

## BIA Monthly Digest – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### News Items

#### **Vacancy for a Junior Doctor representative on the BIA Education Sub-Committee**

The Education Sub-Committee, chaired by BIA Manpower and Training Secretary, Bridget Atkins, has a vacancy for a Junior Doctor representative to join the team.

Please send your expressions of interest to [laura@hartleytaylor.co.uk](mailto:laura@hartleytaylor.co.uk) by 5pm, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

#### **UKHSA issues guidance on use of mycobacterial liquid culture systems during shortage of culture media**

Please [read the guidance letter](#) for full information

#### **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>

### 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

#### **ANTIMICROBIAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION**

#### **Ceftazidime with avibactam for treating severe aerobic Gram-negative bacterial infections Cefiderocol for treating severe aerobic Gram-negative bacterial infections**

We have been given additional time to consult on the confidential Assessment Reports produced by an independent academic centre, the Policy Research Unit in Economic Methods of Evaluation in Health & Social Care Interventions (EEPRU).

Please review the assessment reports and provide comments using the comments forms, to [anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk) by **5pm Monday 20th December**.

**All the relevant documents can be found in the [Members Area](#) of the BIA website**

*Please do understand they are confidential documents so don't share outside BIA membership.*

#### **The Innovative Medicines Fund: engagement on proposals**

NHS England and NHS Improvement and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) invite you to respond to our proposals for the Innovative Medicines Fund.

The Innovative Medicines Fund is designed to enable patients to benefit from early access to promising new medicines. We are committed to involving patients, clinicians, data custodians, academics and industry in the development of the Innovative Medicines Fund, and we are particularly keen to hear from as many people as possible to inform these proposals. We therefore welcome your comments on the proposals outlined in [The Innovative Medicines Fund: engagement on proposals](#).

This public engagement is open for 12 weeks, from 19 November 2021 until **midnight on 11 February 2022**. You can respond by:

- completing the online engagement form at <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/imf-engagement-on-proposals>
- downloading and printing a copy of the consultation response form at <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/imf-engagement-on-proposals>, and sending your completed form to NHS Commercial Medicines Team, NHS England, 80 London Road, Elephant and Castle, London, SE1 6LH.

We will also be holding stakeholder engagement meetings, to provide further opportunities to hear stakeholders' views on the proposals. We will be in touch with further details regarding these events in due course.

### Published Guidelines

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

#### **ClearGuard HD antimicrobial barrier caps for preventing haemodialysis catheter-related bloodstream infections**

[Evidence-based recommendations](#) on ClearGuard HD antimicrobial barrier caps for preventing haemodialysis catheter-related bloodstream infections.

NICE has developed [tools and resources](#), in association with relevant stakeholders, to help organisations put this guidance into practice.

## **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**

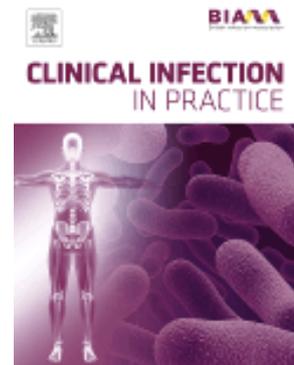
### **Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)**

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

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

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

Thursday 20th January 2022

**Changed to virtual event only**

**Expert Panel:** Prof Katie Jeffery, Oxford, Dr Fiona McGill, Leeds & Prof Alan Winston-Okeefe, London

In association with BPAIIG and BHIVA, a mixture of challenging cases of neurological infection drawn from recent clinical practice will be presented and discussed by infection trainees and our panel of experts.

The day will be interactive, so you will get to have your say by voting using interactive keypad voting (via your smart phone)

Topics Include:

- Neurological infections in HIV
- Meningitis
- Paediatric Neurological Infections

Click to view the [provisional programme](#)

Suitable for all consultants and trainees with an interest in adult or paediatric infection or neurology

**Registration Fee: £30 (inc VAT)**

Take a look via <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/biac-home/> or email [anne@hartleytaylor.co.uk](mailto:anne@hartleytaylor.co.uk)

### **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](http://www.acc-conference.com)

This conference is RCPATH CPD accredited.

## **King's Health Partners Preceptorship - Infections of the Immunocompromised**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Auditorium, Fetal Medicine Research Institute, London/ Virtual

Delegates attending this course will have a choice of attending fully virtually or in person on Day 1 and virtually for Day 2.

**Organising Committee:** Dr Varun Mehra, Professor Tony Pagliuca, Dr Silke Schelenz, Dr Mansour Ceesay, Dr Jimstan Periselneris

### **Highlights:**

- Fungal host biology: translational opportunities – Dr Johnathan Richardson
- Machine based learning and infections: translating to clinical care – Dr Anand Shah
- The future pandemic of fungal resistance – Professor Matt Fisher
- Imaging in infections: new possibilities – Dr Vincenzo Abbate
- Nanopore sequencing and evolving novel microbial diagnostic strategies – Professor Jonathan Edgeworth

**Who should attend:** Healthcare professionals and clinical scientists interested in the management of infections in immunocompromised hosts.

A formal CPD Certificate (10 credits) will be awarded at end of the course.

### **Registration:**

Virtual access on Day 1-2: Cost: £ 132 per ticket (discount available for trainees ).

Hybrid access (1st day in person and 2nd day virtually): Cost £84 per ticket, limited number of tickets available.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER HERE](#)

Enquiries: Please contact Chloe ([chloe@hartleytaylor.co.uk](mailto:chloe@hartleytaylor.co.uk))

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## **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

More details to follow soon!

## **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](#)

## **Biology of Vector-borne Diseases six-day course**

Idaho, USA

13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

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 \(32icc.org\)](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 Tulleken, 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.

### **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

### **Senior Clinical Lecturer in Infection (Honorary Consultant)**

This is an exciting opportunity to join the infection clinical and academic team at the University of Sussex and the newly formed University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust.

It is an exciting and friendly environment to work in with huge opportunities for professional development and in a beautiful part of the country. We would be happy to discuss with any interested trainees nearing CCT or established consultants who might be interested in a move to the south coast.

Closing date: **20 December 2021**

Please contact [Martin.Llewelyn@nhs.net](mailto:Martin.Llewelyn@nhs.net) to discuss the position informally

Full job details can be found [here](#)

### **NHSEI Specialised Commissioning PPV Partner Vacancies**

NHS England and NHS Improvement is recruiting new [Patient Public Voice partners](#) within our Specialised Commissioning governance structure. These roles are for people with understanding of the needs of particular patient communities, to join two of our Programmes of Care (PoC) boards and the Rare Diseases Advisory Group (RDAG). These roles attract an involvement payment in line with our [PPV Partners policy](#).

These are exciting opportunities to bring high level committee skills and a strategic patient and public perspective to the heart of the commissioning of specialised services. Please do consider these roles and share with anyone you think may be interested, as well as through any relevant networks.

Current Vacancies are:

- [Blood & Infection Programme of Care Board](#)
- [Cancer Programme of Care Board](#)
- [Rare Diseases Advisory Group](#)

Full details of the roles and how to apply are [on our website](#).

The closing date for applications is **16 January 2022**.

### **Infectious Diseases Simulation Fellow in Medical Education**

Applications are invited for appointment to an Infectious Diseases Simulation Fellow within Medical Education. This unique post offers an exciting opportunity for Infectious Diseases Specialty Registrars to develop their experience and skills as medical educators within simulation based education working closely with the Infectious Diseases department.

The Fellowship consists of an out of programme experience for a period of 12 months attached to the Simulation and Interactive Learning (SaIL) Centre within Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. The role will be centered around infection control, largely focused on HCID simulation training and other training relevant to infection control.

The post offers the opportunity to commence as soon as possible, for one year with an option to extend subject to review. A shorter period can also be agreed to fit in with the specialist training posts.

The deadline for the application of this role is **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

If there are any queries about the role please contact: [Luciana.Sowole@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Luciana.Sowole@gstt.nhs.uk)

[Click here for more details](#).

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