

BIA Monthly Digest - 16 May 2017

News items

BIA Council Election: voting is open until midnight on **Sunday 21st May** for the post of BIA Scientific & Research Secretary. All the other BIA Council Posts are to be filled unopposed. Please contact BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk if you have not yet received a message from Electoral Reform Services about this election.

NICE seeking Expert Advisers for guidelines: the NICE CfG is establishing a panel of Expert Advisers to help improve access to expert advice during development and updating of clinical guidelines and other CfG products. Clinicians and other healthcare professionals from a variety of specialties who are actively involved in the NHS are invited to apply. See [News Updates page](#).

Final reminder: the BIA Spring Meeting and BIA Spring Trainees' Meeting will take place on 25th/24th May respectively. See [BIA Spring Meeting](#) and [BIA Trainees' Days](#) pages for further information, including programmes and how to register. This meeting is free for BIA members; membership is free for trainees.

Consultations/Updates

Draft quality standard on the physical health of people in prisons: message from Anna Goodman, BIA Guidelines Secretary

*The BIA has submitted comments on the consultation on the draft quality standard on the Physical health of people in prisons. The statement in the document 'The most common examples of blood-borne viruses are HIV, hepatitis B and viral haemorrhagic fevers' (referring to prisons) was not commented on by our members. I therefore presume the document was not read widely. I submitted my own comments on behalf of the BIA. Please do try to read at least one consultation a year and let me know comments. The current open consultation is the draft guideline on cystic fibrosis: diagnosis and management. I do not plan to read it and will submit a general comment of support unless I hear otherwise. **So please do read it and comment to me by 15th June.** I rely on you all to help. Thanks.*

NICE draft guideline on cystic fibrosis: diagnosis and management

Comments on this draft guideline and its supporting evidence are invited; please send to Anna Goodman by **15th June**. [See Consultations page](#).

NICE have now published their guidance on COPD diagnosis and management and have responded to our comments. Thank you to all those who commented and [please click here](#) to view the responses from NICE.

NICE guideline on Flu vaccination: increasing uptake. Review protocols and search strategies have now been published in preparation for consultation on the draft guideline, due to start on 26 June. [Click to view](#).

Vacancy

MRCP(UK) currently seeking a new Trainee in Infectious Diseases for the MRCP(UK) PACES Station 2 and 4 Scenario Writing Group. Details will shortly be available on the [MRCPUK website](#).

Recently announced events

16 June 2017 RCPE Symposium: Infectious Disease; Edinburgh
30 June-2 July 2017 DAPS Global Summer School; High Wycombe [Click for info](#)
14-15 Nov 2017 Meningitis Research Foundation 11th International Conference; London
Various dates RCP events listing: [see RCP website](#)
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