

BIA Monthly Digest – 16th September 2020

News Items

Welcome to the new members of BIA Council!

Council are very pleased to announce that, after the delays caused by the COVID pandemic, we ran this year's council election process with the support of UK Engage.

Nominations were received for each post up for renewal, and for each post the nominations were uncontested. See confirmation document.

Rejeka Lazarus from Bristol joins the Association's Principal Officers as the new Meetings Secretary. She takes over from Hiten Thaker who has done a fantastic job in this role organising numerous successful BIA and FIS meetings during his time in the post.

We are delighted that Chris Chiu from London is re-elected as Scientific and Research Secretary, as are Anna Checkley (London) and Jo Herman (London) as joint Clinical Services Secretary (ID), and Natasha Ratnaraja (Coventry) as joint Clinical Services Secretary (Med Micro).

We welcome two new training grade members to council; Dinesh Aggarwal (London) with responsibility for professional affairs and Francesca Knapper (Bristol) for meetings. Their contribution to the Association, especially as we adjust to new ways of working in response to COVID, will be vital.

These posts will be taken up following the BIA AGM 2020.

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Specialised Commissioning Patient and Public Voice (PPV) roles

Patient and Public Voice (PPV) partners play a crucial role in specialised services and are represented across the board on our advisory groups and governance structures to ensure that the views of patients, carers and the public are at the heart of all we do.

There are currently PPV partner vacancies across specialised services, which are open to applications, and include roles within the PoCs (Programmes of Care), various CRGs and the independent member roles on PPVAG (Patient & Public Voice Assurance Group). Details are available [here](#)

The application packs and application forms are available on the website, however if you have any other enquiries please contact england.voice-crg@nhs.net

The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 22 September 2020**.

COVID-19: access to Elsevier resources and links to UK health services information

The BIA website has links to a wide range of resources and information [here](#)

Association of British Neurologists Surveillance Programme on Neurological/psychiatric manifestations of COVID-19

The Association of British Neurologists (ABN) have initiated a national surveillance study because it is becoming increasingly apparent that neurological/neuropsychiatric complications of COVID-19 are being identified, mostly in small case series. They are asking for clinicians to notify cases via their web portal: <https://www.coronerve.com>

COVID-19 Therapeutics Advice & Support Group (CTAG)

BIA continues to support the work of the COVID-19 Therapeutics Advice & Support Group (CTAG). CTAG has been established by a group of Drugs and Therapeutics Committees, Area Prescribing Committees and specialists to provide advice and support in the management of COVID-19 whilst national guidelines evolve.

Its ongoing work will be supported by BIA and the Royal College of Physicians through the Joint Specialist Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please visit the [CTAG website](#) for more information.

LearnInfection

a learning platform for infection trainees

LearnInfection is an online resource for infection trainees to test, learn and share knowledge on infection topics and best practice. Aimed at BIA trainees, it is available to all BIA members and can be accessed using your BIA login details.

Please take a look at <https://learn.britishinfection.org/>

BAJIR Bone and Joint Infection Registry

The BAJIR database is the UK Bone and Joint Infection Registry. It is designed to collect data on all patients with bone and joint infections in the UK.

The information will be used to better understand bone and joint infections and how best to treat them. It will also be used to assess and improve the quality of services across the NHS to achieve better outcomes for patients with these conditions.

For further information, or if you would like to join the BAJIR, visit <https://bajir.org/>.

Contact us via nhc-tr.bajir@nhs.net.



Grants

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

Please note: *The BIA grants provision is currently under review. BIA council will review the situation over the summer with a view to setting our position on research funding for the year in the Autumn.*

No calls for applications will be made before this time.

Guidelines

Consultations

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

Distributing vaccines and treatments for COVID-19 and flu

DHSC want your views on proposed changes to the Human Medicine Regulations to help with the safe and efficient distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine and expanded flu vaccine programme in the UK, along with treatments for COVID-19 and any other diseases that become pandemic.

Click for [further information and to view the documents](#)

Please provide comments to Anna Goodman Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by **5pm Thursday 17th September**, who will collate a BIA response

UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) 5th 'Annual Call for New Topics'

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) is welcoming you to take part in the 5th 'Annual Call for New Topics'. This is an opportunity for you to propose a national screening programme for a condition not yet considered by the UK NSC.

If you have an idea for a proposal, then please follow this link to be taken to the guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-nsc-evidence-review-process/appendix-d-how-to-submit-a-proposal-to-the-uk-nsc>

Please submit proposal ideas to Anna Goodman Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by **5pm, Monday 30th November**, who will collate a BIA response.

Published Guidelines

See [Published Guidelines](#) page for full information of all guidelines published

Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

CLIP, a new official journal of the BIA 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](#).

NITCAR Update

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

The National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) latest project aims to collate a dataset of necrotising otitis externa cases from across the UK. The project has launched and is recruiting interested centres.

Project lead: Susanne Hodgson. Email: interest@noe.nitcollaborative.org.uk to get involved

Visit <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/noe/> for further information.

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

Infection Events

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

Virology Study Day – Virtual Training

18th September 2020

Virtual Event

The Virology Study Day will provide trainees and consultants the opportunity for consultant led, interactive teaching to equip them with knowledge and skills for specialist medical virology practice and assessment. Experts in their fields will also provide an essential COVID-19 new treatments update which is incredibly relevant at the current time.

With an exciting line up of speakers including Professor Peter Horby, Professor Graham Foster, Professor Ian Brown, Dr Neil Almond, Dr Kevin Brown and Dr Stephen Winchester be sure to book your place.

Click for [further details and to book a place](#)

BIA Annual General Meeting

29th September 4 – 5pm

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

14 October 2020

Royal college of Physicians, London

This exciting one-day conference will explore the current challenges and treatment opportunities for Gram-negative infections. Delegates will, through plenary lectures, learn about resistance mechanisms, clinical presentations of Gram-negatives, the latest in research and development and hear about frontier and upcoming treatments.

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

For sponsorship and exhibition opportunities please contact Debbie Cockayne at Debbie@pagemedical.co.uk.

For general enquiries, please contact Esme Carruthers, BSAC Event Manager at Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk

BIA Autumn Trainees' Meeting - Virtual Meeting

Thursday 15th October 2020

12:30 – 18:00

Topics include:

- Anaerobic Infections - **Dr Harriet Hughes**, Public Health Wales
- Challenges in Mycology - **Professor Elizabeth Johnson**, PHE Mycology Reference Laboratory
- Trainee Abstracts: 'Clinical challenges of managing SARs-CoV-2 positive patients'
- Pandemic modelling in Covid - **Dr Jonathan Read**, Senior lecturer in Biostatistics, University of Lancaster

[View the programme](#)

Call for Abstracts

BIA invites trainees to submit abstracts regarding 'Clinical challenges of managing SARs-CoV-2 positive patients'. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, and ideally include a summary of several key learning points.

Please submit abstracts by **5pm, Monday 28th September 2020** via mail to Farnaz.Dave@nhs.net. Please include a title for your abstract and your place of work. Trainees invited to give oral presentations online will be notified by the end of the 1st October 2020.

£100 prize awarded for the best oral presentation.

For more information: [click here](#)

FIS|HIS INTERNATIONAL
2020

FEDERATION OF
infection societies

hosted by
Healthcare
Infection
Society

9-11 NOVEMBER 2020 ONLINE



FIS/HIS International 2020 will take place online between Monday 9 and Wednesday 11 November 2020.

The event brings together societies across the UK with interests in infectious diseases, clinical microbiology, biomedical science and infection control. The FIS societies are currently planning an engaging and interactive programme which will provide current research from a multitude of world experts in the field.

Click to [view the preliminary programme](#)

Registration

Registration is now open and will remain open for 3 months after the conference takes place. All registered delegates will have extended access to the conference content.

Click for [further registration details](#)

HIS/PHE Foundation course in infection prevention and control

17th – 20th November 2020

PHE Colindale

This four-day non-residential course, organised by HIS and Public Health England 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.

[Find out more and register.](#)

UK Clinical Vaccine Network Conference 2020

Friday 27th November, 2020

Wolfson College, Linton Road, Oxford OX2 6UD

Bringing together and showcasing the work of the UK clinical vaccine community, to facilitate co-operation and collaborate on future challenges.

Posters & abstracts

Abstract submissions for the 2020 conference are now open and will close on **Sunday 13th November 2020**

[Click here to register](#)

9th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC)

Monday 7th – Tuesday 8th December

Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG

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

[Click here to view the full programme](#)

Infectious Diseases symposium

Wednesday 9th December 2020

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

The 2020 RCPE ID symposium is intended to provide an update on challenges faced by dedicated infection specialists as well as generalists in the hospital setting and far beyond.

This event is open to all grades of medical, health care and scientific staff and to students.

[Click here](#) for more information

BIA Spring Trainees' Day 2021

Wednesday 19th May 2021

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

BIA 23rd Annual Spring Scientific Meeting 2021

Thursday 20th May 2021

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

39th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society

7th – 9th October 2021

Ljubljana, Slovenia

The main conference theme is: Joining forces: optimising diagnosis and management of bone and joint infections.

Find more information on the conference website: [Click here](#)

Workshops and Courses

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

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.

For further information [click here](#)

Advanced courses + scientific conferences

Welcome 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 virtual courses and conferences

Vacancies

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

Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Acute (Internal) Medicine

We are looking for a Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Acute (Internal) Medicine to join both a professorial unit of 10 Infection specialists who collectively deliver the Infection Services at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals (BSUH) NHS Trust and our innovative Department of Acute Medicine. The ID department serves as the regional hub for Infectious Diseases for Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

The post will mainly be based at the Royal Sussex County Hospital (RSCH) site in Brighton but may include some duties at the Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) site in Haywards Heath.

As a teaching hospital with close links to the Academic Department of Global Health and Infection at Brighton and Sussex Medical School and Brighton and Sussex Universities we would expect the successful candidate to contribute to undergraduate and postgraduate clinical training, across Foundation, Core medicine and especially within our joint Higher Speciality Training programme in Infectious Diseases-Medical Microbiology.

Closing date: **30th September 2020 at 1pm**

Click for [further information and to apply](#)

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