

## BIA Monthly Digest – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### News Items

#### **Membership Fee Increase**

The BIA membership fees have now come into effect:

#### **Full Membership**

Online £100 / Print £120

#### **Trainee and Associate Membership**

No Journal £0 / Print £60 / Online £40

#### **Retired Membership**

£10

Should you wish to cancel your membership, please cancel your direct debit via your bank and notify us in writing at [BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk](mailto:BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk)

#### **NITCAR Update**

See [BIA NITCAR](#) page for more information

The National Infection Trainee Collaborative for Audit and Research (NITCAR) latest project aims to collate a dataset of necrotising otitis externa cases from across the UK. Currently the team are curating a case definition via the Delphi process. Information on signing up for this project will be available soon.

The National Audit of Meningitis Management (NAMM) is complete and presented at FIS ahead of work on manuscript. The NVO and CABI projects are complete and currently revising their manuscripts ahead of submission.

If you would like further information about NITCAR, or would like to ask us a question, please go to our website - [www.nitcollaborative.org.uk](http://www.nitcollaborative.org.uk)

## **LearnInfection** a learning platform for infection trainees

LearnInfection is an online resource for infection trainees to test, learn and share knowledge on infection topics and best practice. Aimed at BIA trainees, it is available to all BIA members and can be accessed using your BIA login details.

Please take a look at <https://learn.britishinfection.org/>

#### **BAJIR Bone and Joint Infection Registry**

The BAJIR database is the UK Bone and Joint Infection Registry. It is designed to collect data on all patients with bone and joint infections in the UK.

The information will be used to better understand bone and joint infections and how best to treat them. It will also be used to assess and improve the quality of services across the NHS to achieve better outcomes for patients with these conditions.



For further information, or if you would like to join the BAJIR, visit <https://bajir.org/>.

Contact us via [nhc-tr.bajir@nhs.net](mailto:nhc-tr.bajir@nhs.net).

## **Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)**

**CLIP, a new official journal of the BIA, first edition published September 2019 and available online [here](#)**

The Journal provides a forum for the advancement of knowledge and discussion of clinical infection in practice. It will embrace relevant clinical research and clinical management issues, including case reports and case series demonstrating novel or interesting findings.

The **CLIP Editor in Chief is Professor Martin Wiselka** supported by a distinguished Editorial team.

Visit the [Elsevier website](#) for further information

To submit an article please [click here](#). BIA will waive the publishing charges for the first 25 accepted papers for BIA trainee and associate members who are currently training and/or working in healthcare in the UK and Ireland.

## **Grants**

See [Grants](#) page for full information of all grants available

**Please note:** The BIA grants provision is currently under review. No calls for applications will be made before the BIA Spring Meeting in May 2020.

### **BMA Foundation for Medical Research Grants**

The BMA Foundation for Medical Research awards research grants each year to encourage and further medical research in a variety of areas.

**HC Roscoe**, is to promote research into the elimination of the common cold and/or other viral diseases of the human respiratory system.

**Kathleen Harper** is to assist research into antimicrobials

In 2020, these grants will be awarded for an amount up to **£65,000**.

Applications are invited from UK-registered medical practitioners or research scientists working in the UK and can be for either research in progress or prospective research.

Online application is now open. To apply, please see: [www.bmafoundationmr.org.uk](http://www.bmafoundationmr.org.uk)

Deadline is **6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

If you have any queries please contact [researchgrants@bma.org.uk](mailto:researchgrants@bma.org.uk) or telephone 020 7383 6341.

## **Guidelines**

See [Consultations](#) page for full information of all consultations

## **Consultations**

### **NICE committee to develop antimicrobial prescribing guidelines**

NICE are currently recruiting a topic expert lay member for the NICE committee to develop antimicrobial prescribing guidelines.

We are looking for individuals with experience of:

- Skin abscesses

If you or any of your colleagues would like to apply, there are more details on the [NICE website](#). The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm**.

We would appreciate it if you could circulate this information widely in your organisation and to any other people or organisations who may be interested in this topic.

If you have any queries about committee lay membership or the recruitment process, please contact Janine Wigmore, [PIPreruitment@nice.org.uk](mailto:PIPreruitment@nice.org.uk)

### **BSAC Consultation: Updated MRSA Treatment Guidelines**

[Treatment of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus \(MRSA\): updated guidelines from the UK](#)

This document is now available for public consultation and has been prepared by a Guideline Development Group, led by Drs Erwin Brown and Nicholas Brown (BSAC) and Anna Goodman (BIA), in line with the BSAC's policy for Guideline production.

A pdf copy of the updated guidelines can be accessed [here](#)

A downloadable response form can be accessed [here](#)

Your input will significantly enhance this document. Please circulate and encourage your network of contacts to respond to the consultation.

Please return your comments to [chorner@bsac.org.uk](mailto:chorner@bsac.org.uk) by **5pm, Friday 7th February 2020**.

## **Published Guidelines**

### **NICE Flu vaccination: increasing uptake (QS190)**

The NICE [flu vaccination: increasing uptake quality standard](#) has been published on the NICE website.

Please accept our thanks if you submitted comments during consultation on this quality standard. All consultation comments were considered by the quality standards advisory committee (QSAC) and are documented in the [minutes](#) of this meeting.

Also available on the website is a [summary of the consultation comments](#) prepared by the NICE quality standards team and the full set of consultation comments.

## **Infection Events**

See [Infection Events](#) page for full information

### **BIA 4th Infection Dilemmas Day**

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

Cotton Theatre, Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

Chairs: Dr Hiten Thaker, Hull & Dr Stephane Paulus, Oxford

In association with BPAIG, a mixture of difficult and challenging cases drawn from real life will be presented by experts using interactive keypad voting throughout.

Suitable for consultants and trainees with an interest in paediatric and adolescent infectious diseases.

#### **Topics include:**

- Unusual rashes
- Sexual health
- Antibiotic therapy
- Osteoarticular infection
- Tuberculosis
- Tropical infections
- Endocarditis
- Expert Panel debate

For more information [view the flyer](#) and to register [click here](#).

### **HIV Dilemmas Day**

24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Cotton Theatre, Manchester Conference Centre, 78 Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

CPD Approval Pending (Royal College of Pathologists)

A mixture of difficult and challenging cases drawn from real life, all presented by experts using interactive keypad voting throughout.

Suitable for consultants and trainees from all specialities who look after people with HIV.

For further information and to register [click here](#)

### **HIS/PHE Foundation course in infection prevention and control**

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

PHE, Colindale

This four-day non-residential course, organised by HIS and Public Health England is held annually in January, is a stand-alone course, with the opportunity to learn from the leading UK experts in the field. The course will allow medical trainees, newly appointed consultants and other practitioners such as nurses and clinical scientists to gain a firm grounding in infection prevention and control.

The learning outcomes will focus on:

- Developing a sound approach to the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections (HCAI) and related issues of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- Learning how to develop a surveillance programme and gain knowledge of data collection, analysis and feedback to produce information for action

- Outbreaks: learning about prevention and control with emphasis on investigation and data analysis
- Learning how to use molecular typing techniques for outbreak investigation
- Introducing technical aspects of hospital hygiene e.g. ventilation, disinfection and sterilisation
- Understanding the basis of antimicrobial stewardship
- Covering organisational aspects of HCAI prevention and control.

Previously this course has been approved by the Royal College of Pathologists for 24 CPD credits. Accreditation will be sought for 2020.

To view the programme, find out more or register, [please click here](#).

### **HIS Trainee education day - Antimicrobial resistance and stewardship**

Wednesday 12th February, 2020

Mary Ward House, London

The Healthcare Infection Society runs a structured trainee education programme specifically for medical microbiology, medical virology and infectious diseases trainees which is aligned to the RCPATH curricula. This day on antimicrobial resistance and stewardship is one of the 9 trainee education days in the programme.

The current programme can be viewed [here](#).

Attendance is free for HIS trainee members. [Registration](#) is available now. Spaces are limited.

### **19<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID),**

20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020

Kuala Lumpur

The ISID will hold its next International Congress on Infectious Diseases (19th ICID) in Kuala Lumpur from 20-23 February 2020, in partnership with the Malaysian Society for Infectious Diseases and Chemotherapy (MSIDC).

For further information visit <https://icid.isid.org>

### **9th Advances Against Aspergillosis and Mucormycosis**

Thursday 27th – Saturday 29th February 2020

Palazzo dei Congressi Lugano, Lugano, Switzerland

#### [AAAM2020 Programme](#)

#### [Registration](#)

Online registrations are now open - [click here to register](#)

For further details please [click here](#)

### **Patient Safety Awareness Week**

8th – 14th March 2020

The Royal College of Pathologists will be launching Patient Safety Awareness Week.

See what the College has to offer to give you the confidence, knowledge and skills you need to get involved, make a change and improve patient care. There will be plenty of ways that you can take part in the week, including:

- listening to our podcast conversations between clinicians and patients
- watching videos of our members discussing cases to foster a safety culture of no blame and shame
- taking part in our photo pledge
- entering our essay competition.

Click to [view the flyer](#). More information will be available soon, [click here to visit the website](#).

### **9th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC)**

26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG

#### **Audience:**

The underlying principle of OBIC is multi-disciplinary working. We invite all grades of orthopaedic and trauma surgeons, plastic surgeons, infection specialists, nursing and therapy staff and researchers to attend.

#### **Programme:**

Internationally renowned speakers will deliver state-of-the-art talks, including the prestigious Cierny-Mader lecture which is invited each year to honour ‘excellence and innovation in the multidisciplinary management of bone and joint infection’.

The programme will include lectures, workshops and interactive sessions including:

- **Do’s and don’ts - An (evidence based) approach to...** Diagnosis of bone and joint infection / Surgical management of prosthetic joint infection / Wound closure
- **Something understood:** Biofilm / Local antibiotics / Biomaterials and bugs
  - How I treat long bone infection
  - Rehabilitation – managing expectations
  - Engaging the research agenda
  - Trials and big data
- **Making the most of what we know:** Why bother with a BIU? / How are we GIRFTING? / Update on diagnostic criteria and standards
- **New horizons:** Bacterial metabolism and nanobubbles / Update on bacteriophages / Direct from tissue diagnostics

[Click here to view the full programme](#)

#### **Call for abstracts:**

We need you to share your ideas, research and clinical findings with your peers either as a selected oral presentation or selected poster. These can be any projects related to the field of bone and joint infection whether lab based or clinical.

We are also asking for challenging cases to be submitted for interactive audience discussion during the conference. These should be submitted in abstract form with a view to providing slides later.

Please submit the best and most thought-provoking abstracts you can muster – the team at OBIC will be very pleased to receive them.

There will be prizes for the best poster and oral presentations. To submit an abstract please click here: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/1599/submissions/new>

**Submission Deadline: Monday 10th February 2020 (12 noon)**

For registration information please [click here](#)

### **BSAC Spring Conference: 2020**

Into Clinical Practice – Bridging the gap between science, policy and effective antimicrobial use. A global overview of drug development and effective use through diagnostics, stewardship and shared learning

16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, Westminster, London

[www.bsac-conference.com](http://www.bsac-conference.com)

Globally focused and locally relevant, the conference brings together key opinion leaders, researchers and clinicians from across Europe and further afield.

To view the programme and register, please [click here](#) or download the [registration form](#).

For sponsorship opportunities please contact Debbie Cockayne at [Debbie@pagemedical.co.uk](mailto:Debbie@pagemedical.co.uk) or Tracey Guise at [tguise@bsac.org.uk](mailto:tguise@bsac.org.uk)

For general enquiries, please contact Esme Carruthers, BSAC Event Manager at [Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk](mailto:Ecarruthers@bsac.org.uk)

### **BIA 23rd Annual Spring Scientific Meeting 2020**

Thursday 21st May 2020

Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester, M1 3BB

**Call for abstracts** is now open. To submit an abstract for the BIA Annual Meeting [click here](#)

Closing date: **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Further programme information to follow

### **UK Clinical Vaccine Network Conference 2020**

Friday 12th June, 2020

Wolfson College, Linton Road, Oxford OX2 6UD

Bringing together and showcasing the work of the UK clinical vaccine community, to facilitate co-operation and collaborate on future challenges.

#### **Posters & abstracts**

Abstract submissions for the 2020 conference are now open and will close on **Sunday 31st May**

[Click here to register](#)

## **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Bone and Joint Infection Society**

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Ljubljana, Slovenia

The main conference theme is:

Joining forces: optimising diagnosis and management of bone and joint infections

The programme topics are:

- Optimising antibiotic treatment of bone & joint infections
- Optimal bone infection sampling and microbiological processing
- Low-grade PJI – what is the best approach?
- Musculoskeletal infections in children
- Infections of arthroscopic implants, osteotomies and tendon reconstructions
- Chronic osteomyelitis with good function. To treat or to live with?
- Spinal infections
- Fracture-related infections

Important dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: **10<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Early Registration Deadline: **Before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

The registration and abstract submission will open in January 2020. Find more information on the conference website: [Click here](#)

### **Workshops and Courses**

See [Workshops and Courses](#) page for more information

#### **Medical Microbiology FRCPATH Part 2 Mock examination**

Date: 28th February 2020 (8.30am – 7.00pm)

Venue: Pathology Training Laboratory, Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester

A one-day intensive mock examination preparing trainees for the new FRCPATH Part 2 examination, for full details view the flyer.

This is a unique course giving trainees that all important pre-exam mock (conducted similar to exam conditions) with questions (clinical scenario & OSPE questions) in line with the actual exam.

The day will be split into half a day of mock scenario examination and half a day of mock OSPEs.

Feedback on questions and answers will be given on the same day.

The course facilitators have knowledge of the Royal College exam and are experienced teachers.

Places are limited to a maximum of 15 participants and will be on a first come first serve basis.

The deadline for booking a place is **Friday 31st January, 2020**.

To book your place, please complete the [registration form](#) ensuring all sections are fully completed and return your signed form to: [wendy.jones@uhl-tr.nhs.uk](mailto:wendy.jones@uhl-tr.nhs.uk) or [janet.richardson@uhl-tr.nhs.uk](mailto:janet.richardson@uhl-tr.nhs.uk)

### **Tuberculosis, Postgraduate Certificate (1-year Part-time Distance Learning)**

This new programme will provide a comprehensive overview of Tuberculosis with an emphasis on prevention, diagnosis, and management of drug-susceptible Tuberculosis.

The programme has been developed for trainees and consultants in infection specialities and respiratory medicine; it can also be taken by nurses and public health workers, and practitioners with experience in Tuberculosis.

Further information visit the [QMUL website](#)

### **Advanced courses + scientific conferences**

Wellcome Genome Campus Advanced Courses and Scientific Conferences is the only UK-based programme providing open postgraduate courses and conferences focused on biomedicine. We fund, develop and deliver training and conferences that span basic research, cutting-edge biomedicine, and the application of genomics in healthcare.

Please [Click here](#) to view upcoming courses and conference

### **Vacancies**

See [BIA Jobs](#) page for full information

**Currently no vacancies**

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