

BIA Monthly Digest – 20th Aug 2019

News Items

NITCAR Update

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

The National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) has accepted a new project which aims to collate a dataset of necrotising otitis externa cases from across the UK. Further information on signing up for this project will be available soon. The National Audit of Meningitis Management (NAMM) has now closed to recruitment - if you are a participating site, please send your data in as soon as possible.

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

Medical Microbiology SAC: The launch of the newly revised model job descriptions

The College has now launched the revised model job descriptions and supporting documents. They are available at: <https://www.rcpath.org/profession/employing-pathologists/employing-doctors.html>

GIRFT Survey

Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) is a national clinician-led programme designed to improve the quality of medical care within the NHS by reducing unwarranted variations. As part of this programme we have set up the Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Survey.

The SSI Survey runs **until 30th October 2019**.

For more information on how to get involved visit: <https://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/cross-cutting-stream/surgical-site-infection-audit/>

Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

CLIP, a new official journal of the BIA, is open for submissions.

The Journal will provide 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

The BIA will waive the publishing charges for the first 25 accepted papers for BIA trainee and associate members who are currently training and/or working in healthcare in the UK and Ireland.

Please state this is the case when you submit your article in order to claim this waiver. To submit an article please [click here](#).

Grants

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

BIA Travel Awards

Support travel to major national or international meetings, in particular, ASM, ICAAC, IDSA, and ECCMID to present original research, where the abstract is already accepted.

The second round of travel awards closed 30th June. The Scientific and Research committee is pleased to announce the successful applicants were:

Tomasz Benedyk - *Herpesvirus pUL21 Subverts The Host-Cell Ceramide Transport Machinery*
Attending: International Herpesvirus Workshop

Suzanna Paterson - *Innate-like signatures of influenza-specific CD8+ resident memory T cell responses in the human lung*

Attending: Options for the Control of Influenza Conference

Remaining deadlines for 2019: **27th October**

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.

Current Consultations

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

NICE scoping workshop – NICE guideline on: Meningitis (bacterial) and meningococcal septicaemia: recognition, diagnosis and management

Wednesday 30th October 2019, 10am to 1pm

Coin Street Conference Centre, South Bank Suite, London, SE1 9NH

You are invited to help develop the scope of this guideline. The scope defines what the guideline will and will not cover, and we would like to hear your views on this.

NICE want to hear as wide a range of views from as many organisations as possible, so there is only space for one person from the BIA. To register your interest, please complete the [attendance request form](#) and send to BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk by **5pm, Friday 6th September**.

Three weeks before the workshop, we will confirm whether we have been able to allocate a place to you. You will also be sent an agenda, the draft scope, venue map and information on claiming expenses.

NICE quality standard on flu vaccination: increasing uptake

The draft flu vaccination quality standard consultation period is now open.

Please click to view the flu vaccination: increasing uptake [guideline consultation documents](#)

Please submit your comments on the form listed on the website to samuel.moses@nhs.net by **5pm Friday 30th August**.

UK National Screening Committee: Varicella Susceptibility in Pregnancy

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) has started a national consultation on screening Varicella Susceptibility in Pregnancy. They have published an evidence map which can be found below

<https://legacyscreening.phe.org.uk/varicella>

Evidence maps are literature searches that scan published literature to look at the volume and type of evidence in relation to a specific topic. They are used to inform whether the evidence currently available is sufficient to commission an external review on the topic under consideration.

The document in the link states that there is currently insufficient evidence to recommend screening for varicella zoster during pregnancy.

The BIA has been invited to make a comment on this, as a key stakeholders group. If you have any strong feelings towards or against their conclusion please can you briefly summarise your comments to me on daniel.pan@nhs.net by **12th September 2019**. I will then summarise all comments received and send a joint BIA response.

BIA Autumn Trainees' Meeting 2019

Thursday 17th October

Harwood Room, Barnes Wallis Building, University of Manchester, Altrincham Street, Sackville Street Campus, Manchester, M1 3BB

[View the programme](#)

Trainee call for abstracts:

BIA invites trainees to submit abstracts of interesting infection cases/case series. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, and ideally include a summary of several key learning points.

Please submit abstracts by Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 5pm via email to Farnaz.Dave@nhs.net. Please include a title for your abstract and your place of work. Trainees invited to present will be informed by the end of **Friday 4th October 2019**.

Evening Educational Teaching Session

This year, in addition to the annual autumn trainees' meeting, there will also be an educational teaching session aimed at senior medical students, and all doctors below registrar level with the title 'infection on the acute take for juniors' presented by Dr Craig Davies, Consultant in Acute Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Countess of Chester Hospital. This will followed by a 30 min Q&A session, with a chance to ask a panel of consultants and trainees anything related to the infection specialities.

The session will be held in Harwood Room, Barnes Willis Building, University of Manchester 4.45pm - 6pm, Thursday 17th Oct 2019.

Registration for evening programme is only available to those who have also registered for the Trainees' Day

Registration Fee: £48.00

[Register](#)

Infection Events

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



DIPC DAY 2019

Sunday 22nd September

The Arena and Convention Centre, Liverpool, UK

“Successful leaders see the opportunities in every difficulty rather than the difficulty in every opportunity” **Reed Markham**

The IPS is presenting here an opportunity without difficulty. This day will support leaders in infection prevention and control (IPC) by providing expert workshops and presentations on behaviour, challenges and quality improvement.

This day is designed for IPC aspiring and experienced leaders to help them approach the challenges ahead - not as another crisis to manage, but as opportunities in a sea of difficulties.

Online registration is available at www.ips.uk.net/conference/dipc

Infection Prevention 2019

Sunday 22nd – Tuesday 24th September

The Arena and Convention Centre, Liverpool, United Kingdom

This is the premier educational event for all those working and interested in infection prevention and control.

The three-day conference will present the latest scientific evidence from around the globe to enable you to recognise, understand and address current and emerging risks. You will learn from experts about practices which are optimising outcomes and increasing the safety of patients.

Full details and registration can be found online: www.ips.uk.net/conference

4th East Midlands Laboratory Diagnostic Mycology Course

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th September 2019

Pathology Training Laboratory, Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester

A two-day training course comprising of laboratory sessions (hands on and demonstrations) and lecture discussions on laboratory identification of medically important fungi, susceptibility testing, testing for fungal biomarkers, antifungal treatment and resistance to antifungal drugs, therapeutic drug monitoring, environmental sampling for fungi, fungi as aero-allergens and fungal case studies.

Click here to [view the flyer](#) for further information

Infection Prevention Conference 2019

Wednesday 16th October, 2019

Molineux Conference Centre, Wolverhampton

This FREE one-day conference promises to offer delegates the latest in infection prevention and control education and expertise, with inspiring speakers and informative sessions as well as an exhibition featuring the latest in infection prevention technologies.

[Click here](#) for further information and to register

British Infection Association – Autumn Trainees’ Day

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Please submit abstracts by Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 5pm via email to Farnaz.Dave@nhs.net. Please include a title for your abstract and your place of work. Trainees invited to present will be informed by the end of Friday 4th October 2019.

There will be a prize of £100 for the best presentation and a £50 prize for the runner up

Please note the junior trainee session will take place at the end of the day on the 17th. The session will be held in Harwood Room, Barnes Willis Building, University of Manchester 4.45pm-6pm on Thurs 17th Oct 2019.

[Click here](#) for further information and to register

Exploring Human Host-Microbiome Interactions in Health and Disease

Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th October 2019

Wellcome Genome Campus, UK

The 8th Exploring Human Host-Microbiome Interactions in Health and Disease meeting will bring together leading scientists and clinicians from the fields of microbiology, infectious disease, gastroenterology and public health to discuss the latest developments in this fast-moving area. This meeting will update current knowledge of how various microbiomes (skin, oral, gut, lung, non-bacterial etc.) communicate with the host and the factors that influence these interactions. The programme will feature new developments enabled by metagenomics, metabonomics, and other technologies. This year’s meeting will also include sessions on the effects of the microbiome on cancer and how the immune system influences the microbiome and vice versa. Bursaries are available for PhD students.

Deadlines: Early Bird Deadline - 30 July 2019 | Bursary Deadline - 13 August 2019 | Abstract Deadline - 10 September 2019 | Registration Deadline - 24 September 2019

Full details: <https://coursesandconferences.wellcomegenomecampus.org/our-events/exploring-human-host-microbiome-interactions-2019/>

Meningitis & Septicaemia 2019 - Meningitis Research Foundation's 12th International Conference

Tuesday 5th – Wednesday 6th November 2019

The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG

The twelfth international conference brings together world leading experts to share the latest advances and discuss the challenges of defeating meningitis and septicaemia.

Please click [here](#) for further information.



FIS 2019 Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2019

11th – 14th November 2019

Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)

The Microbiology Society are delighted to be hosting the Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2019 (FIS 2019) in Edinburgh between 11–14 November 2019.

This event is a unique conference which includes the collaboration of 16 societies across the UK with interests in different aspects of infectious diseases, clinical microbiology, biomedical science and infection control and provides a great opportunity to find out about the latest developments and to connect with key contacts and networks.

[Visit the website](#) for more event details.

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

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Royal College of Physicians, London

This exciting one-day conference which will explore the current challenges and treatment opportunities for Gram-negative infections.

Delegates will, through plenary lectures and invited papers, learn about resistance mechanisms, clinical presentations of Gram-negative infections, the latest in research and development and hear about frontier and upcoming treatments.

Clinical lessons will give delegates the opportunity to hear about, share and explore real world experiences, and look at the effective application of the latest evidence-based guidelines.

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

Antibiotic Resistance and Mechanisms Workshop for Researchers

Thursday 28th – Friday 29th November 2019

Holiday Inn, Birmingham City Centre

Click to visit the [Website](#)

To view the programme and register please click on the following link to download the registration form [ARM Programme and Registration Form completed](#) registrations should be sent to dirwin@bsac.org.uk

RSPH: What is the future of water in Public Health?

Thursday 12th December, 2019

University of Sheffield, The Edge, 34 Endcliffe Crescent, Sheffield, S10 3ED

Join the Royal Society for Public Health at this one-day conference for students, health researchers and water professionals to share the latest advances in health-related water topics and network with others in the field. Topics will cover microbiology, chemical contamination, and engineering measures, and will include a mix of keynote sessions, abstract sessions and poster sessions.

All delegates will receive 5 CPD credits. Prices start from only £25.

More information and to book your place [click here](#)

19th International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID), Kuala Lumpur

February 20th – 23rd, 2020

The ISID will hold its next International Congress on Infectious Diseases (19th ICID) in Kuala Lumpur from 20-23 February 2020, <https://icid.isid.org>, in partnership with the Malaysian Society for Infectious Diseases and Chemotherapy (MSIDC).

Workshops and Courses

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

Research Methods Course

Monday 29th October - Thursday 1st November 2019

University College London

The Institute for Global Health are thrilled to advertise their annual Research Methods Course which is run primarily by members of the Centre for Clinical Research in Infection and Sexual Health, and the Centre for Population Research in Sexual Health and HIV, and is taught by leading researchers from University College London.

To register an interest, please email [Lydia Clinton](#) or [see our website](#) for updates, information and course materials.

Physician Leadership and Management Skills Workshop - A Co-learning Event for Consultants and Senior Trainees at the Kings Fund

Trainee program 27th - 28th November

Consultant program 28th – 29th November

The Kings Fund, Cavendish Square, London

We are delighted to present a medical leadership for senior trainees and consultants. The course is delivered in association with the Kings Fund, and supported by an unrestricted educational grant from ViiV.

Two parallel workshops will run, in addition to co-learning sessions and social events for both groups through- out the program. With speakers from a convened faculty plus the Kings Fund, topics will include research and innovation, NHS structures, commissioning, tendering and competition, and physician leadership.

The venue is the Kings Fund, Cavendish Square, London. Accommodation is provided for those living outside London and travel expenses will be covered. The trainee program is aimed at ST5/6 doctors, and will run on 27-28th November 2019. The consultant program will run on 28th-29th November 2019, and will be suitable for consultants at any career stage who are now entering into leadership roles. The course is free to attend but subject to selective entry and places are limited.

Please contact Lucy Dobson on lucy.dobson@cwplus.org.uk for an application form.

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.

Further information visit the [QMUL website](#)

Vacancies

See [BIA Jobs](#) page for full information

Currently no vacancies listed

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