

## **BIA Monthly Digest – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

### **News Items**

#### **Specialist Committee Member recruitment to the Diagnostics Advisory Committee – Exploratory economic modelling of SARS-CoV-2 viral detection point of care tests and serology tests**

The Diagnostics Advisory Committee requests specialists to join the committee for the evaluation of [‘Exploratory economic modelling of SARS-CoV-2 viral detection point of care tests and serology tests’](#).

The independent Diagnostics Advisory Committee considers evidence on the clinical and cost effectiveness of innovative medical diagnostic technologies and formulates recommendations to the NICE Diagnostics Assessment programme on the adoption of medical diagnostic technologies in the NHS.

For full information and details about how to apply, please see the [NICE website](#)

The closing date for applications is **5pm on Monday 14 September 2020**

#### **COVID-19: access to Elsevier resources and links to UK health services information**

The BIA website has links to a wide range of resources and information [here](#)

#### **Association of British Neurologists Surveillance Programme on Neurological/psychiatric manifestations of COVID-19**

The Association of British Neurologists (ABN) have initiated a national surveillance study because it is becoming increasingly apparent that neurological/neuropsychiatric complications of COVID-19 are being identified, mostly in small case series. They are asking for clinicians to notify cases via their web portal: <https://www.coronerve.com>

#### **COVID-19 Therapeutics Advice & Support Group (CTAG)**

BIA continues to support the work of the COVID-19 Therapeutics Advice & Support Group (CTAG). CTAG has been established by a group of Drugs and Therapeutics Committees, Area Prescribing Committees and specialists to provide advice and support in the management of COVID-19 whilst national guidelines evolve.

Its ongoing work will be supported by BIA and the Royal College of Physicians through the Joint Specialist Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please visit the [CTAG website](#) for more information.

# 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/>

## BAJIR Bone and Joint Infection Registry

The BAJIR database is the UK Bone and Joint Infection Registry. It is designed to collect data on all patients with bone and joint infections in the UK.

The information will be used to better understand bone and joint infections and how best to treat them. It will also be used to assess and improve the quality of services across the NHS to achieve better outcomes for patients with these conditions.

For further information, or if you would like to join the BAJIR, visit <https://bajir.org/>.

Contact us via [nhc-tr.bajir@nhs.net](mailto:nhc-tr.bajir@nhs.net).



## Grants

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

**Please note:** *The BIA grants provision is currently under review. BIA council will review the situation over the summer with a view to setting our position on research funding for the year in the Autumn. No calls for applications will be made before this time.*

## Guidelines

### Consultations

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

### **UK SMI B 60: detection of bacteria with carbapenem hydrolysing $\beta$ lactamases (carbapenemases)**

Your comments are requested on the following document. To take part in the consultation process please go to the relevant page by clicking on the link below, where you can access the document.

[UK SMI B 60: detection of bacteria with carbapenem hydrolysing  \$\beta\$  lactamases \(carbapenemases\)](#)  
(UNDER CONSULTATION)

Please send comments by **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020, 10:00am** to Anna Goodman ([Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk)) who will collate a response on behalf of BIA.

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**NICE: Secondary infection of common skin conditions including eczema: antimicrobial prescribing**

Your comments are requested on the following document. To take part in the consultation process please go to the relevant page by clicking on the link below, where you can access the document.

[Secondary infection of common skin conditions including eczema: antimicrobial prescribing](#)

Please send comments by **Thursday 3rd September 2020**, 10:00am to Anna Goodman ([Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk)) who will collate a response on behalf of BIA.

If you have any queries about this consultation, please contact [infections@nice.org.uk](mailto:infections@nice.org.uk)

**Published Guidelines**

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

We are pleased to inform you that the following UK SMI has been issued. We would be grateful if you could please forward this email to your members for their information.

[UK SMI ID 5: identification of Bordetella species, review of users comments.](#) (ISSUED)

Comments that have been received as part of the consultation process for the development of the UK SMI can be seen in the associated review of user's comments document. Anyone who does not want their comment(s) to be in the RUC document should let the Standards Unit know.

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**Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)**

**CLIP, a new official journal of the BIA and available online [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

The National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) latest project aims to collate a dataset of necrotising otitis externa cases from across the UK. The project has launched and is recruiting interested centres.

Project lead: Susanne Hodgson. Email: [interest@noe.nitcollaborative.org.uk](mailto:interest@noe.nitcollaborative.org.uk) to get involved

Visit <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/noe/> for further information.

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)

### **Infection Events**

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

#### **ESCV Virtual Meeting on COVID-19**

9th September 2020

Virtual Meeting

2020 became a year of crisis because of SARS-CoV-2 and clinical virologists, virologists and infectious diseases specialists have been at centre stage.

While the pandemic is still ongoing, the European Society for Clinical Virology is organizing a timely, virtual meeting, focusing on COVID-19 which will showcase the latest and most pertinent topics in COVID-19 and open them up for discussion.

This meeting will bring together a worldwide community, offering the chance to follow up and discuss the ongoing pandemic from our individual perspectives.

You may find the scientific programme of the virtual meeting and all relevant information on the meeting micro-website: [Link to Website](#)

Attendance to the virtual meeting is free of charge for all participants, all that we ask is that you register in advance.

You may register for free through the online registration form: [Virtual Meeting Registration Form](#)

#### **The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust IV Therapy and OPAT Conference 2020**

10<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Molineux Stadium, Wolverhampton

This **FREE** one-day event will be of interest to all healthcare workers involved in the insertion and care of vascular access devices.

This conference promises to offer delegates the latest in IV AND OPAT education and expertise, with inspiring speakers and informative sessions.

[Click here](#) for further information and registration

#### **Virology Study Day – Virtual Training**

18th September 2020

Virtual Event

The Virology Study Day will provide trainees and consultants the opportunity for consultant led, interactive teaching to equip them with knowledge and skills for specialist medical virology practice and assessment. Experts in their fields will also provide an essential COVID-19 new treatments update which is incredibly relevant at the current time.

With an exciting line up of speakers including Professor Peter Horby, Professor Graham Foster, Professor Ian Brown, Dr Neil Almond, Dr Kevin Brown and Dr Stephen Winchester be sure to book your place.

Click for [further details and to book a place](#)

### **Into clinical practice: Meeting the challenges of Gram-negative infection management**

14 October 2020

Royal college of Physicians, London

This exciting one-day conference will explore the current challenges and treatment opportunities for Gram-negative infections. Delegates will, through plenary lectures, learn about resistance mechanisms, clinical presentations of Gram-negatives, the latest in research and development and hear about frontier and upcoming treatments.

To view the programme and register, please [click here](#)

For sponsorship and exhibition opportunities please contact Debbie Cockayne at

[Debbie@pagemedical.co.uk](mailto:Debbie@pagemedical.co.uk).

For general enquiries, please contact Esme Carruthers, BSAC Event Manager at

[Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk](mailto:Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk)

### **BIA Autumn Trainees' Meeting - Virtual Meeting**

Thursday 15th October 2020

12:30 – 18:00

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

- Anaerobic Infections - **Dr Harriet Hughes**, Public Health Wales
- Challenges in Mycology - **Professor Elizabeth Johnson**, PHE Mycology Reference Laboratory
- Trainee Abstracts: 'Clinical challenges of managing SARs-CoV-2 positive patients'
- Pandemic modelling in Covid - **Dr Jonathan Read**, Senior lecturer in Biostatistics, University of Lancaster

[View the programme](#)

#### ***Call for Abstracts***

BIA invites trainees to submit abstracts regarding 'Clinical challenges of managing SARs-CoV-2 positive patients'. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, and ideally include a summary of several key learning points.

Please submit abstracts by Monday 28th September 2020 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 give oral presentations online will be notified by the end of the 1st October 2020.

£100 prize awarded for the best oral presentation.

For more information: [click here](#)

**FIS/HIS INTERNATIONAL**  
**2020**

FEDERATION OF  
infection societies

hosted by  
Healthcare  
Infection  
Society

9-11 NOVEMBER 2020 ONLINE



**FIS/HIS International 2020 will now take place online between Monday 9 and Wednesday 11 November 2020.**

The event brings together societies across the UK with interests in infectious diseases, clinical microbiology, biomedical science and infection control. The FIS societies are currently planning an engaging and interactive programme which will provide current research from a multitude of world experts in the field.

Click to [view the preliminary programme](#)

***Call for Abstracts***

The abstract submission portal is now open for FIS/HIS International 2020 online.

By having a virtual poster or oral presentation accepted for FIS/HIS International 2020 you will be able to showcase your research, discuss your findings with international colleagues, and enhance your CV. You can submit under a huge range of topics, with those who have abstracts accepted playing a key role in conference.

The closing date for abstracts is Friday 4 September (23:59 BST)

For more information, and to submit an abstract, [click here](#)

***Registration***

Registration will open on 1 September 2020 and remain open for 3 months after the conference takes place. All registered delegates will have extended access to the conference content.

Click for [further registration details](#)

**HIS/PHE Foundation course in infection prevention and control**

17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

PHE Colindale

This four-day non-residential course, organised by HIS and Public Health England is a stand-alone course, with the opportunity to learn from the leading UK experts in the field.

The course will allow medical trainees, newly appointed consultants and other practitioners such as nurses and clinical scientists to gain a firm grounding in infection prevention and control.

[Find out more and register.](#)

## UK Clinical Vaccine Network Conference 2020

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

Wolfson College, Linton Road, Oxford OX2 6UD

Bringing together and showcasing the work of the UK clinical vaccine community, to facilitate co-operation and collaborate on future challenges.

### Posters & abstracts

Abstract submissions for the 2020 conference are now open and will close on **Sunday 13th November 2020**

[Click here to register](#)

## 9th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG

### Programme:

Internationally renowned speakers will deliver state-of-the-art talks, including the prestigious Cierny-Mader lecture, which is invited each year to honour 'excellence and innovation in the multidisciplinary management of bone and joint infection'.

The programme will include lectures, workshops and interactive sessions including:

- **Do's and don'ts - An (evidence based) approach to...** Diagnosis of bone and joint infection / Surgical management of prosthetic joint infection / Wound closure
- **Something understood:** Biofilm / Local antibiotics / Biomaterials and bugs
  - How I treat long bone infection
  - Rehabilitation – managing expectations
  - Engaging the research agenda
  - Trials and big data
- **Making the most of what we know:** Why bother with a BIU? / How are we GIRFTING? / Update on diagnostic criteria and standards
- **New horizons:** Bacterial metabolism and nanobubbles / Update on bacteriophages / Direct from tissue diagnostics

[Click here to view the full programme](#)

## Infectious Diseases symposium

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

The 2020 RCPE ID symposium is intended to provide an update on challenges faced by dedicated infection specialists as well as generalists in the hospital setting and far beyond.

This event is open to all grades of medical, health care and scientific staff and to students.

[Click here](#) for more information

### **BIA Spring Trainees' Day 2021**

Wednesday 19th May 2021

Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

### **BIA 23rd Annual Spring Scientific Meeting 2021**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

### **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society**

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Ljubljana, Slovenia

The main conference theme is: Joining forces: optimising diagnosis and management of bone and joint infections.

Find more information on the conference website: [Click here](#)

### **Workshops and Courses**

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

### **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.

For further information [click here](#)

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

Welcome 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 current vacancies listed

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