

News Items

BIA Clinical Services Committee

The BIA CSC for medical microbiology and virology meets 3 times a year, with the aim of regional representatives working together to improve infection services. We are currently looking for a Virology representative, an Infection Prevention and Control representative and several regional representatives. If you are interested, please contact Dr Natasha Ratnaraja, BIA Clinical Services Secretary, for further information; see [Clinical Services Committee](#) page.

NICE Surgical site infections guideline update committee

NICE are currently looking for experts on surgical site infections to join this committee. The deadline for registering interest and applications is 5pm, Thursday 23 November. See [Professional Affairs Updates](#) page.

BIA Council – Associate Member Secretary (interim, until elections Spring 2018)

Dr Louise Dunsmure has been appointed as interim Associate Member Secretary. Louise is an antimicrobial pharmacist, based at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

For contact details, see [BIA Council page](#)

BMA Foundation for Medical Research research grant: HC Roscoe grant

The HC Roscoe grant is to assist research into the elimination of the common cold and/or other viral diseases of the human respiratory system. Applications are invited from UK-registered medical practitioners or research scientists working in the UK, and can be for either research in progress or prospective research. In 2018, the HC Roscoe grant will be awarded for an amount up to £50,000. This grant, and other BMA Foundation grants will be available to apply for online on the BMA Foundation website from **01 January 2018**. The application deadline is **2 March 2018**. See Grants page.

BIA income tax relief in respect of annual membership subscriptions

We have received a letter from HMRC stating that BIA subscription has been approved for tax relief. See [Minutes from BIA Meetings](#) page in the Members area.

NICE guideline on Cystic fibrosis: diagnosis and management

This final guideline was published on 25/10/17. See [Consultations page](#) (scroll to Recently Published Guidelines)

NICE guideline CG165 Hepatitis B (chronic): diagnosis and management

The decision has been made by NICE not to update this guideline. Further information is available on the [NICE website](#)

Current Consultations

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

Topic engagement exercise: NICE emergency and acute medical care QS

Please respond before 1st December 2017

UK NSC consultation: antenatal screening for syphilis, HIV and Hepatitis B

Please respond by 30th November 2017

BIA comments on the recent NICE consultation on Lyme disease are available to view on the Consultations page. Many thanks to those members who responded.

Reminders

The **BIA Autumn Trainees Day** takes place on 29th November in Birmingham. See [Trainees Day](#) page.

'Hot topics in infection' area on BIA website

We are considering adding a 'hot topics in infection' area to the website and would appreciate your help in nominating possible items for this area.

Please contact BIA@hartleytaylor.co.uk if you have any suggestions.

Recently Announced Events

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

4 December 2017	Encephalitis Society Conference, London
12 January 2018	Immunology training day for consultants & registrars, Cambridge
7 March 2018	HEE event: Building capacity & capability to deliver health and prevention agendas
8 March 2018	Infections during pregnancy, Birmingham
16 May 2018	Primary Care & Public Health Show, Birmingham
28 May 2018	ESPID 2018, Malmo, Sweden

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