

## **BIA Monthly Digest – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **News Items**

#### **Joint Royal College of Pathologists and British Infection Association Webinar COVID-19: results of LAMP and Lateral Flow Devices validation and evaluation**

If you were unable to watch the webinar live, it can be viewed online [here](#)

#### **First virtual BIA AGM recording still available**

The BIA held its first virtual AGM on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Usually held as part of the Spring Meeting, which was cancelled due to Covid-19, the AGM was held via Teams and saw council members presenting the work carried out over the last year and its plans for the future.

If you were unable to attend at the time, a recording of the meeting can be found on the BIA members area of the website [here](#).

Please also take the time to complete the [feedback survey](#) once you have viewed the video

#### **PHE COVID-19 Literature Digest**

Public Health England's Literature Digest team produce a digest three times a week which summarises a selection of COVID-19 papers potentially relevant to incident stakeholders. The digest contains both peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed papers, alongside a weekly guest editor feature. Papers are categorised into seven themes:

- Immunology and serology
- Diagnostics
- Genomics
- Epidemiology and clinical
- Treatment
- Modelling
- Overviews, comments and editorials

If you would like to sign up to receive the reports (via email) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays please email the team on [COVID.LitDigest@phe.gov.uk](mailto:COVID.LitDigest@phe.gov.uk)

A selection of previous Digests are available [here](#) on the Finding the evidence: Coronavirus page under the 'Keeping up to date' tab, alongside other complementary resources.

#### **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

## BIA Research Project Grants - [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 three awards will be made of up to £10,000 per annum for 12 months to cover non-salary costs of research only.

**Closing Date:** 31 January 2021

**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.

## Guidelines

### Consultations

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

### **UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) 5th 'Annual Call for New Topics'**

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) is welcoming you to take part in the 5th 'Annual Call for New Topics'. This is an opportunity for you to propose a national screening programme for a condition not yet considered by the UK NSC.

If you have an idea for a proposal, then please follow this link to be taken to the guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-nsc-evidence-review-process/appendix-d-how-to-submit-a-proposal-to-the-uk-nsc>

Please submit proposal ideas to Anna Goodman [Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk) by **5pm, Monday 30th November**, who will collate a BIA response.

### Published Guidelines

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

### **UK SMI V 58: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) serology**

The [UK SMI V 58: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 \(SARS-CoV-2\) serology](#) has been 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 users comments](#) document. Anyone who does not want their comment(s) to be in the RUC document should let the Standards Unit know.

Your attention is drawn to the [terms of use](#) of this website, which you must read before accessing the documents.

In cases of difficulties please contact the Standards Unit ([standards@phe.gov.uk](mailto:standards@phe.gov.uk)).

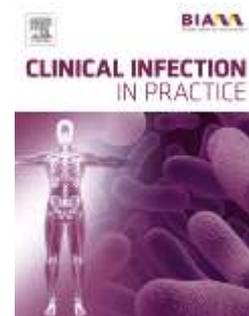
### Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

**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.



The Autumn Newsletter is now available please [click to view](#)

NITCAR's 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

#### **COVID-19: Around the World in 80+ Minutes**

25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Virtual Event

This unique webinar will bring you a global view of the pandemic from those on the frontline in diverse parts of the world. It will cover aspects of epidemiology and genomics, screening, control, treatment and consequences of infection. The speakers, all leaders in their fields, have a unique perspective of how the pandemic affects their regions.

[Click here for Programme](#)

[Click here to Register](#)

#### **UK Clinical Vaccine Network Virtual 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 **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.

[Click here for further information](#)

[Register here](#)

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

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Virtual Event

#### **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:

- Why me?.... and other important questions patients ask
- Diagnosis of bone and joint infection
- Surgical management of prosthetic joint infection
- Wound closure
- Long bone osteomyelitis – surgery video
- The quinolone conundrum
- Fracture related infection
- Big data and current trials
- Managing expectations in rehabilitation

Click to view the [provisional programme](#)

To register please [click here](#)

### **Infectious Diseases symposium**

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

Virtual event

Infectious Diseases is a rapidly changing field with the advent of new and old pathogens, emergence of multidrug resistant organisms and an improved appreciation of the host-pathogen interactions. 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.

The event and CPD/feedback survey will be open for 2 weeks after the event so you can catch up on anything you miss live, and in any time zone.

[Click here](#) for more information

### **BSCA Into Clinical Practice: Pneumonia**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Conference Webinar

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



This exciting one-day conference will explore the current challenges and treatment opportunities for Pneumonia. Delegates will, through plenary lectures and invited papers, learn about resistance mechanisms, clinical presentations of Pneumonia, 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.

For enquiries, please contact Esme Carruthers, BSAC Event Manager at [Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk](mailto:Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk)

### **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



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