News Items

BIA Spring Meeting - 17th May 2018

Lecture titles and lecturers have been confirmed for this meeting.
Call for abstracts closed at 5pm, Friday 16th March 2018
See <u>BIA Spring Meeting</u> page for information and registration details

Reminder - H C Roscoe Grant - closing date approaching

This BMA foundation grant, worth £50,000, is to assist research into the elimination of the common cold and/or other viral diseases of the human respiratory system. It is open for applications until 2^{nd} March 2018.

See **Grants** page

2018 National AMR Campaign

This campaign will be launched on 9th March and will run until September 2018. The aim is to provide an educational, action and implementation campaign around antimicrobial resistance and the need to preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics.

See Professional Affairs Updates page

NITCAR - latest newsletter

Updates from NITCAR about last year's events and on the current project – Native Vertebral Osteomyelitis (NVO)

See NITCAR page

PHE IFS Awareness and User Feedback Survey 2018

The Imported Fever Service (IFS) has been running since 2012. PHE's Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory and their NHS partners in the IFS are conducting an online survey (approx. 5 minutes) to assess how and why doctors use the Service and how it could be further improved in the future. See <u>Consultations</u> page

Healthcare professional survey – pharma communications strategies

Do you want to influence how you communicate with pharma? This survey is around pharma's relationship with doctors and what they feel is appropriate / optimal in terms of content / channels of communication. The idea is to raise awareness in the pharmaceutical industry of how doctors want to be communicated with.

See **Consultations** page

UKCRC Tissue Directory and Coordination Centre Survey – Human samples in UK biomedical research

The aim of this study is to better understand how and when UK-based biomedical researchers use human samples in their research. It also aims to capture any barriers to human sample access and use, including how these can be overcome.

See Consultations page

ACCEA National Clinical Excellence Awards

Application guidance for the 2018 awards was released on 9th February. The 2018 round closes on 12 April. If you wish to apply for a BIA citation for a Clinical Excellence Award, you must do so by 5.30pm on Friday 23rd February 2018.

Current Consultations

See Consultations page for full information of all consultations

UK NSC consultation on chlamydia screening in pregnancy Please respond by <u>22nd February 2018</u>

NICE consultation on proposed changes to the technology appraisals programme – phase 2 please respond by 1^{st} March 2018

Recently Announced Events

See <u>Infection Events</u> page for full information

2-3 March 2018	13 th Annual Fungal Update; London
27 March 2018	BSAC Standardized Susceptibility Testing; Cardiff
26 April 2018	NHS Highland Conference 2018: Infection Control Matters; Inverness
14 May 2018	Pathogen genomics in infectious disease; Liverpool
4-6 July 2018	European Microbiology & Research Conference; Rome
29-30 August 2018	5 th International Conference on Neglected Tropical & Infectious Disease; Boston
30 September 2018	Infection Prevention 2018; Glasgow
1 October 2018	Infection Prevention Show 2018; Glasgow

Vacancies

See <u>Jobs</u> page for full information

Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Edinburgh

Closing date: 24th February 2018

Chair – New and Emerging Respiratory Threats Advisory Group

Closing date: midday 26th February

Infectious Diseases Volunteer (Funded), Sierra Leone

Applications ongoing

All monthly digests are available in pdf format on the Newsletter & Monthly Digests page