

BIA Monthly Digest – 15th October 2018

News Items

World Antibiotic Awareness Week and European Antibiotic Awareness Day

WAAW is 12th-18th November, with EAAD on 18th November. The RCP-backed, Lancet-reviewed and Antibiotic Guardian-commended short film CATCH is now available for free, and can be used at any event you may be running.

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HEE AMR Innovation Fund – Education & Training 2018/19 – Invitation to Tender

HEE is expected to take forward a prioritised programme of work in support of the Government's ambitions to halve healthcare associated Gram-negative bloodstream infections and inappropriate antimicrobial prescribing by 2020/21. An AMR Innovation Fund has been set up to encourage and support initiatives that will contribute to workforce development in this area. Suitably qualified bidders are now invited to tender – the closing date is 30 October 2018.

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Update to MDR-TB Service

BTS has redeveloped and improved its MDR-TB Clinical Advice Service, by which advice and support is given to clinicians who encounter MDR-TB and wish to receive advice about treatment.

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BMA Foundation for Medical Research Grants

BMA Foundation Grants will be available to apply for online on the BMA Foundation website from 1st January 2019. In particular, the Kathleen Harper grant is to assist research into antimicrobials and the H C Roscoe grant is for research into viral diseases of the respiratory system.

See [Grants](#) page

Reminders

[FIS 2018](#) – 13-15 November - registration open – see [FIS](#) page

[Regional Educational Workshops 2018](#): the ongoing challenges of MRSA. Series of workshops organised by BIA, BSAC and HIS taking place Oct – Dec 2018 – See [Workshops & Courses](#) page

Current Consultations

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

Topic engagement exercise on the lyme disease quality standard

You are invited to comment on what you consider to be the 5 key areas for quality improvement.

Please respond by 23rd October.

Recently Announced Events

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

16 November 2018	Gram-negative bloodstream infection conference; Liverpool
13-14 December 2018	OPAT National Conference 2018; Birmingham
15 January 2019	BSAC Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Conference; London

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