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Dear BIA Member,

Please see links below to current activities and recent updates to the BIA website for your information and further action if interested.

Feedback on content and style of this email is welcome to BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk.

NEWS

BIA Council Elections are due to take place in April/May, with nominations opening on 10-Mar-2016; further details will be announced on the website and in emails to members.

ACCEA will soon be opening the 2016 application round for new and renewal of national Clinical Excellence Awards in England and Wales. As in previous years the RCP will be supporting applicants for new awards, as a National Nominating Body.

Zika virus: members of the BIA have been closely involved with tracking the epidemic and formulating public health policy and guidance on Zika virus

Open for consultation:

NICE draft guideline consultation: Sepsis - closes 5pm, 19-Feb-2016
NICE quality standard consultation: Bronchiolitis - closes 5pm, 19-Feb-2016
NICE draft guideline consultation: Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma - closes 5pm, 10-Mar-2016

NICE guideline on Tuberculosis has been updated (Jan-2016). Please note: NICE has been alerted to an error in its recently published guideline on tuberculosis in relation to a recommendation about BCG vaccination for neonates (section 1.1.3.4). The electronic versions on the NICE website have now been revised.

NICE Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in adults (update) quality standard published 04-Feb-2016
NICE Healthcare-associated infections quality standard published 11-Feb-2016

Massive Open Online Course on Antibiotic Stewardship (BSAC) new courses starting 23-May-2016 & 19-Sep-2016

Infection Prevention and Control Commissioning Toolkit recently revised by IPS and RCN

ECMOD 2016 (9-12 April, Amsterdam): now accepting late breaking abstracts for all topics, but particularly focusing on migrant and refugee health and colistin resistance. Deadline: 01-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

Two non-BIA awards are also currently open:

Gilead UK & Ireland Fellowship Programme (closing 31-Mar-2016)

FEATURES award for sepsis-related work (closing 29-Feb-2016)

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EVENTS

3/5-Mar-2016 7th Advances Against Aspergillosis Conference FREE sessions announced on Thurs afternoon/evening
16-Mar-2016 TB in 2016: Rolling out the national strategy
01-Apr-2016 Aortic Graft Infection Symposium
18-Apr-2016 RIPL Trainee Day
20-Apr-2016 National Joint Training Day: Microbiology/Histopathology
5/6-May-2016 Liverpool Neurological Infectious Diseases Course 2016

19-May-2016 BSAC 2016 Roundtable Series on Antimicrobial Resistance (Roundtable Two)
13/4-Jun-2016 Warwick University Short Course: Laboratory Skills
11/14-Jul-2016 Warwick University Short Course: Techniques and Applications of Molecular Biology
1/3-Sep-2016 Annual meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society

12/16-Sep-2016 Research Methods Course (Centre for Sexual Health and HIV Research, UCL)

A full listing of infection-related events can be found on the website’s Infection Events page

REMINDEERS

BIA Spring Meeting 19-May-2016 - SOAS, London

"Infections with a global reach"

Incorporating the BIA AGM

Deadline for abstract submissions: 5pm, Friday 18-Mar-2016

BIA Spring Trainees Day 18-May-2016 - SOAS, London takes place the day before BIA Spring Meeting

Medicine 2016: RCP Annual Conference takes place on 15/16-Mar-2016 in Harrogate

VACANCIES

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

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