News items

BIA Council Elections
Elections to BIA Council will be held in April/May this year. Nominations are currently open for the following posts: Vice President; Meetings secretary; CSC Medical Microbiology/Virology; CSC Infectious Diseases; Scientific & Research Secretary; Associate Members Secretary. Nominations forms should be returned by noon on Thursday 20th April and results will be announced at the BIA Spring Meeting on 25th May. It is hoped that as many BIA members as possible will participate in the voting process. See BIA Council page for more information and to access the nominations form.

BIA Trainees’ Day & Annual Spring Meeting – 24th & 25th May
Abstracts for the Spring Meeting should be submitted by 24th March 2017. See BIA Spring Meeting page
A supper meeting for trainees will be held on 24th May, from 6pm. This is an educational evening aimed at medical students and junior doctors interested in a career in infection. See Trainee Days page

Study Corner Website page
We are currently working to update this page of the website. If you would like to make us aware of any resources which have been particularly useful as study aids, please contact us at BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk. Your input is very valuable to us and much appreciated. See Study Corner page

RCP New Specialty Service Planning Resource
A new website to help those involved in the planning and provision of services get a clearer picture of specialty services. See Updates page

ACCEA National Clinical Excellence Awards
The latest round of National Clinical Excellence Awards opened on 28th February and will close at 5pm on Tuesday 25th April 2017. See ACCEA page

Gilead UK & Ireland Fellowship Programme 2017
Now open for applications for projects in invasive fungal diseases. Closing date: 27th April 2107 See Grants page

Spring Trainees’ Meeting - Supper Meeting for Trainees: Careers in Infection for Juniors
This educational evening is aimed at medical students and junior doctors interested in a career in infection, and will take place after the Spring Meeting on 24th May, from 6pm. See Trainee Days page
Recently announced events

27 April  HIS Spring Meeting; Birmingham
12 May  Hot Topics in Microbiology: Join the Grapevine; Colindale, London
22 May  Implant related infections within orthopaedics; Norwich
8 June  BSAC European Summit on Vaccines and Diagnostics; London
19 June  ‘Don’t Panic!’ – Annual meeting on practical aspects of infection control; Sheffield
18 Sept  IPS Annual Conference: Infection Prevention 2017; Manchester
18 Sept  Research Methods Course, UCL

See Infection Events page

Consultations / Updates

NICE QS consultation: Sepsis. Please send responses by 30th March.
See Consultations page

UK SMI B 31: Investigation of specimens other than blood for parasites (Reissued)
Comments received as part of the consultation process can be seen in the review of users’ comments document.
See Updates page

NICE vaccine uptake in under 19’s QS
Published on 2nd March 2017
See Updates page

Responders to consultations will receive a BIA Guideline Review Support Certificate which can be used to self-credit up to 10 CPD points.

Vacancies

Professorship of Clinical Microbiology, University of Cambridge. Closing date: 27/03/17
Clinical Research Specialty Lead – Infectious Diseases, NIHR CRN Eastern. Closing date: 27/03/17
Lead RCSI – Microbiology, Perdana University, Malaysia. Closing date: 31/03/17
See Jobs section.

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