guidance linked to paediatrics and infection prevention as well as beginning to establish a firm evidence base within this area.

As part of this work a survey has been created and distributed to those working within paediatric IPC to discuss the current assurance measures in place around infection prevention. Please click to [complete the survey](#).

The group will hold its first meeting **14th May 2019 at The Studio, Birmingham, B2 5EP**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a multi-professional networking opportunity for those working in paediatrics and the results of the survey will be discussed and opportunities for research explored.

Bookings can be made via this [link](#)

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

As communicated by email to all members, the BIA Research Fellowship grant has been withdrawn for 2019. Please read the [President's Letter](#) for further details.

BIA Grants Now Open -

- 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.

Emerging Leaders Prize for antimicrobial resistance researchers

The Medical Research Foundation is inviting applications from antibacterial and anti-fungal resistance researchers to apply for the 2019 Emerging Leaders Prize.

Up to £200,000 is available to recognise the work of emerging research leaders who have made significant contributions to research in antimicrobial resistance. A top prize of £100,000 will be awarded and smaller prizes of various amounts to second place and runners ups.

Deadline for Submission: 12pm Friday 31 May 2019

For further information click [here](#)

Current Consultations

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

Bone marrow transplant for primary immunodeficiencies

NHS England has launched a 30-day consultation on a draft policy proposition for bone marrow transplant for primary immunodeficiencies. This consultation will run until **24th March 2019**.

A link to the consultation can be found here:

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/bone-marrow-transplant/>

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

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

[View the provisional programme](#)

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

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.

Registration fees:

1 day registration £60.00 (includes registration for evening programme)

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

Evening Programme

Junior Trainee Evening

An evening event aimed at senior medical students, and all doctors below registrar level contemplating a career in Infection related specialties including infectious diseases, microbiology and virology. Click [here](#) for further details

NITCAR Evening Meeting

An evening event to provide an update on previous projects and discuss new project proposals, with the NITCAR AGM to conclude the meeting.

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

[Register](#)

BIA Spring Meeting – 22nd Annual Scientific Meeting

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

Thursday 23rd May 2019

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Registration Fees:

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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

Infections at the human-animal interface

Professor Ross Fitzgerald, Chair of Molecular Bacteriology, Roslin Institute, The University of Edinburgh

[View the provisional programme](#)

[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

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](#)

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.

Joint London IPS Branch Conference

Thursday 2nd May 2019
The Kia Oval, London

The Joint London IPS Branch Conference features prominent speakers within infection prevention who will explore the view that 'prevention is better than cure'.

Click to [view the programme](#) or to [register](#)

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.

Please click to [view the programme](#)

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

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.

1st Barts Heart Centre Infective Endocarditis (IE) Conference

Prosthetic Valve Endocarditis (PVE): Challenges and Opportunities

Monday 8th July 2019

Royal Society of Medicine (RSM), 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE

Join a multidisciplinary faculty of internationally renowned experts at the first Annual Barts conference about infective endocarditis (IE), with a focus on prosthetic valve endocarditis.

Click to [view the programme](#) or for [more details and to register](#)

A beginners' workshop on viral phylogenetics

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July, 2019

Pathology Training Centre, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester

Lecturer: Dr Stéphane Hué

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Click here to [view the event flyer](#)

Please contact: Julian.tang@uhl-tr.nhs.uk or Nelun.perera@uhl-nhs.uk for more details or to book a place

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 22 September

ACC, 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. At a time when the difficulties facing IPC leaders are legion, new and re-emerging threats continue to develop, IPC leaders themselves require opportunities for advancement. 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.

The cost to attend is £95 and this includes access to the UK's largest infection prevention and control exhibition offering you the opportunity to view new and innovative products and discuss your requirements with company professionals. A large poster area will also be available to view within the exhibition hall.

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

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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](mailto:Lydia.Clinton@ucl.ac.uk) or [see our website](http://www.iglh.ucl.ac.uk) for updates, information and course materials.

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).

See the BIA web page for information about available [Workshops and Courses](#)

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

Clinical Education Fellowship in Tropical Medicine (two-year post)

This is a new two-year post based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the Hospital for Tropical Diseases (UCLH) in London. Half of the time will be spent developing and evaluating an online learning module in tropical infectious diseases and the other half working as a registrar in the clinical service at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.

Please click to [view further details and apply](#), or contact philip.gothard@gmail.com for more information.

Closing date: 19th March 2019

Fellow in Education in Infectious Diseases & Tropical Medicine

This 12-month teaching fellow post is an exciting opportunity to join the clinical team at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, UCLH, to develop your teaching and leadership skills, and to acquire a significant teaching qualification.

Please click to [view further details and apply](#), or contact anna.checkley@nhs.net for more information

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