

Monthly digest 4: March 15 2016

NEWS

[New meningitis guidelines and algorithm](#): Fiona McGill (University of Liverpool) and other members of the BIA have been heavily involved in producing the UK joint specialist societies guideline on the diagnosis and management of acute meningitis and meningococcal sepsis in immunocompetent adults.

[BIA Council Elections](#) are due to take place in April/May for the following council roles: Hon Secretary, Clinical Services (medical microbiology & virology), Communications Secretary, Meetings Secretary, Guidelines Secretary, Membership Secretary, Trainee Rep (Meetings), Trainee Rep (professional affairs).

Nominations open 15-Mar-2016 and close on 13-Apr-2016. Voting will take place from 25-Apr-2016 to 10-May-2016, with results expected on 13-May-2016.

[Zika virus: supplementary guidance](#) has been issued from RIPL about testing of partners of pregnant women for Zika
[SMIB 44: Investigation of orthopaedic implant associated infections](#) has been reissued (01-Mar-2016)

CONSULTATIONS

NICE quality standard topic engagement exercise: Tuberculosis (comments by **5pm, 21-Mar-2016**)

NICE quality standard (update): Diabetes in adults (comments by **5pm, 11-Apr-2016**)

NICE single technology appraisal: Grazoprevir-elbasvir for treating chronic hepatitis C [ID842] (nominations by **5pm, 24-Mar-2016**)

Cellulitis Priority Setting Partnership (survey open until mid-April)

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED EVENTS

14-Apr-2016	IPS London Branches Conference 2016
20-Apr-2016	National Joint Training Day: Microbiology/Histopathology
23/24-May-2016	Acute and general medicine for the physician
07-Jul-2016	The future of infection prevention and control
31-Aug-2016	6th Annual Oxford Bone Infection Conference (OBIC)
26/28-Sep-2016	Infection Prevention 2016
6/8-Nov-2016	FIS/HIS 2016

REMINDERS

[BIA Spring Meeting](#) – 19-May-2016, SOAS, London

“Infections with a global reach”

Deadline for abstract submissions: 5pm, Friday 18-Mar-2016

Grants

A number of BIA grants are currently open for submission, with **closing dates of 31-Mar-2016**

These include:

BIA Research Fellowship Grant

BIA research Project Grants

BIA Clinical Exchange Award

BIA Travel Award

Also currently open:

[Gilead UK & Ireland Fellowship Programme](#) (closing **31-Mar-2016**)

VACANCIES

[NIHR BRCs / FrancisCrick Institute Clinical Training Fellowships Scheme](#): this project aims to translate experimental findings by a member of the supervisory team into a novel therapeutic approach for treatment of severe influenza virus infection. **Closing date: Friday 1-Apr-2016**

See also [vacancy list from MedicinOxy](#) for vacancies in medicine, pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences schools

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