

## **BIA Monthly Digest – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### **News Items**

#### **AGM Highlights**

##### **Election results**

Posts filled unopposed

- Vice President – Dr Katie Jeffery
- Hon. Secretary – Dr David Partridge
- Members Secretary – Dr Mark Melzer
- Communications Secretary – Dr Ed Moran

Post filled following election

- Guidelines Secretary – Dr Anna Goodman

We said a fond farewell to our departing President Dr Albert Mifsud, and welcomed our **new President Professor Martin Llewelyn**.

##### **Constitution Update**

The constitution update that was previously sent out to all members for comment, was approved.

##### **Membership Fee increase**

Proposed increase to membership fees was approved.

##### **Spring Meetings 2020 to be held in Manchester**

The proposal to hold the BIA Spring meetings in Manchester for 2020 was discussed, with the lower cost being a big benefit. This was approved.

##### **Call for support for Guidelines Committee**

Our Guidelines Secretary, Anna Goodman, is looking for trainee and consultant colleagues to support a guidelines group (please email [anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk) to join).

***AGM Minutes will be available on the BIA website soon.***

##### **NITCAR Update**

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

The Collaborative is trainee-led, bringing together infection trainees across the UK to facilitate multi-centre service evaluation, audit and research, to improve patient care within the field of infection. Since its inception in 2015, NITCAR has facilitated five trainee-led projects on a range of infection topics.

NITCAR has just seen its first collaborative project's study published. Led by Damian Mawer, the HOODINI (HOspital-Onset Diarrhoea INvestIgation) project's 32-centre, 80-author "Cross-sectional study of the prevalence, causes and management of hospital-onset diarrhoea", studying 5142 patients on 141 wards in 32 hospitals, can be read in the Journal of Hospital Infection ([doi.org/10.1016/j.jhin.2019.05.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhin.2019.05.001)), and shows a lower than previously recorded prevalence, multiple causes, and the possibility of missed *C. difficile* cases.

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 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.

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.

Remaining deadlines for 2019: **30th June**, 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 consultation on the updated indicator process guide**

The consultation on proposed amendments to the processes we use to develop NICE indicators is [open](#).

The NICE indicator process guide has been updated in accordance with its regular cycle of review. We welcome comments on the proposed updates to the guide.

If you'd like to comment on the draft updated indicator process guide, fill in the [consultation feedback form](#) and send to [Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk) by **9am, Friday 12th July**.

### **BHIVA OI guidelines gastrointestinal chapter – public consultation**

As part of a rolling programme of updating the BHIVA guidelines on treatment of opportunistic infections, the chapter on treatment of gastrointestinal opportunistic infections is now available for public consultation.

These guidelines have been developed to help physicians investigate and manage people living with HIV suspected of or having an opportunistic infection. They are primarily intended to guide practice in the UK and related health systems.

This chapter of the guidelines, relating to opportunistic infections of the gastrointestinal tract, is now open for public consultation until **Sunday 14 July 2019**.

Please [click here](#) to read and then submit your comments using the online form.

## **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](mailto: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

### **HIS Don't Panic! conference**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Midland Hotel, Manchester

Organised by the Healthcare Infection Society in association with the Infection Prevention Society

The annual Don't panic! conference takes a practical approach to current infection control issues and will be of interest to microbiologists, infection control practitioners, public health staff and biomedical scientists working in this area.

[The programme](#) will include sessions on:

- What to do about CPEs (or not)
- Sequencing – from theory to practice
- The role of behaviour in IPC and AMS

For more details visit <https://his.org.uk/training-events/dont-panic/>

### **DIPC development day - Outbreaks and the DIPC: managing the fallout**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Midland Hotel, Manchester

DIPC network and development programme meetings include speaker presentations, discussion sessions and a networking opportunity and is open to current or aspiring DIPCs and Deputy DIPCs, or those in a similar role irrespective of professional background.

For more information visit <https://www.his.org.uk/training-events/dipc-network-and-development-programme/2019/dipc-development-day-outbreaks-and-the-dipc-managing-the-fallout/>

### **9th National Orthopaedic Infection Forum**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Cavendish Conference Centre, 22 Duchess Mews, London W1G 9DT

A great opportunity for Orthopaedic Surgeons & Microbiologists to come together & discuss infection in this group of patients & stimulate our delegates to look at current methods, techniques & protocols that are in use across the UK.

#### **Topics to include:**

- International Consensus Meeting: reflections from orthopaedics & reflections from microbiology
- UK PJI – when, why and what next?
- Antibiotic passports
- Diagnostic update
- PhDs in infection
- Non-orthopaedic vascular infections
- Hernia implant infection
- Implant salvage for breast reconstruction
- Infections from maxofacial implants

Please click to [register](#)

### **Trainee education day - IPC in non-acute settings**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Birmingham Conference and Events Centre

HIS runs a structured trainee education programme specifically for medical microbiology, medical virology and infectious diseases trainees which is aligned to the RCPATH curricula. The programme for the day can be viewed [here](#).

For further details on registration, please click [here](#).

**1st Barts Heart Centre Infective Endocarditis (IE) Conference: Prosthetic Valve Endocarditis (PVE): Challenges and Opportunities**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Julian.tang@uhl-tr.nhs.uk) or [Nelun.perera@uhl-nhs.uk](mailto:Nelun.perera@uhl-nhs.uk) for more details or to book a place

**DIPC DAY 2019**

Sunday 22nd September

The Arena and Convention Centre, Liverpool, UK

This day will support leaders in infection prevention and control (IPC) by providing expert workshops and presentations on behaviour, challenges and quality improvement.

Online registration is available at [www.ips.uk.net/conference/dipc](http://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](http://www.ips.uk.net/conference)

**4th East Midlands Laboratory Diagnostic Mycology Course**

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th September 2019

Department of Microbiology 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 bio-markers, anti-fungal treatment and resistance to anti-fungal drugs, therapeutic drug monitoring, environmental sampling for fungi, fungi as aero-allergens and fungal case studies.

Please click to [view the flyer](#)

## **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



## **FIS 2019 Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2019**

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Antibiotic Resistance and Mechanisms Workshop for Researchers**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dirwin@bsac.org.uk)

### **International Congress on Infectious Diseases (19th ICID)**

20th - 23rd February 2020

Kuala Lumpur

ISID will hold its next International Congress on Infectious Diseases (19th ICID) in Kuala Lumpur from 20-23 February 2020, in partnership with the Malaysian Society for Infectious Diseases and Chemotherapy (MSIDC).

Please visit <https://icid.isid.org> for more information.

### **Virology-2019 - International Conference on Virology**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

Rome, Italy



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



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*“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](http://www.ips.uk.net/conference/dipc)

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Pathology Training Laboratory, Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester

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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](#) or [see our website](#) for updates, information and course materials.

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

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **19<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID), Kuala Lumpur**

February 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

*Currently no vacancies listed*

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