

## **BIA Monthly Digest – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

### **News Items**

#### **BIA Spring Meeting**

The Spring Meeting takes place this week on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, with the Spring Trainees' Day on 16<sup>th</sup> May – we look forward to seeing you there.

The BIA AGM will also take place at this meeting. The agenda for this meeting is available in the [Members Area](#) of the website.

Finalised programmes for both meetings, and also for the Supper Meeting for Trainees, are available on the [BIA Spring Meeting](#) and [Trainee Days](#) pages.

#### **BIA Council Elections**

It is expected that the results of the recent BIA Council elections will be announced at the AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> May. The results will also be available on the BIA website.

#### **2018 Gilead Fellowship Programme**

The 2018 Gilead UK and Ireland Fellowship Programme is now open for grant applications in viral hepatitis. Closing date for applications: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

See [Grants page](#) (scroll to bottom of page)

#### **FIS 2018**

This year's FIS meeting is led by the BIA, with the BIA's Meetings Secretary, Hiten Thaker, chairing the FIS Organising Committee. The meeting will take place on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November at Sage Gateshead, and registration is currently open.

See [FIS Conference](#) page

#### **SaBTO Microbiological Safety Guidelines**

A new revision of the guide to the microbiological safety of human organs, tissues and cells used in transplantation, now renamed as the SaBTO microbiological safety guidelines, has been published.

The Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs is also currently recruiting for new members; closing date for applications is 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

See [Professional Affairs Updates](#) page

#### **TA361: Simeprevir in combination with sofosbuvir for treating genotype 1 or 4 chronic hepatitis C**

NICE has terminated this technology appraisal because Janssen withdrew the marketing authorisation for simeprevir on 1 May 2018. The availability of direct-acting antiviral combination treatments for hepatitis C has reduced the use of simeprevir, so the company has decided to discontinue it.

#### **CCP: immediate ART for treatment of HIV-1 in adults and adolescents**

This policy is now available on the [NHSE website](#)

### **Current Consultations**

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

#### **NICE draft guidance on the treatment of urinary tract infections (UTIs): antimicrobial prescribing**

5 draft guidelines and supporting evidence for are now out for consultation. Comments are invited – please send to Dr Anna Goodman by 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.

**NICE QS: Emergency and acute medical care**

Public registration to observe the committee meeting for this QS is currently open; please register your interest by 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

**Healthcare professional survey: pharma communications strategies**

Ongoing survey

**Recently Announced Events**

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

6 June 2018	ACB Microbiology Annual Scientific Meeting
11 July 2018	Infection Today 2018 – IPS West Midlands Branch Conference
8-9 Aug 2018	Beginners' Workshop on Viral Phylogenetics

**Vacancies**

See [Jobs](#) page for full information

**INHALE Clinical Research Fellow, UCLH**

3-year post supporting the INHALE RCT, evaluating the use of rapid molecular diagnostics for diagnosis of HAP/VAP in UK critical care.

Closing date: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

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