

## BIA Monthly Digest – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### News Items

#### European SANTA-survey – BIA Invitation

This is an online survey about the antibiotic treatment of Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia that is being distributed in several European countries.

For many aspects of the treatment of Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia evidence is lacking. It is currently unknown whether this leads to variation of treatment in clinical practice. With this survey we aim to systematically investigate clinical practice variation.

Participation is voluntary and anonymous. Filling in the survey takes about 10 minutes. The target group for completing the questionnaire are Internists, Infectious diseases specialists and Medical Microbiologists (in training).

So far, we have received >300 responses and we hope to share the survey with British microbiologists and infectious disease clinicians as well.

You can find the questionnaire via the link below:

<https://vumc.datacoll.nl/santa>

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Yours sincerely,

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**FIS 2021**  
Federation of Infection Societies Conference

Friday 5 November | Manchester Central, UK  
Monday 8 - Tuesday 9 November | Online

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The banner features a dark background with two 3D models of a virus particle in shades of red and purple. The text is in white and pink.

[Website](#)

**With less than a month to go, we are looking forward to welcoming you to FIS 2021, both in Manchester and online.**

If you haven't booked your place yet, don't delay.

[Register here](#)

## 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

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

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) is welcoming you to the 6th '[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 complete the [guidance and template submission form](#) and send to [Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk)

The deadline for submissions is **5pm, Wednesday 1st December**

UK NSC have published a helpful blog on the Annual Call for topics:

<https://nationalscreening.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/06/uk-nsc-annual-call-for-topics/>

### Published Guidelines

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

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

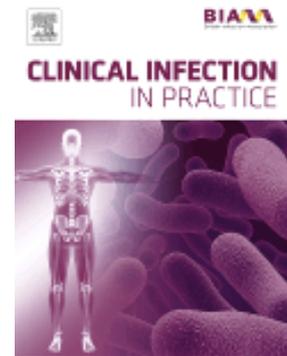
CLIP, the online BIA journal is available [here](#)

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

### **NITCAR Update**

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/>)**

### **Projects currently recruiting**

Deadline for new site enrolment - **November 2021**

**CO-GENT Clinical Outcomes in Gentamicin Prescribing and Monitoring: National Audit A**  
*multicentre audit and service evaluation of extended-interval gentamicin prescribing and monitoring (GPM), to assess current practice, audit practice against local policies, and describe clinical outcomes using different strategies in GPM.*

Project lead: Dr Raqib Huq

Please express your interest by emailing [interest@co-gent.nitcollaborative.org.uk](mailto:interest@co-gent.nitcollaborative.org.uk)

The Protocol is available [here](#).

Visit <http://nitcollaborative.org.uk/wp/co-gent/> for further information

### **NITCAR @ FIS 2021 – Come and join us!**

Join us for our annual session at FIS **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 15:00-16:15.**

- Come hear from experienced researchers on their ideal NITCAR project, ideal inspiration for trainees wanting to do a project

- Find out about our new mentorship programme and how you can get involved
- Finally hear about top tips and tricks on how to run a project, taken from project leads past and present

Register your interest [here](#)

## 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

### **6th International Conference on Clinical Metagenomics (ICCMg)**

21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Virtual Event

The Swiss Society for Microbiology is hosting the 6th International Conference on Clinical Metagenomics (ICCMg) as a virtual event on 21-22 October 2021.

ICCMg aims at being the leading conference specifically dedicated to clinical metagenomics.

Note that the organization committee offers a free meeting (via a FEMS sponsorship) to the young scientists (<40 years old), with a simple CV and motivation letter, on a first serve basis.

#### **Abstracts**

Click here for [abstract submission](#) (deadline 6th September 2021)

For further details visit [www.clinicalmetagenomics.org](http://www.clinicalmetagenomics.org)

### **Meningitis Research Foundation Conference**

1st - 3rd November 2021

Virtual Conference

Booking is now open for the thirteenth Meningitis Research Foundation Conference taking place virtually on 1-3rd November 2021. The programme is aligned to the new WHO Global Roadmap to Defeat Meningitis by 2030.

The conference will bring together world-leading experts discussing latest advances and today's challenges for meningitis and septicaemia, including burden and impact of diseases, the development of new vaccines and global impact of existing programmes and campaigns, the development of new diagnostic tests, advances and controversies in treatment, scientific advances to enable future action against these infections, aftercare and advocacy.

For full details please visit: <https://www.meningitis.org/mrf-conference>



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<https://fitwise.eventsair.com/fis-2021/>

### Join us on 5 November in Manchester...

- FIS plenary lectures:
  - Lowbury Lecture: Tales of the unexpected in antibiotic resistance: Professor Marc Bonten, UMC, Utrecht, Netherlands
  - JD Williams Lecture: The slow pandemic: Lessons from 'The captain of all these men of death': Dr Grace Smith, Clinical Lead for National Mycobacterial Reference Service, UK Health Security Agency
  - Barnet Christie Lecture
  - Clinical Grand Round
- Networking opportunities
- Oral paper sessions
- Industry symposia
- Large industry exhibition

[View the programme](#)

*Awarded 5 CPD credits by the Royal College of Pathologists*

### Make sure you also join us for days 2 & 3 | 8 - 9 November, Online...

The two-day, three-stream programme has been designed to provide delegates with an engaging and interactive online experience:

25+ sessions hosted by a broad selection of the infection community. Presentations will be available to view on catch-up for one year.

- Internationally renowned speakers
- Virtual posters
- Sponsors' area
- Industry symposia

[View the programme](#)

*Awarded 10 CPD credits by the Royal College of Pathologists. Any presentations viewed following the live event can be self-accredited via your CPD portfolio.*

## **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

### **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

### **Commission on Human Medicines - Recruitment of Commissioners**

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care is looking to appoint eleven Commissioners to join the [Commission on Human Medicines](#) (CHM), this includes ten specialist members and one lay member. For the ten specialist posts, successful candidates should be recognised by their peers and/or be Fellows of the relevant Royal Colleges in one of the following areas:

- immunologist
- neurologist
- infectious disease specialists (2 posts)
- general practice
- a nurse specialist
- toxicologists (2 posts)
- psychiatrist
- an expert in data science with a particular interest in cardiovascular disease

CHM is a statutory committee which advises UK Health Ministers / the Licensing Authority on matters relating to the quality, safety and efficacy of medicines and on adverse reactions to marketed medicinal products. The Department of Health values and promotes diversity and is committed to equality of opportunity for all.

Further details on the Commissioner vacancies are available [here](#)

The closing date for applications is **midday, 28 October 2021**.

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