News Items

Following the recent BIA elections in May, we are pleased to announce that the following have been elected on to BIA Council: Vice President - Professor Martin Llewelyn (Brighton & Sussex University Hospital); Meetings Secretary – Dr Hiten Thaker (Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust); Scientific & Research Secretary – Dr Chris Chiu (Imperial College London).

Infectious Diseases Specialty Certificate Examinations: the registration period for these examinations is currently open and will close on 9th August 2017.

ESCMID Trainee Association Survey: the trainee association of ESCMID steering committee has launched a new survey that aims to explore the experience of trainees and young medical specialists on supervision, mentorship and management. Your input would be much appreciated; the survey should take around 10 minutes.

Help needed finding patient stories for book on antimicrobial resistance: author/journalist is seeking patient stories to help people understand the human consequences of antibiotic resistance. The book is for a broad audience, written in the context of popular science. The author is prepared to travel to meet any patients who are in a position to help with his research. Please contact erik.martiniussen@gmail.com

Consultations & Updates

UK SMI V 04 – Investigation of hepatitis B infection
Please send comments by 26 June 2017.

NICE draft guideline on sinusitis (acute): antimicrobial prescribing
Draft guideline and supporting evidence now open for consultation; please respond by 9am, 23rd June 2017.

NICE Single Technology Appraisal: Bezlotoxumab for preventing the recurrence of C. difficile infection. Appraisal due to commence July 2017; details will be available on the Consultations page.

UK National Screening Committee consultation: Newborn screening for cytomegalovirus
Now open for consultation; please respond by 11th September 2017.

Recently Announced Events

22-24 June 2017  14th International Symposium on Modern Concepts in Endocarditis and Cardiovascular Infections; Dublin

5 July 2017  Infection Today Conference 2017; Birmingham
6 Sept 2017       Tropical Dermatology: LSHTM short course; London
14 October 2017   RCP Success in Medicine Conference; London
22 – 24 Nov 2017  British Geriatrics Society Autumn Meeting 2017; London
4 December 2017   Encephalitis Society Conference 2107; London

Applications are invited for essay prize and travel bursary; also for keynote speakers for this event.

See Infection Events page for details

BSAC/HIS/BIA Regional Educational Workshops 2017: Breaking the Mould

These workshops are open to microbiologists, infectious disease consultants, scientists, pharmacists, infection control specialists and other interested health professionals working in the areas of infection prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Workshops will take place during Oct-Dec in venues across the UK.

See Workshops & Courses page for details

Vacancies

Volunteer Clinical Service Advisers – BTS MDR-TB Clinical Advice Service. Closing date 30/06/17
Senior Clinical Academic (Consultant level) – Medicine/Infectious Diseases (Manchester). Closing date 09/07/17

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See www.medicinox.com for current vacancies in medicine, pharmacy and biomedical sciences

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