

## BIA Monthly Digest – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### News Items

#### **BIA Elections 2022 – nominations to open soon**

Nominations for the BIA Council Elections for 2022 open soon on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

These positions are up for renewal:

- Guidelines Secretary
- Communications Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Manpower and Training Secretary
- Trainee (Professional Affairs) Secretary
- Trainee (Meetings) Secretary

Please think about whether you would like to join the BIA Council in any of these roles.

Information about all of the council officer roles can be found here:

<https://www.britishinfection.org/about-bia/officer-roles>

#### **Train-the-trainer in Genomic Pathogen Surveillance Needs Assessment**

The T3Connect Project is conducting a survey to understanding needs and gaps for strengthening pathogen genomics data science skills among healthcare professionals.

BIA members who may be involved in pathogen genomics, clinical microbiology, infection control or other related areas are invited to complete the T3Connect Training needs survey via this

LINK <https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/ttt-in-pathogen-genomics1>

*T3Connect - Data Science and Genomic Pathogen Surveillance Training Programme*, is a collaborative project by the [Centre for Genomic Pathogen Surveillance](#) and [Wellcome Connecting Science](#), aimed at strengthening capacity for pathogen genomics and data science in the UK. We will use this information to tailor the T3Connect training programme, aimed at equipping healthcare scientists and professionals with skills to train others and effectively disseminate data science information to various stakeholders.

### Resources

**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/>

## Guidelines

### Consultations

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

### **BSACI draft penicillin allergy de-labelling guidelines**

The BSACI draft penicillin allergy de-labelling guidelines have been approved. These can be found in the [members area of the BIA website](#).

As a stakeholder, BIA would appreciate your support in reviewing the guidelines and providing comment to Anna Goodman [Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk) by **5pm Wednesday 2nd March**.

Thank-you in advance

### Published Guidelines

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

## Grants

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

### **BIA Grant applications have now closed.**

The second round of travel grants will open this spring.

### **BMA Foundation grants - H C Roscoe**

The BMA Foundation awards research grants each year (totalling approximately £910,000) to encourage and further medical research in a variety of areas. One of these grants, the H C Roscoe, is to assist research into elimination of the common cold and/or other viral diseases of the human respiratory system. Applications are invited from UK-registered medical practitioners or research scientists working in the UK and can be for either research in progress or prospective research.

The 2022 BMA Foundation grants are closing soon. The deadline for applications is on **4 March 2022**.

Click to [view the leaflet](#) or [visit the website](#) for further details

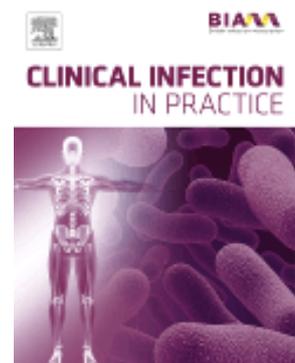
If you have any queries, please contact [researchgrants@bma.org.uk](mailto:researchgrants@bma.org.uk) or telephone 020 7383 6341.

## 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.

**All trainees and associate members of BIA are invited to participate in NITCAR studies and are encouraged to sign up to the NITCAR mailing list to keep up to date with new projects and updates**  
(<http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/contact/>)

**Name change – Please note the new name – to reflect contribution of all Allied Healthcare Professionals.** We are actively welcoming project ideas from allied healthcare professionals and will be actively seeking committee members from our AHP colleagues next year. Watch this space for further updates.



**CALL FOR PROJECT IDEAS!** - NITCAR is actively looking for new project proposals for 2021-22. If you have a project idea that might benefit from our multi-centre network, please get in touch with us via the contact form on our website <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/contact/>. New project ideas will be heard at the BIA Spring Trainees meeting 2022

### **Ongoing projects**

Check out our [website](#) for updates on all other projects

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](http://www.nitcollaborative.org.uk)

Follow us on Twitter @NITCAR\_UK

### **Infection Events**

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

### **BIA Sustainability Webinar**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Virtual event

Chair: Louise Dunsmure, Consultant Pharmacist, Oxford

Topics Include:

- Antibiotic Supply Chains
- Antibiotic footprint

- Optimising antibiotic use
- Infection control sustainability
- Glove reduction
- Mask sustainability
- Reusable instruments
- Diagnostic sustainability
- Reducing testing - Case studies

Registration: **free of charge**

To register please click here: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/sus0-home/>

## **DECON UK 2022**

6th April 2022

Molineux Stadium, Wolverhampton

This event is free to healthcare professionals

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust jointly brings you DECON UK 2022.

This one-day conference is taking place at Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton on 6 April 2022 and promises to offer delegates the latest in decontamination education and expertise, with informative sessions and a range of exhibiting companies.

Who should attend?

DECON UK 2022 will be of particular interest to sterile services managers, decontamination leads, GP's, theatre nurses, infection control and endoscopy staff.

Programme Highlights

We aim to provide a high quality of educational content to our delegates, this will cover:

- ▶ Protein residue removal from surgical instruments and endoscopes
- ▶ What can go wrong in decontamination services
- ▶ What happens when a healthcare trust fails to deliver safe water
- ▶ Endoscopy waters and reprocessing
- ▶ Decontamination – the chemistries
- ▶ Role of the authorising engineer
- ▶ Biofilms and how to remove them

In addition to the educational component of the day, this event will also highlight the products and services of commercial companies within this sector and how they can aid in the everyday, working lives of our delegates.

Register now at <https://fitwise.eventsair.com/deconuk2022/>

## **ECCMID 2022**

23rd - 26th April 2022

Hybrid - Lisbon, Portugal and Online

The 31st European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases (ECCMID), will take place in Lisbon, Portugal and online 23 – 26 April 2022.

ECCMID, as the world's premier Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases event, brings together experts from many fields to present their latest findings, guidelines and experiences to an audience of over 14,000 colleagues.

Visit [ECCMID 2022](#) for all conference information and to register.

### **NHS Highland Conference 2022**

Tuesday 26th April 2022

Drumossie Hotel, Inverness

Event website: <https://fitwise.eventsair.com/cmspreview/2022-nhs-highland/>

This event is **FREE to healthcare professionals**.

NHS Highland brings you their annual conference dedicated to infection prevention and control.

This one-day conference will take place at the Drumossie Hotel in Inverness on **26 April 2022** and will offer delegates the latest developments in infection prevention and control. The conference will feature a rich programme of informative sessions and a range of exhibiting companies.

#### **Programme Highlights**

- Water safety: Chain of Infection - A reservoir of organisms
- Re-envisaging hand hygiene practice
- Respiratory Health Effects from Cleaning Products
- Public Health update

For more information or to register, visit the event

website: <https://fitwise.eventsair.com/cmspreview/2022-nhs-highland/>

If you have any questions, please call the events team on 01506 292 042 or email [events@fitwise.co.uk](mailto:events@fitwise.co.uk)

### **Antimicrobial Resistance Conference 2022 - Wellcome Connecting Science**

27th – 29th April 2022

Virtual Conference

Antimicrobial Resistance – Genomes, Big Data and Emerging Technologies

We are pleased to announce the third Wellcome Connecting Science meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). Antimicrobial resistance has become a major challenge in our globalised world, and tackling it will take the combined resources and effort of researchers working across different disciplines.

Topics will include:

- Global trends in AMR

- Genomic surveillance
- Antimicrobial discovery
- Point of care detection
- Machine learning and GWAS approaches
- Translation into clinical practice and policy

This conference will bring together basic researchers, clinicians, computer scientists, and policymakers interested in pathogen genomics, epidemiology and surveillance, machine learning, as well as the development of novel diagnostic and therapeutic tools and approaches.

[Visit the website for further information and to register](#)

### **3rd International World of Microbiome Conference**

28th - 30th April 2022

Vienna, Austria

Join the international community at The World of Microbiome 2022 Conference [www.microbiome.kenes.com](http://www.microbiome.kenes.com)

This year the program is based on three carefully curated learning and networking zones to advance research, understanding & application in the world of microbiome.

These zones are specifically designed to bring the latest insights in each topic, highlight the interrelations between all of them and foster collaboration among clinicians, researchers, and the industry.

If you have completed exciting new research in the field, you are invited to submit a late breaking abstract until **31 January 2022**.

### **BIA Spring Trainees Day**

Wednesday 25th May 2022

*Hybrid Event*

DoubleTree by Hilton Bristol City Centre

Please join us in Bristol for the Spring Trainees' Day, providing trainees with the opportunity to hear lectures on topical issues given by a range of experts, as well as providing a chance to network and contribute to debate.

Further information to follow.

#### **Registration Fees:**

One day registration: £60

Two days registration: £90

(prices inclusive of VAT)

Registration link: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/biad-home/>

## **24th Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting**

Thursday 26th May 2022

Hybrid meeting

Please join us in Bristol for the 24th Annual Spring Scientific Meeting. This meeting represents a superb opportunity to communicate with and to learn from colleagues working in the full range of infection-related disciplines.

This will be our first hybrid meeting with both an in person and virtual component, allowing for both in-person networking and increased accessibility and flexibility provided by the virtual day.

We are very fortunate that the programme includes three distinguished invited speakers as well as an Associate members symposium, we look forward to welcoming you in Bristol.

### **Registration Fees:**

One day registration: £60

Two days registration: £90

(prices inclusive of VAT)

Registration link: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/biad-home/>

### **Call for abstract submissions**

We need you, the members, to be prepared to contribute through presenting your research, laboratory or clinical, and your clinical lessons.

The ideal presentations are those given by colleagues who are currently in post-graduate training, as they (you!) represent the future of infection research and practice in the UK. The [abstract instructions](#) will give you further guidance.

That said, we are always happy to receive abstracts from anyone who would like to present, including principal researchers, consultants and non-clinical scientists. Where possible we would encourage consultants and lead researchers to consider asking more the junior members of their teams to deliver the presentation.

So please submit the best and most thought-provoking abstracts you can muster - the team at BIA will be very pleased to receive them.

**The deadline for submission of abstracts is 5pm, 25th March 2022.** Please note that you will not receive any reminders before this date. Authors will be notified of acceptance by the 8th April 2022

To submit your abstract please click here: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/3825/submitter>

## **RSTMH 47th Annual Topics in Infection**

17th June 2022

London + Virtual

Save the date for this annual meeting, now in its forty-seventh year in partnership with Barts Health and UKHSA. Following feedback, we can confirm the next event will be on 17 June 2022. Attendees will have the opportunity to join in person and online.

This one-day meeting brings together microbiologists, consultants in infectious disease, infection control nurses and biomedical and clinical scientists to hear updates on recent “hot topics” in all aspects of infectious disease.

Registration will open in February 2022, speaker announcements will be posted [here](#).

### **ISSI 2022**

Perth, Australia

28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

It is a pleasure to invite you to participate in the 19th International Symposium on Staphylococci and Staphylococcal Infections, which will be held on 28 – 31 August 2022 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in Perth, Australia.

ISSI 2022 will cover many interdisciplinary subjects regarding staphylococci and staphylococcal infections. Sessions will be presented by the world’s leading experts in each of the research fields. Oral and poster sessions will be an integral part of the program as well, and all delegates are invited to submit abstracts.

Click to [register your interest](#)

### **BIA Autumn Trainees Day**

9th November 2022 (change of date)

Please join us in Birmingham for the Autumn Trainees' Day, providing trainees with the opportunity to hear lectures on topical issues given by a range of experts, as well as providing a chance to network and contribute to debate.

Further information to follow.

### **5th Infection Dilemmas Day - Neurological Infections**

New date: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Studio, Birmingham

To register please click here: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/biac-home/>

### **ICC 2022**

Perth, Australia

27th - 30th November 2022

32nd International Congress of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, Perth Western Australia.

Further details to follow at [32nd ICC 2022 - 32nd ICC 2022 \(32icc.org\)](https://32icc.org)

Click to [register your interest](#)

## Workshops and Courses

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

### **HTD Centenary Seminars**

HTD is sharing learning about clinical management of tropical medicine and imported and emerging infections to celebrate 100 years.

**Launches Thursday 27 Jan 2022, 6-8pm.** Speakers and chairs include:

- Chris Whitty, Chris van Tullock, Phil Gothard, Naina McCann, Steve Walker, Gauri Godbole, Mike Brown, Sarah Logan & Anna Checkley.
- Training the next generation: then and now.
- The next 100 years of emerging infectious threats.
- Clinical cases from the HTD.

**Then on the fourth Thurs each month 6-7pm in 2022 we'll share learning on:**

- Refugee & Migrant health
- Chagas
- Emerging arbovirology
- Fever in returning traveller
- Malaria and babesia
- Leishmaniasis
- Endemic mycoses and cryptococcosis
- Encephalitis and other tropical brain infections
- Infectious & Tropical histopathology
- Complex / Tropical cases: a nursing perspective.

[Register here for launch & the series.](#) CPD accreditation being requested. Free to health care professionals.

### **Liverpool Neurological Infectious Diseases Course**

We are pleased to announce that registration for this year's face-to-face course on 14th and 15th June 2022 in Liverpool is now open here: [NeuroID - Liverpool Neurological Infectious Diseases Course 2022 | University of Liverpool](#). Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The early bird rate is available until 28th February 2022. So please secure your place now to avoid disappointment.

You will find the [final programme on our website](#) closer to the time.

### **Advanced courses + scientific conferences**

Wellcome 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

### **LIVERPOOL CLINICAL PHD PROGRAMME FOR HEALTH PRIORITIES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH (4 POSTS)**

The University of Liverpool and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine seek applications from clinically qualified graduates for our next annual cohort of Clinical PhD studentships, commencing 1st September 2022, and funded by The Wellcome Trust. These posts offer exciting opportunities for research training, and are designed as the first step towards developing a research career in diseases of resource poor settings. The Liverpool Clinical PhD Programme has strong links with many potential overseas research sites.

The successful applicants will be based overseas, typically spending 2 or more of the 3 years in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC), completing a clinical research PhD project, addressing a research question of relevance to local health needs. Applicants may spend a reduced period of time overseas should personal circumstances dictate, but the need to focus on health problems relevant to LMICs would remain essential.

Applicants for the scheme can include graduates who possess a clinical qualification and license to practice in the UK. This includes doctors, midwives, nurses, public health trainees, pharmacists and other allied health professionals and veterinary graduates.

View [full details](#) and the [Job Specification](#)

Closing date: **23:30 Friday 18th February**

### **Consultant in Medical Microbiology and Infection**

Applications are invited for a substantive consultant post within the Division of Infection at Barts Health NHS Trust. This is an exciting opportunity to join an expanding department that comprises an integrated clinical team of Microbiologists, Virologists and Infectious diseases physicians, as well as having an on-site diagnostic laboratory.

This is a replacement post and is based on rotation at both the Royal London (RLH) and Whipps Cross University (WXUH) hospitals. This substantive post is suitable for consultants in Medical Microbiology and those with dual accreditation in Medical Microbiology and Infectious diseases.

The post holder will work as part of an integrated Department of Infection, joining 13 permanent and 4 locum/honorary consultant colleagues across the Trust.

[View the job advert](#) for full post details and to apply

**Closing date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Candidates are encouraged to visit the department. Informal discussions are encouraged and you are invited to contact:

Dr Caryn Rosmarin, Microbiology Consultant and Clinical Lead at [crosmarin@nhs.net](mailto:crosmarin@nhs.net)

Dr Louise Bowles, Clinical Director at [louise.bowles@nhs.net](mailto:louise.bowles@nhs.net)

### **Consultant in Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases**

Barts Health NHS Trust is seeking enthusiastic and motivated applicants to join our integrated clinical team of infection specialists. This post is based on rotation at both the Royal London (RLH) and Newham University (NUH) hospitals, providing excellent opportunities to work in both a large academic tertiary care centre and an acute general hospital in the East End of London. This substantive post is suitable for dual accredited consultants who hold a CCT or equivalent in both Medical Microbiology and Infectious diseases.

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to a growing department of Microbiologists, Virologists and Infectious diseases physicians, as well as working in a Trust with an on-site diagnostic laboratory.

The successful candidate will work alongside consultant colleagues to provide a microbiology and infectious diseases consultant service at RLH, a busy tertiary care hospital delivering general and specialist services to the population of North East London and beyond.

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### **Consultant in Medical Microbiology and Infection (with Antimicrobial Stewardship Responsibilities)**

Barts Health NHS Trust is seeking enthusiastic and motivated applicants to join our integrated clinical team of infection specialists. This new substantive post is based primarily at the Royal London (RLH) hospital, with a rotation to one or both of the Barts Health acute general hospitals – Whipps Cross University (WXUH) and/or Newham University (NUH), providing excellent opportunities to work in both a large academic tertiary care centre and an acute general hospital in the East End of London.

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to an expanding department of Microbiologists, Virologists and Infectious diseases physicians, as well as working in a Trust with an on-site diagnostic laboratory.

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### **Locum Consultant in Medical Microbiology or Infection**

Applications are invited for a fixed term locum consultant post in medical microbiology (or medical microbiology with infectious diseases) within the Division of Infection at Barts Health NHS Trust available from January 2022. This post is based at Newham University Hospital (NUH) and St Bartholomew's Hospital (SBH) and is to cover sabbatical leave for at least a 12 month period.

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to an expanding department that comprises an integrated clinical team of Microbiologists, Virologists and Infectious diseases physicians, as well as having an on-site diagnostic laboratory at the Royal London (RLH) in Whitechapel.

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