

## **BIA Monthly Digest – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

### **News Items**

#### **BIA Council Elections**

Results were announced **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at the AGM held within the BIA Spring Meeting

Posts filled unopposed

- Vice President – Dr Katie Jeffery
- Hon. Secretary – Dr David Partridge
- Members Secretary – Dr Mark Melzer
- Communications Secretary – Dr Ed Moran

Post filled following election

- Guidelines Secretary – Dr Anna Goodman

We say a fond farewell to our departing President Dr Albert Misfud, and welcome our **new President Professor Martin Llewelyn**.

#### **Diagnostics Advisory Committee**

Monday 17 June 2019

The public registration facility to observe the committee meeting for ‘Rapid Tests for Group A Streptococcal infections in people with a sore throat’ is now open on the NICE website.

If you would like to register for this committee meeting, please do so via the following web page:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/event/dac-june-2019>

Registration for this meeting will close on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 5pm**.

Should you have any queries regarding observing this meeting, please contact the Meetings in Public Coordinator, Shannon Nettleton ([Shannon.Nettleton@nice.org.uk](mailto:Shannon.Nettleton@nice.org.uk))

#### **NITCAR Update**

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

#### **Annual Meeting**

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

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

#### **Medical Microbiology SAC: The launch of the newly revised model job descriptions**

The College has now launched the revised model job descriptions and supporting documents.

They are available at: <https://www.rcpath.org/profession/employing-pathologists/employing-doctors.html>

#### **GIRFT Survey**

Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) is a national clinician-led programme designed to improve the quality of medical care within the NHS by reducing unwarranted variations. As part of this programme we have set up the Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Survey.

The SSI Survey will be live on the 1st May 2019 and run for a period of six months **until 30th October 2019**.

For more information on how to get involved visit: <https://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/cross-cutting-stream/surgical-site-infection-audit/>

## **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 have been awarded -**

- BIA Research Project Grants
  - Up to three £20K 2-year awards
  - 17 applications made by 16 applicants from 13 institutions. 2 awards made:
  - *'Faecal Microbiota Transplantation for MDR the intestinal decolonisation of multidrug-resistant organisms'*
  - *'Regulation of HIV replication by virion-associated RNA helicases'*
- BIA Clinical Exchange Award
  - 3 applications made by 3 applicants. 1 award made:
  - *Exchange with Hospital for Sick Children Toronto*

Dr Chris Chiu [BIA Scientific & Research Secretary](#) lead the review of the applications by the BIA Scientific and Research Committee.

### **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

#### **NICE consultation on the updated indicator process guide**

The consultation on proposed amendments to the processes we use to develop NICE indicators is [open](#).

The NICE indicator process guide has been updated in accordance with its regular cycle of review. We welcome comments on the proposed updates to the guide.

If you'd like to comment on the draft updated indicator process guide, fill in the [consultation feedback form](#) and send to [Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Anna.Goodman@gstt.nhs.uk) by **9am, Friday 12th July**.

#### **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 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

#### **The RCPE Course in Acute and General Internal Medicine**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

### **IPS South West Branch Conference 2019**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### **9th National Orthopaedic Infection Forum**

Tuesday 25th June

Cavendish Conference Centre, 22 Duchess Mews, London W1G 9DT

A great opportunity for Orthopaedic Surgeons & Microbiologists to come together & discuss infection in this group of patients & stimulate our delegates to look at current methods, techniques & protocols that are in use across the UK.

#### **Topics to include:**

- International Consensus Meeting: reflections from orthopaedics & reflections from microbiology
- UK PJI – when, why and what next?
- Antibiotic passports
- Diagnostic update
- PhDs in infection

- Non-orthopaedic vascular infections
- Hernia implant infection
- Implant salvage for breast reconstruction
- Infections from maxofacial implants

Please click to [register](#)

### **Trainee education day - IPC in non-acute settings**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Birmingham Conference and Events Centre

HIS runs a structured trainee education programme specifically for medical microbiology, medical virology and infectious diseases trainees which is aligned to the RCPATH curricula. The programme for the day can be viewed [here](#).

For further details on registration, please click [here](#).

### **1st Barts Heart Centre Infective Endocarditis (IE) Conference: Prosthetic Valve Endocarditis (PVE): Challenges and Opportunities**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

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### **Virology-2019 - International Conference on Virology**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

Rome, Italy

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





### **DIPC DAY 2019**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

The Arena and Convention Centre, 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.

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.

Online registration is available at [www.ips.uk.net/conference/dipc](http://www.ips.uk.net/conference/dipc)

### **4<sup>th</sup> East Midlands Laboratory Diagnostic Mycology Course**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Pathology Training Laboratory, Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester

A two-day training course comprising of laboratory sessions (hands on and demonstrations) and lecture discussions on laboratory identification of medically important fungi, susceptibility testing, testing for fungal biomarkers, antifungal treatment and resistance to antifungal drugs, therapeutic drug monitoring, environmental sampling for fungi, fungi as aero-allergens and fungal case studies.

Click here to [view the flyer](#) for further information

### **Research Methods Course**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#) or [see our website](#) for updates, information and course materials.

### **Meningitis & Septicaemia 2019 - Meningitis Research Foundation's 12th International Conference**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **19<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID), Kuala Lumpur**

February 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

*Currently no vacancies listed*

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