

BIA Monthly Digest – 16th April 2019

News Items

BIA Council Elections

Nominations now open, please click to [make a nomination](#)

Nomination closing date: Wednesday 17th April

Posts for Renewal

- Vice President
- Hon. Secretary
- Guidelines Secretary
- Member Secretary
- Communications Secretary

Nominations from members are welcomed. Please ensure your membership is active to be eligible to nominate, be nominated, or to vote.

Voting Opens: **Wednesday 24th April**

Voting Closes: **Wednesday 15th May**

Results announced: **Thursday 23rd May** at the AGM within the BIA Spring Meeting

ACCEA 2019

BIA ACCEA Committee 2019 will be Chaired by Professor David Dockrell

ACCEA applications have now closed.

NITCAR Update

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

Annual Meeting

The **NITCAR annual meeting** will take place after the **BIA Spring Trainees' Meeting** on the evening of the 22nd May 2019.

Visit <https://hartleytaylor.co.uk/BIAT/> to register for the BIA Trainees day and sign up for the NITCAR annual meeting.

Visit the [NITCAR website](#) for more NITCAR information.

Funding of up to £1,000 for female leaders available

Women & Leadership International is administering a national initiative to support the development of female leaders across various UK based sectors.

The campaign is providing women with grants of up to £1,000 to enable participation in a leadership development program.

The scholarship funding is provided with the specific intent of providing a powerful and effective development opportunity for women within your industry; however, the funding is strictly limited and it is uncertain when this funding will be available again.

Expressions of Interest

Find out more and register your interest by completing the Expression of Interest form here prior to Friday, 10th May: www.womenandleadership.org/funding.html

Paediatric Infection Control Research Network

This newly formed network is designed to be a multi-professional forum aimed at individuals working in paediatric practice with an interest in infection prevention.

The purpose of the group is to identify key areas of research which could lead to specific guidance linked to paediatrics and infection prevention as well as beginning to establish a firm evidence base within this area.

As part of this work a survey has been created and distributed to those working within paediatric IPC to discuss the current assurance measures in place around infection prevention. Please click to [complete the survey](#).

The group will hold its first meeting **14th May 2019 at The Studio, Birmingham, B2 5EP**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a multi-professional networking opportunity for those working in paediatrics and the results of the survey will be discussed and opportunities for research explored.

Bookings can be made via this [link](#)

IDWeek 2018 - Cases from the Fellows' Day Workshop

Partners ID Images has partnered with IDWeek to present cases from the Fellows' Day Workshop on their website.

Click here to [view the cases](#).

Clinical Infection in Practice (CLIP)

CLIP, a new official journal of the BIA, is now open for submissions.

The Journal will provide 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.

This will be of particular value in a field where clinicians are often faced with relatively rare conditions or clinical problems where the only supportive literature is at case report level. It is aimed at all specialists and trainees working in clinical infection-related disciplines including Clinical Microbiologists/Virologists, Infectious Diseases and Tropical Disease physicians, Public Health Specialists and supporting professional staff.

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

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

The 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.

Please state this is the case when you submit your article in order to claim this waiver. To submit an article please [click here](#).

Grants

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

BIA Grants

Applications for the BIA Grants below have now closed -

- BIA Research Project Grants
- BIA Clinical Exchange Award

Dr Chris Chiu [BIA Scientific & Research Secretary](#) will now lead a review of the applications by the BIA Scientific and Research Committee, which then shortlists and awards the research projects.

BIA Travel Awards

Support travel to major national or international meetings, in particular, ASM, ICAAC, IDSA, and ECCMID to present original research, where the abstract is already accepted.

Remaining deadlines for 2019: 30th June, 27th October

Forward letter of acceptance, name of conference, abstract, and 2-page C.V. by e-mail to Dr Chris Chiu [BIA Scientific & Research Secretary](#) to apply.

Emerging Leaders Prize for antimicrobial resistance researchers

The Medical Research Foundation is inviting applications from antibacterial and anti-fungal resistance researchers to apply for the 2019 Emerging Leaders Prize.

Up to £200,000 is available to recognise the work of emerging research leaders who have made significant contributions to research in antimicrobial resistance. A top prize of £100,000 will be awarded and smaller prizes of various amounts to second place and runners ups.

Deadline for Submission: 12pm Friday 31 May 2019

For further information click [here](#)

Current Consultations

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

Doravirine for treating HIV-1 in adults stakeholder testing

You are invited to take part in the stakeholder testing process regarding the development of a commissioning policy for the use of Doravirine for treating HIV-1 in adults.

The stakeholder testing will last for two weeks and will close on Thursday April 18th 2019 at 10am.

The following documents are available on request from BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk

- Draft policy proposition*
- The clinical evidence review* which has informed the draft policy proposition
- Stakeholder testing response form

*Please note that unpublished data has been redacted.

Responses will only be accepted on the attached stakeholder response form. Please send to Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk by **9am, Wednesday 17th April**

DAP44 Rapid Tests for Group A Streptococcal infection in people with a sore throat

The first committee discussion of the assessment of Rapid Tests for Group A Streptococcal infection in people with a sore throat will take place on Monday 17th June 2019.

BIA Spring Trainees' Meeting 2019

See [Trainee Days](#) page for full information

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LS

[View the provisional programme](#)

Includes evening programme for juniors with an interest in infection & NITCAR (National Infection Trainee Collaboration for Audit and Infection) annual meeting

Trainee call for abstracts:

BIA invites trainees to submit abstracts on 'travel dilemmas' these can be interesting travel related cases or complex challenges presenting in travel clinics.

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, and submitted by **Monday 6th May 2019** at 5pm via email to Farnaz.Dave@nhs.net

Please include a title for your abstract and your place of work. Trainees invited to present will be informed by the end of Friday 10th May 2019.

Registration fees:

1 day registration £60.00 (includes registration for evening programme)

2 days registration £90.00 (Trainees day & Annual Scientific Meeting)

Evening Programme

Junior Trainee Evening

An evening event aimed at senior medical students, and all doctors below registrar level contemplating a career in Infection related specialties including infectious diseases, microbiology and virology.

Click to [view the flyer](#)

NITCAR Evening Meeting

An evening event to provide an update on previous projects and discuss new project proposals, with the NITCAR AGM to conclude the meeting.

Registration for evening programme only available to those who have also registered for the Trainees' Day

[Register](#)

[BIA Spring Meeting – 22nd Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

See [BIA Spring Meeting](#) page for full information

Thursday 23rd May 2019

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Keynote Speakers:

Current management and latest research on endovascular infections

Dr Nicholas Price, Director of Infection & Joint Director of Infection Prevention & Control.
Consultant Infectious Diseases, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Non-Inferiority trials in infection research

Professor Sarah Ann Walker, Professor of Medical Statistics & Epidemiology, Experimental Medicine Division, University of Oxford & John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

Infections at the human-animal interface

Professor Ross Fitzgerald, Chair of Molecular Bacteriology, Roslin Institute, The University of Edinburgh

Associate Members Parallel Symposium 13.30 – 15.30 (Congress Suite)

ToDipOrNotToDip – improving the management of UTI in older people

Dr Elizabeth Beech, National Project Lead for Antimicrobial Resistance

Gram-negative Bloodstream Infections: Evidence, Interventions & Evaluations

Dr Susan Hopkins, Consultant Infectious Diseases & Microbiology Royal Free London & Deputy Director of the National Infection Service at Public Health England

Reducing gram negative bloodstream infections - one Trust's experience

Ms Lisa Butcher, Lead Nurse & Manager for Infection Prevention & Control & **Dr Katie Jeffery**, Consultant Microbiologist, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

[View the programme](#)

[Register](#)

[BIA Autumn Trainees' Meeting 2019](#)

Thursday 17th October

Harwood Room, Barnes Wallis Building, University of Manchester, Altrincham Street, Sackville Street Campus, Manchester, M1 3BB

More details to follow soon.

[Infection Events](#)

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

Medicine 2019 - RCP annual conference

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th April

Manchester Central Convention Complex, Windmill Street, Manchester, M2 3GX

Ideal for all specialties and grades, Medicine 2019 will explore the latest cutting-edge developments in healthcare and focus on how to improve patient care.

Joint London IPS Branch Conference

Thursday 2nd May 2019

The Kia Oval, London

The Joint London IPS Branch Conference features prominent speakers within infection prevention who will explore the view that 'prevention is better than cure'.

Click to [view the programme](#) or to [register](#)

37th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases ESPID 2019

Monday 6th May – Friday 11th May 2019

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Building on the success and innovation of previous meetings, ESPID 2019 will feature a wide range of sessions and learning opportunities showcasing the latest research and developments in the field hosted by leading international experts.

Please click to [view the programme](#)

HIS Spring meeting 2019 - Worries with the (hospital) water works

Tuesday 14 May 2019, Royal College of Physicians, London

The Spring meeting programme covers all aspects of healthcare infection control relating to water and includes presentations on sinks and pseudomonas, risks from sink drains and solutions, Legionella – pitfalls to temperature monitoring and the keynote lecture When all else fails - the 'Waterless ITU' will be given by Dr Joost Hopman, Radboud University, Nijmegen.

For more details visit <https://www.his.org.uk/training-events/spring-meetings/spring-meeting/>

The RCPE Course in Acute and General Internal Medicine

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2019

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 11 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1JQ

This 5-day course will provide topical and relevant updates on a wide variety of acute and general medical conditions encountered by clinicians. Experts will cover topics of current and practical relevance with frequent opportunities for interactive case-based learning.

For more information please visit <https://events.rcpe.ac.uk/rcpe-course-acute-and-general-internal-medicine>

Viruses, Vaccines and Eradication Conference 2019

Thursday 6th June 2019

Queen Elizabeth II Centre, Broad Sanctuary, London, SW1P 3EE

A one-day conference dedicated to providing academics and clinicians with novel information and opportunities for scientific debate on the topic of reducing global disease through virus elimination and eradication.

The provisional programme information is now available to view; please [click here](#).

Registrations for the conference can be submitted [online](#).

Discounted registration rates are available to members of BIA. The number of places at the conference are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. As such, we would encourage you to register at your earliest convenience.

IPS South West Branch Conference 2019

Thursday 13th June, 2019

Mercure Rougemont Hotel, Exeter

The theme of this year's conference is "From Acorns Come Great Oaks" with programme highlights including Opinions of Care Home Staff Dealing with Flu Outbreak, Asepsis, Mouth Care and Hospital Acquired Pneumonia and much more.

This day is aimed at all healthcare workers as well as; infection prevention and control practitioners, ward and community-based nursing staff, infection control link nurses, IV nurse specialists and those delivering IV care in critical care and emergency services.

For further details please visit <https://www.ips.uk.net/event/ips-south-west-branch-conference-2019/>

UK Clinical Vaccine Network Conference 2019

Friday 14th June, 2019

Wolfson College, Linton Road, Oxford OX2 6UD

This conference will focus on the future direction and challenges within the vaccine arena, will showcase the work of the UK clinical vaccine community and be open to anyone who wants to learn more about vaccines.

For further information, to submit an abstract or register please click [here](#)

RCPE Infectious Diseases

Friday 14th June, 2019

This CPD accredited infectious diseases symposium is designed to inform a broad range of medical, and affiliated specialities, on the latest research and clinical practice guidelines for a range of common challenging infections in the hospital and community-based setting, as well as preparedness for the next respiratory virus pandemic.

Attendees will come away with up-to-date knowledge of the latest practice guidelines of the topics covered, and a deeper understanding of data gaps which afford an opportunity for further research and collaboration.

Click for [more information](#) or to [register](#)

HIS Don't Panic! conference

Wednesday 19th June 2019, Midland Hotel, Manchester

Organised by the Healthcare Infection Society in association with the Infection Prevention Society

The annual Don't panic! conference takes a practical approach to current infection control issues and will be of interest to microbiologists, infection control practitioners, public health staff and biomedical scientists working in this area.

[The programme](#) will include sessions on:

- What to do about CPEs (or not)
- Sequencing – from theory to practice
- The role of behaviour in IPC and AMS

[Abstract submission](#) is now open for oral communication and poster abstracts - deadline 12 noon, Friday 26 April 2019. The presenting authors of accepted oral communication abstracts will be awarded free registration to attend the conference.

For more details visit <https://his.org.uk/training-events/dont-panic/>

DIPC development day - Outbreaks and the DIPC: managing the fallout

Thursday 20 June 2019, Midland Hotel, Manchester

DIPC network and development programme meetings include speaker presentations, discussion sessions and a networking opportunity and is open to current or aspiring DIPCs and Deputy DIPCs, or those in a similar role irrespective of professional background.

For more information visit <https://www.his.org.uk/training-events/dipc-network-and-development-programme/2019/dipc-development-day-outbreaks-and-the-dipc-managing-the-fallout/>

1st Barts Heart Centre Infective Endocarditis (IE) Conference

Prosthetic Valve Endocarditis (PVE): Challenges and Opportunities

Monday 8th July 2019

Royal Society of Medicine (RSM), 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE

Join a multidisciplinary faculty of internationally renowned experts at the first Annual Barts conference about infective endocarditis (IE), with a focus on prosthetic valve endocarditis.

Click to [view the programme](#) or for [more details and to register](#)

A beginners' workshop on viral phylogenetics

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July, 2019

Pathology Training Centre, Glenfield Hospital, Leicester

Lecturer: Dr Stéphane Hué

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Click here to [view the event flyer](#)

Please contact: Julian.tang@uhl-tr.nhs.uk or Nelun.perera@uhl-nhs.uk for more details or to book a place

Virology-2019 - International Conference on Virology

Thursday 25th July – Friday 26th July, 2019

Rome, Italy

Please see the website for further details: <http://virology.madridge.com/>



DIPC DAY 2019

Sunday 22 September

ACC, Liverpool, UK

“Successful leaders see the opportunities in every difficulty rather than the difficulty in every opportunity” **Reed Markham**

The IPS is presenting here an opportunity without difficulty. This day will support leaders in infection prevention and control (IPC) by providing expert workshops and presentations on behaviour, challenges and quality improvement. At a time when the difficulties facing IPC leaders are legion, new and re-emerging threats continue to develop, IPC leaders themselves require opportunities for advancement. This day is designed for IPC aspiring and experienced leaders to help them approach the challenges ahead - not as another crisis to manage, but as opportunities in a sea of difficulties.

The cost to attend is £95 and this includes access to the UK’s largest infection prevention and control exhibition offering you the opportunity to view new and innovative products and discuss your requirements with company professionals. A large poster area will also be available to view within the exhibition hall.

Online registration is available at www.ips.uk.net/conference/dipc

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Research Methods Course

Monday 29th October - Thursday 1st November 2019

University College London

The Institute for Global Health are thrilled to advertise their annual Research Methods Course which is run primarily by members of the Centre for Clinical Research in Infection and Sexual Health, and the Centre for Population Research in Sexual Health and HIV, and is taught by leading researchers from University College London.

To register an interest, please email [Lydia Clinton](mailto:Lydia.Clinton@ucl.ac.uk) or [see our website](http://www.iglh.ucl.ac.uk) for updates, information and course materials.

Meningitis & Septicaemia 2019 - Meningitis Research Foundation’s 12th International Conference

Tuesday 5th – Wednesday 6th November 2019

The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG

The twelfth international conference brings together world leading experts to share the latest advances and discuss the challenges of defeating meningitis and septicaemia.

Please click [here](#) for further information.

19th International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID), Kuala Lumpur

February 20th – 23rd, 2020

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

See the BIA web page for information about available [Workshops and Courses](#)

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](#)

Vacancies

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

Two Senior Research-active Clinicians

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) seeks applications from fellows to fill two vacancies for senior research-active clinicians on the Research and Academic Medicine Committee (RAMC) from June 2019.

The RAMC aims to provide advice, information and assistance for academics and research-active clinicians at all levels and career stages and to reflect the importance of research to the NHS. It meets three times a year, fellows serve for 3 years.

Closing date: Friday 3rd May, 2019

Click for [more information](#)

Clinical Director: Digital Health

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has created an exciting, new opportunity for a senior clinician to provide clinical and strategic leadership to the College, its fellows and members and staff, on matters relating to digital healthcare.

You will be a Consultant-level medical doctor, or other senior healthcare professional, with current registration to practice. Enthusiasm for healthcare quality improvement and patient safety is vital and ideally, you'll have experience of implementing new technologies or evaluating digital healthcare solutions and driving improvements that benefit patients.

Closing date: Friday 3rd May, 2019

Please click to [read the job description](#) or for [more information and to apply](#)

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