

## **BIA Monthly Digest – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### **News Items**

#### **BIA Grants 2022 - Applications Close 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

Applications are currently open for the BIA grants call 2022 – see the Grants section for full details and visit: <https://www.britishinfection.org/grant>

#### **ECCMID 2022 Travel Award Grant**

The 31st European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases (ECCMID), will take place in Lisbon, Portugal and online **23 – 26 April 2022**.

As an ESCMID Affiliated Society, BIA have one place available for the full ECCMID conference for a trainee member who is a

- Member of BIA
- Young scientist member of ECCMID

**AND** has an abstract submitted to ECCMID 2022

ESCMID will cover registration and provide € 500 travel/accommodation allowance

In order to allocate the place, please send us your accepted abstract and completed [application form](#) to [BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk](mailto:BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk)

Submissions need to be sent by **5pm on Monday 7th February**.

### **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

#### **ECMM survey on diagnostic capabilities / resources in Mycology laboratories in Europe**

BIA are invited to participate in an online survey regarding the diagnostic capabilities/resources in mycology laboratories in Europe on behalf of the European Confederation of Medical Mycology (ECMM).

The questionnaire, accessible via [www.clinicalsurveys.net/uc/IFI\\_management\\_capacity/](http://www.clinicalsurveys.net/uc/IFI_management_capacity/), is very concise and will not take longer than 5-10 minutes to complete it. Additionally, it would be of tremendous help if you could help us disseminating the survey link between your contacts across Europe.

Should any technical or content-related questions arise, please feel free to contact me ([jon.salmanton-garcia@uk-koeln.de](mailto:jon.salmanton-garcia@uk-koeln.de)), it will be my pleasure to guide you in the documentation process.

Thank you so much for your participation!

Prof. Dr. Martin Hoenigl | Prof. Dr. Jean-Pierre Gangneux | Prof. Dr. Ester Segal | Prof. Dr. Oliver A. Cornely | Dr. Jon Salmanton-García  
**ECMM Diamond Excellence Center**

### **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

### **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**

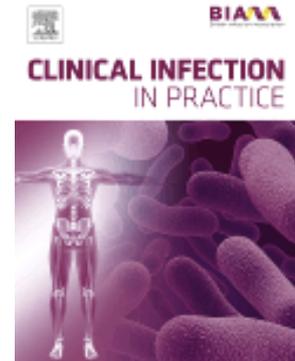
### **Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)**

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

**Postponed, new date TBC**

### **10th Advances Against Aspergillosis and Mucormycosis**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

Virtual Event

We are excited to once again assemble many of the leading clinicians and scientists from around the world for the 10th Advances Against Aspergillosis and Mucormycosis conference, which will be virtual only and held on 2-3 February, 2022.

[View the programme](#)

This conference has now clearly established itself as the premier forum for detailed and dedicated discussion of all aspects of Aspergillus infection and research.

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

### **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

Virtual

**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:** FREE OF CHARGE

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER HERE](#)

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

### **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!

### **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](https://eccmid2022.org/) for all conference information and to register.

#### **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](http://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.

Further information to follow.

### **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](#).

## **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](#)

## **BIA Autumn Trainees Day**

13th October 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.

## **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 \(32icc.org\)](#)

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.

### **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**

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