

BIA Monthly Digest – 17th January 2017

News items

NICE Quality Standard: Tuberculosis – new QS published on 10 January.

NICE Diagnostics Assessment Programme: Integrated multiplex PCR tests for identifying gastrointestinal pathogens in people with suspected gastroenteritis – published on 11 January.

See [News Updates section](#) for further information and links.

Consultations

Your input into current consultations is very much appreciated and allows a cohesive BIA response to be sent to the consulting organisation.

NICE Proposed Single Technology Appraisal: Sofosbuvir – GS-9857 – velpatasvir for treating chronic hepatitis C [ID1055]. Draft Scope Consultation.

Please send comments by **30 January**.

Draft documents on the planned appraisal are available via NICE docs for comment; please email anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk with comments by **30th January**. If you require the full documents, please email BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk and they will send you a copy. If no responses are received by this date the BIA will submit a response stating that our organisation supports this planned appraisal.

See [Consultations page](#) for full details.

Infectious Disease Undergraduate Curriculum

The BIA and Imperial College London are developing an Infectious disease (ID) medical undergraduate curriculum using a Delphi model. The aim of the project is to set out the minimum ID knowledge, skills and attitudes all medical students should have by the time they qualify. We would be grateful if you could participate in this initial survey, which will be open for the next **2 weeks**.

See [Professional Affairs Updates page](#).

Recently announced events

- 2 Mar 2017 Infections During Pregnancy (Edgbaston)
- 10 Mar 2017 4th Antimicrobials Educational Conference (London)
- 24 Mar 2017 Antimicrobial Stewardship/Resistance: Where Next? (Birmingham)
- 28 Mar 2017 The Future of Infection Prevention and Control Conference 2017 (Salford)
- 6 Apr 2017 Doctor, I've been bitten (London)

19-21 Jun 2017 Transmission of Respiratory Viruses (Hong Kong)

9-13 July 2017 FEMS 2017 – 7th Congress of European Microbiologists (Spain)

5-7 Sept 2017 Fighting Back Against Infectious Disease (online)

7-9 Sept 2017 36th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society (France)

5-8 Feb 2018 Breaking the Cycle of Parasitic Infections (online)

See [Events section](#).

New Courses

The Terence Higgins Trust has announced a programme of courses to take place in Glasgow, including HIV Awareness Training (17 Feb, 17 March and 20 April) and Hepatitis C 101 (22 March).

Antimicrobial Stewardship: Managing Antibiotic Resistance. Free online course lasting 6 weeks, beginning 27 Feb 2017.

See [Workshops & Courses page](#).

Reminders

The BSAC/HIS Spring Conference: The Global Challenge of Multi-drug Resistant Gram Negative Bacterial Infections will take place on **14 March** in London. **Abstract submission deadline: 27 Jan**. See [Infection Events](#) section.

NITCAR: the next Annual Meeting will take place on **16 March** in Leeds. Registration now open via the NITCAR website. See [NITCAR page](#).

RCP Graham Bull prize & Goulstonian Lectureship: opportunity for young research workers who feel they have made a major contribution to clinical science to apply for £1000 Graham Bull prize and to deliver the Goulstonian lecture at an RCP event. **Closing date for applications – 31 March**. See [News section](#).

BMA foundation grants – H C Roscoe Grant: the H C Roscoe grant is to assist research into the elimination of the common cold and/or other viral diseases of the human respiratory system. **Closing date for applications – 3 March**. See [Grants page](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Vacancies

Clinical Academic Early Career Opportunity: St George's, University of London are currently recruiting into new clinical Senior Lecture positions in areas of research strength, including Infection & Immunity. **Closing date for applications – 22 January**.

Head of TB, APOPO, Tanzania: APOPO is a Belgian NGO that has developed an innovative method using rats to detect landmines and tuberculosis using their sense of smell. **Closing date for applications – 20 January**.

See [Jobs section](#).