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NEWS
New meningitis guidelines and algorithm: Fiona McGill (University of Liverpool) and other members of the BIA have been heavily involved in producing the UK joint specialist societies guideline on the diagnosis and management of acute meningitis and meningococcal sepsis in immunocompetent adults.

BIA Council Elections are due to take place in April/May for the following council roles: Hon Secretary, Clinical Services (medical microbiology & virology), Communications Secretary, Meetings Secretary, Guidelines Secretary, Membership Secretary, Trainee Rep (Meetings), Trainee Rep (professional affairs).

Nominations open 15-Mar-2016 and close on 13-Apr-2016. Voting will take place from 25-Apr-2016 to 10-May-2016, with results expected on 13-May-2016.

Zika virus: supplementary guidance has been issued from RIPL about testing of partners of pregnant women for Zika

SMIB 44: Investigation of orthopaedic implant associated infections has been reissued (01-Mar-2016)

CONSULTATIONS
NICE quality standard topic engagement exercise: Tuberculosis (comments by 5pm, 21-Mar-2016)
NICE quality standard (update): Diabetes in adults (comments by 5pm, 11-Apr-2016)
NICE single technology appraisal: Grazoprevir-elbasvir for treating chronic hepatitis C [ID842] (nominations by 5pm, 24-Mar-2016)

Cellulitis Priority Setting Partnership (survey open until mid-April)

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EVENTS
14-Apr-2016 IPS London Branches Conference 2016
20-Apr-2016 National Joint Training Day: Microbiology/Histopathology
23/24-May-2016 Acute and general medicine for the physician
07-Jul-2016 The future of infection prevention and control
31-Aug-2016 6th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC)
26/28-Sep-2016 Infection Prevention 2016
6/8-Nov-2016 FIS/HIS 2016

REMINDERS
BIA Spring Meeting – 19-May-2016, SOAS, London
“Infections with a global reach”
Deadline for abstract submissions: 5pm, Friday 18-Mar-2016

Grants
A number of BIA grants are currently open for submission, with closing dates of 31-Mar-2016

These include:
BIA Research Fellowship Grant
BIA research Project Grants
BIA Clinical Exchange Award
BIA Travel Award

Also currently open:
Gilead UK & Ireland Fellowship Programme (closing 31-Mar-2016)

VACANCIES
NIHR BRCs / FrancisCrick Institute Clinical Training Fellowships Scheme: this project aims to translate experimental findings by a member of the supervisory team into a novel therapeutic approach for treatment of severe influenza virus infection. Closing date: Friday 1-Apr-2016

See also vacancy list from Medicinoxy for vacancies in medicine, pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences schools

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