

BIA Monthly Digest – 17th November 2021

News Items

BIA Grants 2022 - Applications Open

Applications are currently open for the BIA grants call 2022 – see the Grants section for full details and visit:

<https://www.britishinfection.org/grant>

European SANTA-survey – BIA Invitation

This is an online survey about the antibiotic treatment of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia that is being distributed in several European countries.

For many aspects of the treatment of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteraemia evidence is lacking. It is currently unknown whether this leads to variation of treatment in clinical practice. With this survey we aim to systematically investigate clinical practice variation.

Participation is voluntary and anonymous. Filling in the survey takes about 10 minutes. The target group for completing the questionnaire are Internists, Infectious diseases specialists and Medical Microbiologists (in training).

So far, we have received >300 responses and we hope to share the survey with British microbiologists and infectious disease clinicians as well.

You can find the questionnaire via the link below:

<https://vumc.datacoll.nl/santa>

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Yours sincerely,

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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/>

HEE elfh Sexual Health and HIV elearning programme

- Health Education England elearning for healthcare (HEE elfh) has worked with the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) and the Royal College of Physicians to add new content to the Sexual Health and HIV programme (eHIV-STI).

- A new session, [Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare for Trans, Non-binary and Intersex People](#), is now available as part of the elearning programme. This session aims to aid understanding of the diversity of gender identity and support sexual health professionals to facilitate effective sexual and reproductive healthcare for trans, non-binary, and intersex people.
- The new session can be found in the '[Approach to patient](#)' module. For more information about the elearning programme and to access the full list of available sessions, visit the [Sexual Health and HIV programme page](#).

Guidelines

Consultations

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

UK SMI S12: Sepsis and other systemic and disseminated infections

You are invited to take part in this consultation process, please go to the relevant page by clicking on the link below, where you can access the document and consultation form.

[UK SMI S12: Sepsis, and other systemic and disseminated infections \(UNDER CONSULTATION\)](#)

Please send comments by **5:00pm on 29 November 2021** using the consultation form provided on the website.

The relevant Working Group will review all comments received, which will form proposals for changes to the documents. All comments will be assessed and documented with the UK SMI upon issue, which will be available on our website. If you do not wish your comments to be published on the website, please contact us via email.

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

BIA endorsement of the EBJIS PJI definition

The European Bone and Joint Society have requested the BIA endorse their new prosthetic joint infection definition. To provide comment, please read the [paper](#) and [infographic](#) and respond to anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by **5pm Tuesday 30th November**.

If we do not receive any responses, we will be supporting this paper as written.

NICE: Cytomegalovirus infection (refractory, resistant) - maribavir (after transplant) Appraisal 3900

We would appreciate it if a member of the BIA with the appropriate experience could volunteer to attend the NICE meeting on 7th July 2022 and provide stakeholder engagement on behalf of infection specialists to the Single Technology Appraisal

Maribavir for treating refractory or resistant cytomegalovirus infection after transplant [ID3900]

If you fit this description, please also complete the commissioning organisation submission template downloaded from the members area of the BIA website asap and send it to anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk

UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) Annual Call for New Topics

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) is welcoming you to the 6th '[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 complete the [guidance and template submission form](#) and send to Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk

The deadline for submissions is **5pm, Wednesday 1st December**

UK NSC have published a helpful blog on the Annual Call for topics:

<https://nationalscreening.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/06/uk-nsc-annual-call-for-topics/>

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 Two Year Research Grant - Applications open

These awards provide consumables costs for trainees undertaking an infection-related research project in an academic centre in the UK or Ireland. It is envisaged funds would be used to support preliminary study in a field with intention of developing the work either through a research fellowship or as an independent investigator.

Type of Award: One award will be made of £20,000 for two years, to cover non-salary costs of research only.

Closing Date: 31 January 2022

Application Process: Complete the [BIA Grant Application Form](#) and return to [BIA Scientific & Research Secretary](#)

Tenure: 2 years

Eligibility: UK or Ireland-based clinically-qualified trainees in infection or infection-related specialities who are not in a consultant-level post. This includes nurses, pharmacists and other patient-facing careers. All applicants must be supported by a named supervisor(s) at place on intended research.

BIA Small Project Grant - Applications open

These awards provide consumables costs for trainees undertaking an infection-related research project in an academic centre in the UK or Ireland. It is envisaged funds would be used to support preliminary study in a field with intention of developing the work either through a research fellowship or as an independent investigator.

Type of Award: Up to four awards will be made of up to £10,000 for 12 months, to cover non-salary costs of research only.

Closing Date: 31 January 2022

Application Process: Complete the [BIA Grant Application Form](#) and return to [BIA Scientific & Research Secretary](#)

Tenure: 1 year

Eligibility: UK or Ireland-based clinically-qualified trainees in infection or infection-related specialities who are not in a Consultant-level post. This includes nurses, pharmacists and other patient-facing careers. All applicants must be supported by a named supervisor(s) at place on intended research.

BIA Travel Awards - Applications open

These awards support registration and travel (if appropriate) to major national or international meetings (either in person or on-line), in particular, ASM, ICAAC, IDSA, and ECCMID to present original research, where the abstract is already accepted. Accommodation costs may also be included, up to the £1000 grant limit.

There are three rounds of travel awards per year, with two prizes being awarded per round. Deadlines for 2021 are 31st January, 30th May and 31st October.

Applications for the January travel award round are now open.

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.

Closing date 5pm, Monday 31st January 2022

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.

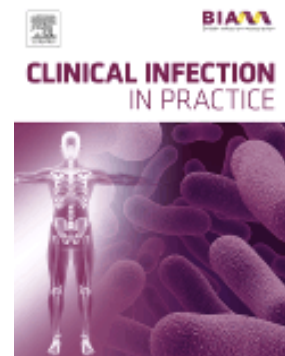
The CLIP Editor in Chief is Professor Martin Wiselka supported by a distinguished Editorial team.

Visit the [Elsevier website](#) for further information

To submit an article please [click here](#).

NITCAR Update

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



NITCAR Update

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/>)

Projects currently recruiting

Deadline for new site enrolment - **November 2021**

CO-GENT Clinical Outcomes in Gentamicin Prescribing and Monitoring: National Audit A
multicentre audit and service evaluation of extended-interval gentamicin prescribing and monitoring (GPM), to assess current practice, audit practice against local policies, and describe clinical outcomes using different strategies in GPM.

Project lead: Dr Raqib Huq

Please express your interest by emailing interest@co-gent.nitcollaborative.org.uk

The Protocol is available [here](#).

Visit <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/co-gent/> for further information

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

Follow us on Twitter @NITCAR_UK

Infection Events

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

Infection 2021: BSAC Winter Conference

Hybrid: online and in person at The QEII Centre, London
9-10 December 2021

<https://bsac.org.uk/infection-2021/>

2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the BSAC and to say thank you to our members, we would like to offer you a complimentary in person registration at our Winter Conference which will be held in London between 9 – 10 December 2021.

Details of our RCPATH accredited programme can be found here <https://bsac.org.uk/infection-2021/>

Please note: we will be strictly adhering to all current Government COVID guidelines. To view the COVID Secure Guidelines for The QEII Centre, London, please click [here](#).

Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Conference (ACC2022)

Virtual event

2nd & 3rd February 2022

This virtual conference is jointly organised by GARDP and the BSAC. For 2022, we are collaborating with the Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy (CDDEP) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

To view the programme, book your free place and submit your abstracts, please visit the conference website www.acc-conference.com

Deadline for abstract submissions – **10th December 2021**

This conference is RCPATH CPD accredited.

Biology of Vector-borne Diseases six-day course

Idaho, USA

13th – 18th June 2022

The University of Idaho Center for Health in the Human Ecosystem (CHHE) is hosting its annual Biology of Vector-borne Diseases six-day course, Monday through Saturday, June 13-18, 2022, on the UI campus in Moscow, Idaho.

This course provides accessible, condensed training and "knowledge networking" for advanced graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, new faculty and current professionals to ensure competency in basic biology, current knowledge and cutting edge technology for U.S. and global vector-borne diseases of plants, animals and humans.

This course seeks to create an enduring community of participants and instructors who understand the biological connections across diverse vector-borne diseases to expand the impact and sustainability of integrated solutions to their control in complex human ecosystems.

Read the [course flyer](#) for further information

Applications will be reviewed starting December 1, 2021, and applicants will be notified of their acceptance for the course in Spring 2022. Registration for the course includes lodging, meals, course materials, and social activities.

A link to our event is: <https://www.uidaho.edu/cals/center-for-health-in-the-human-ecosystem/education/vector-borne-diseases>

ISSSI 2022

Perth, Australia

28th - 31st 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.

ISSSI 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](#)

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 \(32icc.org\)](#)

Click to [register your interest](#)

Workshops and Courses

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

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

No jobs postings at present

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