

BIA Monthly Digest – 21st October 2020

News Items

BIA fellowship recipient named among Time magazine’s 100 most influential people of the year

Professor Ravi Gupta has been chosen as one of the most influential people of 2020 by Time magazine. The list of 100 people is compiled annually and features artists, leaders, icons and pioneers drawn from events of the year.

Professor Gupta was selected for his work leading to the cure of HIV in Adam Castillejo, known as the “London Patient”. The cure, only the second to be described, was a result of stem-cell treatments for Hodgkin’s lymphoma using cells from a donor with a mutation in CCR5.

Professor Gupta’s research career began in 2006 and was funded by a BIA fellowship studying HIV drug resistance. “The BIA funding set me up for Wellcome Trust awards and ultimately set me on my career path – it was really valuable,” says Gupta. “My current research student also received a BIA award for work on HIV reservoirs and has done some excellent work on COVID-19.”

Click to [read the full BIA article](#)

First virtual BIA AGM held

The BIA held its first virtual AGM on Tuesday 29th September. Usually held as part of the Spring Meeting, which was cancelled due to Covid-19, the AGM was held via Teams and saw council members presenting the work carried out over the last year and its plans for the future.

If you were unable to attend at the time, a recording of the meeting can be found on the BIA members area of the website [here](#).

Please also take the time to complete the [feedback survey](#) once you have viewed the video

Clinical Services Committee Best Practice Standards Document

The BIA [Clinical Services Committee Best Practice Standards document](#) has now been published, with endorsement by the Royal College of Physicians.

A copy of the document can be found on the BIA [Clinical Services Committee: Microbiology and Medical Virology](#) page.

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

The next BIA grants call for applications will be made 2nd November 2020. Details to follow via email and on the BIA website.

Guidelines

Consultations

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

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

UK SMI V 58: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) serology

The [UK SMI V 58: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 \(SARS-CoV-2\) serology](#) has been issued.

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

Your attention is drawn to the [terms of use](#) of this website, which you must read before accessing the documents.

In cases of difficulties please contact the Standards Unit (standards@phe.gov.uk).

Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

CLIP, the online BIA journal is available [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

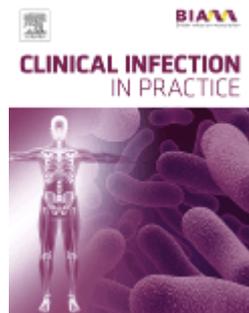
See [BIA NITCAR](#) page for more information

Regional and supra-regional audit and research collaboratives exist to facilitate larger scale audits, service evaluations and research projects. The aim of the National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) is to facilitate such multi-centre projects within the field of infection.

The Autumn Newsletter is now available please [click to view](#)

NITCAR's 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



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 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](#)

UK Clinical Vaccine Network Virtual 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 **Friday 30th October**.

[Click here for further information](#)

[Register here](#)

9th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC)

Tuesday 8th December

Virtual Event

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:

- Why me?... and other important questions patients ask
- Diagnosis of bone and joint infection
- Surgical management of prosthetic joint infection
- Wound closure
- Long bone osteomyelitis – surgery video
- The quinolone conundrum
- Fracture related infection
- Big data and current trials
- Managing expectations in rehabilitation

Click to view the [provisional programme](#)

To register please [click here](#)

Infectious Diseases symposium

Wednesday 9th December 2020

Virtual event

Infectious Diseases is a rapidly changing field with the advent of new and old pathogens, emergence of multidrug resistant organisms and an improved appreciation of the host-pathogen interactions. 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.

The event and CPD/feedback survey will be open for 2 weeks after the event so you can catch up on anything you miss live, and in any time zone.

[Click here](#) for more information

BSCA Into Clinical Practice: Pneumonia

Friday 22nd January 2021

Conference Webinar

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

This exciting one-day conference will explore the current challenges and treatment opportunities for Pneumonia. Delegates will, through plenary lectures and invited papers, learn about resistance mechanisms, clinical presentations of Pneumonia, 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.

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

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

Full Professor, Head of the infectious diseases Service

The Faculty of Biology and Medicine (FBM) and the Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV) are inviting applications for a position of Full Professor, Head of the infectious diseases Service.

The Service, made up of more than 85 employees, manages general infectious disease situations on the one hand, and those relating to highly specialized fields, such as infections and complications caused by the human immunodeficiency virus / HIV, those altering the immune defenses (pathogens) or linked to prostheses / implants, etc. Several research groups (biologists and physicians) work in the fields of basic, translational and clinical research.

Applications, in English, will include a motivation letter, a curriculum vitae, a copy of the five most relevant publications, as well as names and contact information of three referees, a brief statement of research interests and teaching experience and a copy of diplomas.

They should be submitted online by **31st October, 2020 (23:59 GMT+1)** [here](#)

The job description is available on [the same link](#)

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