NEWS

BIA Council Elections
Voting took place in May and the following members were elected to Council:
Hon Secretary - Dr Katie Jeffery
Membership Secretary - Dr Mark Melzer
Clinical Services Secretary (Micro and Virology) - Dr Adriana Basarab
Guidelines Secretary - Dr Anna Goodman
Communications Secretary - Dr David Partridge
Trainee Member (Meetings) - Dr Rebecca Bamber
Trainee Member (professional Affairs - Dr Sara Boyd
No nominations were received for the post of BIA Meetings Secretary, to succeed Prof Steve Green. As a consequence, Steve has agreed to remain in post; any member wishing to apply for this role in an interim capacity should contact a BIA Council member for further details.
Only 150 valid votes were recorded out of 1500 member notifications; if anyone would like to provide feedback or comments as to how the process could be improved, please contact bia@hartleytaylor.co.uk
The BIA AGM was held at the BIA Spring Meeting on 19th May. Minutes are available in the Members Section of the website. It was noted that turnout to this meeting was low, with 48 members attending, and it is hoped more members will attend the next AGM on 25th May 2017.

2016 BIA award winners:
BIA Research Project Grants: Claire Broderick (LSHTM); James Price (University of Sussex); Naomi Walker (LSHTM)
BIA Clinical Exchange Award: Michael Benedict (University of Liverpool)
BIA Travel Awards: Daniel O’Connor (University of Oxford); Kyriaki Giorgakoudi (University of Cambridge)

Free Scientific Paper Presentation: 1st - Claire Turner (Imperial College); 2nd - Ji Soo Baik (Imperial College)
Clinical Case: Sara Boyd (Imperial College)
Poster Prize: Andrew Kemp (Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust)
The BIA Trainees’ Autumn Meeting will take place on Thursday 17th November 2016 in Nottingham. The theme for this meeting is ‘Imported infections: the returning traveller’
The 2017 Annual Spring Meeting will take place in London on 25th May 2017, with the Trainees’ Spring meeting held on 24th May.

CONSULTATIONS

NICE consultation on Abbreviated Technology Appraisal (ATA) Process. Comments please by 24th August.
Report from the EUCAST Subcommittee on the role of whole genome sequencing (WGS) in antimicrobial susceptibility testing. Comments please by 24th June.

NICE Proposed Single Technology Appraisal: Tenofovir alafenamide for treating chronic hepatitis B. Draft Scope Consultation. Although this consultation has now closed, a scoping workshop will take place at NICE offices in central London on Thursday 7th July; anyone interested in attending should contact Dr Anna Goodman, Guidelines Secretary, at anna.goodman@gstt.nhs.uk

NICE Tuberculosis Quality Standard Consultation. Comments please by 26th July.

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EVENTS
12 Oct 2016: Sepsis - improving recognition and management
22 Nov 2016: IPS 6th Annual IV Forum Conference - ‘Read Between the Lines’

REMINDEERS
The annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference will take place on 31st August 2016, immediately followed by the European Bone and Joint Infection Society Meeting on 1-3 September.

VACANCIES
‘Zika registrars’ at RIPL, from beginning of August
See also Medicinoxy for updates vacancies