NEWS

Barnett Christie Lecture
Each year the BIA invites applications to deliver this highly prestigious lecture at the Conference of the Federation of Infection Societies. The successful applicant will be invited to give a lecture at the annual FIS conference. Doctors and scientists who have not yet reached consultant, senior lecturer or top grade scientist status are eligible to compete. Submissions are welcome until the closing date of 30th September. See FIS page or click here for further information.

PHE patient information document: urinary tract infection
PHE is currently seeking assistance with the production of a patient information document about urinary tract infection. Those interested should contact Stacey.Jones@phe.gov.uk or Jessica.Thomas@phe.gov.uk

FIS Late Breaker Poster Abstracts Announced
FIS/HIS invites you to submit a poster abstract for presentation at its forthcoming conference FIS/HIS2016 – the submission deadline is Friday 9 September. See FIS page of BIA website for further details.

New elections for TAE Steering Committee members
In September elections for new steering committee members will be held. The call for candidates will start in August. The Trainee Association of ESCMID (TAE) Steering Committee consists out of six members who are CM or ID trainees from European countries up to three years after finishing specialization. One of the aims of TAE is to create a large network of young professionals in CM and ID to facilitate better trans-European collaboration and effective use of resources. Candidates who are interested in joining the steering committee (SC) need to meet the following criteria at the time point of election (reference date is closing day of election):
- Must be full ESCMID Member or ESCMID Young Scientist Member
- Must be 35 years old or younger
- Are in training to specialize in CM or ID when elected
SC members are elected by the ESCMID members who are 35 and below by a majority vote.
If you want to know more about the TAE Steering Committee please contact David Ong, President-elect of Trainee Association of ESCMID, at davidsyong@gmail.com.

NICE/GUIDELINES UPDATES

NICE guideline CG139 Healthcare-associated infections: prevention and control in primary and community care
A provisional decision has been made not to update this guideline. NICE would like to hear your views on this proposal; please send any comments to Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by Friday 19th August. Click for NICE webpage.
Original update decision due September 2016; however discussions are underway about the best way to keep this guideline up to date in light of related pregnancy guidelines and NICE’s work programme. Registered stakeholders will be contacted with further details once a way forward has been agreed and it is hoped a decision on this guideline will be reached by late autumn 2016.

NICE QS 122 Bronchiolitis in children – published June 2016. Click to view

NICE guideline in development – Lyme disease
The final scope and equality impact assessment for this guideline have now been published, along with all the stakeholder comments that were received and responses to these comments. Click to view. Expected publication date: June 2018

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EVENTS
5-7 Sept & 23-25 Jan  Keele clinical leadership and management course for diagnostic trainees
7,29 Sept & 11,26 Oct  HIV awareness training, Glasgow
3-5 Oct & 6-8 March  Keele clinical leadership and management course for medical specialties
13 October  North Wales Infection Prevention Conference, Llandudno
13-14 October  Sepsis Unplugged conference, Brighton
19 October  6th European Congress of Virology, Hamburg
9 November  Life-threatening asthma, sepsis, epilepsy and diabetes in children, London
28-30 November  The Birmingham course in tuberculosis management and control
6 December  BSI/NIVV Immunology Conference, Liverpool