

BIA President's January/February 2012 Update

Happy New Year to everyone!

The **BIA Annual Review for 2011** has just been completed and will be sent to all members electronically over the next few weeks. It has been a great opportunity to review the achievements of the past year, thank all the many individuals who contribute so much to the Association, and to look forward to 2012.

Now for a few important dates for your 2012 diary.....

The **Annual BIA Spring Scientific Meeting** will be held on **Friday May 25th** at SOAS in London. Attendance is free of charge for all members, and the meeting will incorporate the Association's **Annual General Meeting**, which all members are encouraged to attend. As usual, the preceding day (**May 24th**) will be the **Spring Trainees' meeting**, held at the same venue. Further details, including registration and abstract submission for both meetings will follow, and be made available on the website.

Consultations

- 1) **Management of HIV-infected healthcare workers.** A DH consultation paper, available on website. Comments to Peter Cowling (petcow@rocketmail.com) by end of February 2012, so that a BIA response can be compiled
- 2) An RCPATH consultation on '**Blue Skies – How do we deliver infection services for the next decade and beyond**' is available at www.rcpath.org/index.asp?PageID=558. Comments are invited by 30 January to draftguidelines@rcpath.org.
- 3) **NICE Clinical Guideline Consultation: Antibiotics for neonatal infection.** The consultation paper can be found at <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG/Wave23/7/Consultation/Latest>. Comments to be returned to Ann.Pallett@uhs.nhs.uk by 6 February so that the BIA response can be collated.

Guidance issued (and will be made available on BIA website)

- 1) **BSAC guidelines for the diagnosis and antibiotic treatment of endocarditis in adults.** Will be published in the February issue of *Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy*, available now on-line
- 2) **Guidelines for prevention and control of Group A streptococcal infection in acute healthcare and maternity settings in the UK.** These multi-agency guidelines are published in the January issue of the *Journal of Infection*
- 3) The RCP HCAI Working Group has recently published general guidance on minimising healthcare-associated infection within its '**Ten Top Tips**' initiative: <http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/resources/top-ten-tips-series>. It is hoped that these simple messages can be promoted across the healthcare economy by all practicing clinicians.

Meetings

HIV Dilemmas Day, 20 January 2012. Midland Hotel, Manchester www.hartleytaylor.co.uk

Spotlight on Infectious Diseases. This meeting organised by the Royal Society of Medicine in association with the President's prizes to be awarded at this meeting.

10 & 11 February. Royal Society of Medicine, London www.rsm.ac.uk/immunology

Joint Healthcare Infection Society & British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Spring Meeting 2012: Multi-drug resistant Gram negative infections.

20 March 2012 Royal College of Physicians, London

<http://www.bsac.org.uk/Events/Forthcoming+events/Spring+Meeting+2012>

2nd Oxford Bone Infection Conference, 1 & 2 March 2012. Oxford Town Hall www.hartleytaylor.co.uk

'Don't Panic!', 14th Meeting on Practical Aspects of Infection Control

18 & 19 June 2012 Sheffield Hallam University www.shu.ac.uk/hwb/cpd/dontpanic