**Proposed changes to BIA Constitution**

Section 5f
Currently
The Secretary, the Treasurer and the Meetings Secretary shall serve a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination.
Proposed:
The Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-nomination.

**Section 6. Other Members of Council**

Currently:
a. All other posts on Council, with the exception of Clinical Services Secretary (Microbiology & Virology), Trainee positions and the Newsletter Editor shall be elected from among the Association's general membership.
Proposed:
a. All other posts on Council, with the exception of Newsletter Editor, shall be elected from among the Association’s general membership.

Currently:
b. The position of Clinical Services Secretary (Microbiology & Virology) will be held by the Chairman of the Clinical Services Committee (Microbiology & Virology). The post is filled by election from among the membership of the Clinical Services Committee, the membership of which comprises representatives from the various regions. The appointment is subject to ratification by Council.
Proposed:
b. The Clinical Services Secretary (MM&V) will chair the Clinical Services Committee (MM&V), the membership of which comprises representatives from the various regions.

Currently:
c. The positions of Trainee (Professional Affairs) and Trainee (Meetings) shall be elected from among training grade members.
Proposed:
This is no longer applicable and should be removed

No changes proposed
c. (previously d). The post of Newsletter Editor, who will normally be a training grade member, will be appointed by co-option by Council on the advice of the Chair of the Trainees' Committee.

No changes proposed
d. (previously e). Training grade members of Council shall serve for two years each; ideally, one will be from Microbiology and one from Infectious Diseases (or in either case a joint Microbiology or Virology/Infectious Diseases trainee). In the event of promotion to a consultant or equivalent post such members will be entitled to complete their term of office.

No changes proposed
e. (previously f). The Secretary for Associate members shall be open to scientifically-qualified members of the Association who are not medically qualified.

No changes proposed
f. (previously g). The Secretary for members from UK devolved administrations shall be open to members working in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

No changes proposed
g. (previously h). All non-training grade members of Council shall serve for three years each.

Currently:
h. (previously i). Retiring Council members shall not be eligible for immediate re-election except in exceptional circumstances.
Proposed:
h. Retiring Council members shall not be eligible for immediate re-election except in exceptional circumstances (exception: see 5f above).

No changes proposed
i. (previously j). Council shall have the rights to establish and dissolve specific Committees, Sub-Committees or working groups as deemed appropriate for the advancement of the Association's business.

New proposal
j. If, in the view of Council, a Council member is unable to fulfil their role due to illness or other unforeseen factors, the Council member will be required to resign from Council within 30 days. A member of the Association may be co-opted onto Council to fulfil the role but would be required to formally stand for election at the next opportunity.

British Infection Association Constitution

The British Infection Association has arisen from the fusion of the British

Infection Society and the Association of Medical Microbiologists. These

organisations have come together to enhance the prevention, management,

and control of infection and to improve professional representation on national

bodies formulating policy about training, continuing professional development

and delivering health care in the field of infection.

1. Title

The name of the new organisation shall be British Infection Association.

2. Aims of the Association

The Association aims to work to ensure the optimum delivery of healthcare to

patients diagnosed with infection, and to represent the interests of its members.

Specifically:

to anybody seeking advice relevant to infection or infection professionals.

Groups who might be expected to consult The British Infection Association

include, but are not limited to, the Department of Health and similar bodies in

the devolved governments, the Royal Colleges, NICE, statutory medical

bodies, House of Lords select committees and other professional bodies

of guidelines, working in collaboration where appropriate.

professional duties

particular to support training grades.

infection and to work towards the development of an integrated voice for

infection specialists.

general public and to patients.

3. Membership

Membership will be open to all graduates in medicine and science and to members

of other professional groups who are in support of the objectives of the Association.

There will be four categories of Membership as follows