

BIA Monthly Digest – 16th March 2022

News Items

BIA Elections 2022 – nominations now open!

Nominations for the BIA Council Elections 2022 are now open

These positions are up for renewal:

- Guidelines Secretary
- Communications Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Manpower and Training Secretary
- Trainee (Professional Affairs) Secretary
- Trainee (Meetings) Secretary
- Overseas Members Secretary – *new role*

Please click to read the [President's Letter](#) for full details

Each member who agrees to become a candidate for election to Council shall be proposed and seconded by Association members, one of whom must be of at least 2 years' standing. For further information on what being a council member involves, please see the [BIA Constitution](#).

Nominations are being made online, please visit [British Infection Association \(ukevote.uk\)](https://www.britishinfection.org/ukevote) to register as a candidate or to support a nomination. Closing date for nominations is **Wednesday 6th April**.

Key Dates

Nominations close – Wednesday 6th April

Voting Opens – Wednesday 13th April

Voting Closes – Wednesday 11th May

Results Announced at AGM – Thursday 26th May

Information about all of the council officer roles can be found here:

<https://www.britishinfection.org/about-bia/officer-roles>

BMA medical book awards 2022

Applications for the 2022 BMA medical book awards are now open and will close on Friday 18 March 2022.

The BMA medical book awards promote excellence in medical publishing and seek to demonstrate its importance to medical education and training.

For more information, please visit the [BMA medical book awards webpage](#) or contact info.bkawards@bma.org.uk

Please note, the deadline for applications is **Friday 18 March 2022 at 11:59PM**

Train-the-trainer in Genomic Pathogen Surveillance Needs Assessment

The T3Connect Project is conducting a survey to understanding needs and gaps for strengthening pathogen genomics data science skills among healthcare professionals.

BIA members who may be involved in pathogen genomics, clinical microbiology, infection control or other related areas are invited to complete the T3Connect Training needs survey via this LINK <https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/ttt-in-pathogen-genomics1>

T3Connect - Data Science and Genomic Pathogen Surveillance Training Programme, is a collaborative project by the [Centre for Genomic Pathogen Surveillance](#) and [Wellcome Connecting Science](#), aimed at strengthening capacity for pathogen genomics and data science in the UK. We will use this information to tailor the T3Connect training programme, aimed at equipping healthcare scientists and professionals with skills to train others and effectively disseminate data science information to various stakeholders.

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 this spring.

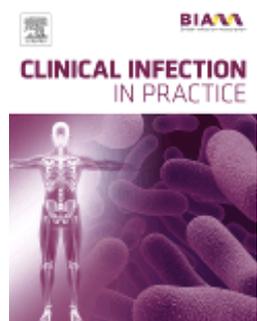
Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

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.



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.

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

BIA Sustainability Webinar

23rd 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**

To register please click here: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/sus0-home/>

DECON UK 2022

6th April 2022

Molineux Stadium, Wolverhampton

This event is free to healthcare professionals

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust jointly brings you DECON UK 2022.

This one-day conference is taking place at Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton on 6 April 2022 and promises to offer delegates the latest in decontamination education and expertise, with informative sessions and a range of exhibiting companies.

Who should attend?

DECON UK 2022 will be of particular interest to sterile services managers, decontamination leads, GP's, theatre nurses, infection control and endoscopy staff.

Programme Highlights

We aim to provide a high quality of educational content to our delegates, this will cover:

- ▶ Protein residue removal from surgical instruments and endoscopes
- ▶ What can go wrong in decontamination services
- ▶ What happens when a healthcare trust fails to deliver safe water
- ▶ Endoscopy waters and reprocessing
- ▶ Decontamination – the chemistries
- ▶ Role of the authorising engineer
- ▶ Biofilms and how to remove them

In addition to the educational component of the day, this event will also highlight the products and services of commercial companies within this sector and how they can aid in the everyday, working lives of our delegates.

Register now at <https://fitwise.eventsair.com/deconuk2022/>

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-envisioning 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](#)

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**.

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 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 provisional programme](#)

Registration Fees:

One day registration: £60

Two days registration: £90

(prices inclusive of VAT)

Registration link: <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/biad-home/>

Call for abstract submissions

We need you, the members, to be prepared to contribute through presenting your research, laboratory or clinical, and your clinical lessons.

The ideal presentations are those given by colleagues who are currently in post-graduate training, as they (you!) represent the future of infection research and practice in the UK. The [abstract instructions](#) will give you further guidance.

That said, we are always happy to receive abstracts from anyone who would like to present, including principal researchers, consultants and non-clinical scientists. Where possible we would encourage consultants and lead researchers to consider asking more the junior members of their teams to deliver the presentation.

So please submit the best and most thought-provoking abstracts you can muster - the team at BIA will be very pleased to receive them.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 5pm, 25th March 2022. Please note that you will not receive any reminders before this date. Authors will be notified of acceptance by the 8th April 2022

To submit your abstract please click here: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/3825/submitter>

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](#).

ISSI 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.

ISSI 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](#)

BIA Autumn Trainees Day

9th November 2022 (change of date)

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

New date: 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.

Malaria: When the tests & the drugs don't work Thursday 24 March 2022, 6-7pm

Speakers and chairs include:

Prof Peter Chiodini, Consultant Parasitologist at the HTD, director of the Malaria Reference Laboratory, honorary professor at the LSHTM and adviser to WHO on malaria.

Dr Colin Sutherland, Clinical Scientist, Malaria Reference Laboratory and Professor of Parasitology LSHTM.

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. The early bird rate is available until 28th February 2022. So please secure your place now to avoid disappointment.

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

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) Ref: 6962

Applications are invited for a new post of Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Infection at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS). This post is being offered in association with the newly formed University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) where the successful applicant will hold an honorary consultant contract.

The successful applicant will be accredited in Medical Microbiology, and ideally in Infectious Diseases too. They will have a strong background in a relevant research area.

The post is open to suitably qualified specialists at Consultant level, or trainees that are within six months of receiving clinical accreditation, who have a higher research degree (MD, PhD or equivalent experience) and a track record in infection research.

Click for [further details and to apply](#)

Closing date: 3rd April 2022. Applications must be received by midnight of the closing date.

Interested candidates are encouraged to discuss the position informally with Prof Melanie Newport, Head of Department, m.j.newport@bsms.ac.uk or Prof Martin Llewelyn, Professor of Infectious Diseases m.j.llewelyn@bsms.ac.uk, Dr Jo Legg or Dr Racheol Sierra, Consultant Microbiologists based at Worthing Hospital joanne.legg2@nhs.net or racheol.sierra@nhs.net

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