

BIA Monthly Digest – 20th April 2022

News Items

BIA Council Elections 2022 – Vote now!

The BIA Council plays an important role in BIA governance, managing its affairs in the furtherance of its aims. Being comprised of elected members from among the general membership, it is also the voice of our membership, bringing valuable and diverse perspectives to Council activities.

By voting in this election, you can elect the person you think has the skills, knowledge and experience to serve as our Trainee (Professional Affairs) Secretary. Two candidates are standing for the role

You will have received an email from Vote@ukevote.uk on Wednesday 13th April which contains your unique security code. This code will authenticate your visit to the secure voting site. Once in the site you can view the candidates' statements and cast your vote.

Voting closes: 5pm, Wednesday 11th May

Should you have any difficulties with the voting process, please contact UK Engage directly using the details below

Phone: UK Engage on 0345 209 3770

Email: bia@uk-engage.org

Invitation to participate in an e-Delphi Study

Your participation is requested in an e-Delphi survey study to identify the most important outcome measures to assess the impacts of infection prevention and control (IPC) interventions for prevention of transmission of multi-drug resistant gram-negative bacteria (MDRGNB).

Transmission of MDRGNB to patients in healthcare facilities is a major threat to healthcare. IPC is a scientific approach and practical solution designed to prevent harm caused by infection to patients and health workers. We believe you may want to contribute to this study because of your involvement in the research or care of patients requiring IPC interventions.

This study is being conducted as part of a Healthcare Infection Society grant. The results will be used to support a national strategy around prevention of transmission of MDRGNB.

The participant information sheet in the link below provides you with a more detailed overview of the research and what this study involves. Each survey should not take any more than 20 minutes to complete and there will be 3 surveys spaced out of a period of several months.

Please follow the link below to the participant information sheet and consent for the study:

<https://leeds.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/the-costrans-mdrgnb-study-registration-and-consent>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the research team at the University of Leeds:

Dr Razan Saman, Registrar in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology

E: umrsa@leeds.ac.uk

Dr Andrew Kirby, Associate Professor and Microbiology Consultant

E: a.kirby@leeds.ac.uk

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you can contribute your expertise to this important part of the study.

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

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 Thursday 28th April.

NON-BIA Awards

Gilead UK & Ireland Fellowship Programme

The Fellowship Programme is a **medical grants funding stream** that helps drive innovation and supports best practice sharing initiatives amongst healthcare professionals. Its ultimate aim is to help improve the lives of patients, specifically within the field of Invasive Fungal Disease (IFD). Overall, the Programme has funded more than 300 projects since 2008.

The 2022 IFD Fellowship Programme is now open, and will be accepting applications from all healthcare or allied professionals for new and ongoing projects including audits or registry reviews, new infrastructure, new protocols, quality of life frameworks and more.

Although the Programme cannot accept any applications which generate specific patient clinical outcomes (e.g. a clinical trial), projects which will add clinical value or which investigate an area of unmet need within IFD may still apply.

More information including the closing date and eligibility criteria for submissions is available [here](#).

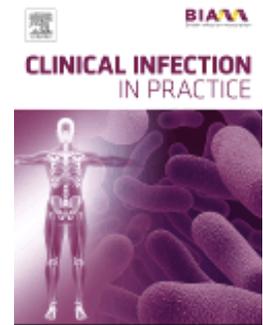
Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

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/>)

The **NITCAR 2022 AGM** will take place at the Spring Trainees' Day, Wednesday 25th May, at the Double Tree Hilton, Bristol. We look forward to seeing you there, for a look back at the past year and to share our future plans.



SINKBUG - CALL FOR PARTICIPATING SITES AND CO-INVESTIGATORS!

Antimicrobial resistance gene and pathogen burden in sinks in UK hospitals and associations with healthcare-associated infections, sink design and sink usage: a multi-centre prospective sampling study (The "SinkBug" Project).

We are seeking expressions for interest for participation in this study with a plan to finalise the network of participating sites and provide training for the study in the final quarter of 2022. The sink sampling period is planned for early 2023.

Please express your interest by emailing nicole.stoesser@ndm.ox.ac.uk

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

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

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](#)

RCPATH Infection Study Day

Wednesday 27th April

Virtual

This half day session has been devised for those working or interested in infection specialties including microbiology, virology and infectious diseases.

The programme should be of interest to all levels and aims to give trainees the opportunity for consultant led, interactive teaching to equip them with knowledge and skills for specialist medical microbiology and virology practice.

CDP Points:4

[Click for full meeting details](#)

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

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**.

UK Clinical Virology Network Annual Meeting 2022

10th - 11th May 2022

IET Birmingham: Austin Court

The UK Clinical Virology Network (UK CVN) is a co-ordinated group of laboratories and their staff, covering the UK, Ireland & beyond.

Our annual conference will take place on 10th and 11th May 2022 in Birmingham.

This year we have expert speakers covering topics including HBV and HDV, avian influenza, CMV and IBD, viral ocular infections, and HHV8 plus offered talks from a wide range of UK based virologists.

Registration fee: £110

All infection science staff are welcome to attend, and those in training grades may be able to receive a bursary worth up to £300 to cover attendance.

[Click here to register](#)

IONOE Collaborative Meeting

Tuesday 10th May

Virtual

You are warmly invited to attend to an interactive on-line meeting about Necrotising Otitis Externa (NOE) organised by the IONOE Study Team.

This online meeting is organised by the IONOE Study team and is open to clinicians and researchers of all specialities and grades with an interest in NOE. This meeting will be the first of a series of sessions to share learning of this neglected condition and foster collaboration.

Programme: 16.30 – 17.45 via Zoom

- 1630: Radiological diagnosis of NOE: View from the US: *Professor Aparna Singhal, Neuroradiologist, University of Alabama*
- 1710: NOE Case Studies: *Mr Glen Watson, Consultant ENT Surgeon, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Ms Victoria Sinclair, Consultant ENT Surgeon, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Mr David Baring, Consultant ENT Surgeon, NHS Lothian.*
- 1740: Improving Outcomes in NOE (IONOE) Study Update: *Dr Susanne Hodgson & Dr Monique Andersson*

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

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.

[View the programme](#)

Registration Fees:

One day registration: £60
Two days registration: £90
(prices inclusive of VAT)

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

24th BIA 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.

[View the programme](#)

Registration Fees:

One day registration: £60
Two days registration: £90
(prices inclusive of VAT)

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

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](#).

Don't panic! 2022

23rd June 2022

Manchester

Registration is now open for the [HIS Don't panic! conference](#). This event takes a practical approach to current infection control issues.

[This year's programme](#) includes sessions on

- The old foes haven't disappeared...
- Lessons for IPC in communicating risk
- New/updated guidelines review
- A short paper session
- Lessons from the pandemic

This event is of interest to microbiologists, infection control practitioners, public health staff and biomedical scientists. The deadline for [abstract submission](#), either as a short oral communication or poster, is 9 May 2022.

[Register now!](#)

UK Clinical Vaccine Network Annual Conference

Thursday 30th June 2022

Royal College of Physicians, London

It is with great excitement that we can announce this year's Clinical Vaccine Network Conference will be held in person at the Royal College of Physicians, London.

Hosted on the 30th June, this event will cover a wide spectrum of issues in vaccine development, presentations on the latest research, and the future of vaccines.

Whilst this conference will be made available to join virtually we thoroughly recommend attending in person to not miss out on this excellent networking opportunity. There will be an array of UK healthcare professionals, and other relevant decision makers who have a specific interest in vaccine intervention in the patient pathway.

UK CVN Organisers:

- Dr Claire Waddington, Cambridge
- Dr Rajeka Lazarus, Bristol
- Dr Susanne Hodgson, Oxford

Programme highlights:

- Reflections on the COVID-19 vaccine roll out - Dame Emily Lawson DBE, Chief Commercial Officer, NHSE
- Barriers to uptake of vaccination in pregnancy – Dr Heather Bailey, Lecturer in Infectious Disease Epidemiology, UCL
- Group B strep vaccine development and plans for challenge model – Professor Kirsty Le Doare, St Georges Hospital, London
- What's new for vaccines in... E. coli, RSV, Herpes Zoster
- Clinical cases... and lots more

Abstract submission open for acceptance as virtual and onsite posters. Closing date is 20th May 2022.

If you have any queries, or would like to enquire about sponsorship of this event, please contact: hayley@pagemedical.co.uk

[Click here to register now](#)

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](#)

40th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society

8 Sep 2022 – 10 Sep 2022

Graz, Austria

We are pleased to announce the 40th Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society, which will take place in Graz, Austria, 8-10 September 2022.

The main conference theme is: *Walking along the razor's edge... Challenges and limits in treatment of bone and joint infection*

The programme topics are:

- Bacteriophage therapy
- Definition and diagnostic criteria for PJI
- Fracture-related infection: management strategies
- Native Osteomyelitis
- Optimising post-operative antibiotic therapy
- Periprosthetic joint infection of the upper extremity
- Polymicrobial BJI
- Spinal implanted related infections
- Treatment strategies for hip PJI

Early Registration Deadline: Before 1 July 2022

Find more information on the conference website: <https://ebjis2022.org/>

We hope the scientific programme will be of value to increase your knowledge, improve your future clinical work and build your friendships in the Society.

ESCMID Conference: 13th International Meeting on Microbial Epidemiological Markers (IMMEM XIII)

14th Sep 2022 – 17th Sep 2022

Bath

Establishing whole genome sequencing at the core of epidemiological surveillance

- Platforms for genome-based typing and epidemiology
- Incorporating new data types for real-time, genome-based surveillance
- Genome-based nomenclature
- Zoonosis, intensive food production and One Health
- Genomic epidemiology of neglected pathogens
- Genomic sequencing in LMIC
- The promise of long read sequencing
- Plasmid biology 2.0
- Lessons learned from COVID-19
- Metagenomics and Public Health

[View the programme](#)

[Register now](#) for a reduced fee, until 31st May 2022

BIA Autumn Trainees Day

9th November 2022

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

Thursday 10th November 2022

The 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.

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

- 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 for future meetings and view content from previous meetings.](#)

CPD accreditation 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.

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

[Visit the course website for further details](#)

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 job postings at present

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