



British Infection Association

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The British Infection Association, formed in 2009, has over 1500 members from across the spectrum of clinical and laboratory infection specialists.

The Association exists to promote the science and practice of medicine in relation to infection, and provides support for all infection specialists whether in the field of clinical practice, laboratory medicine, public health, research or education.

Please visit the new BIA website to see more information and details regarding latest Guidelines, current news and details of the BIA Grants & Awards schemes together with associated application processes.

<http://www.britishinfection.org/>

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## Aims of the Association

To ensure the optimum delivery of healthcare to patients diagnosed with infection, and to represent the interests of its members. Specifically:

- To provide expert opinions and represent the views of specialists in infection. Groups who may consult include, but are not limited to, the Department of Health and similar bodies in the devolved governments, the Royal Colleges, NICE, statutory medical bodies, House of Lords select committees and other professional bodies.
- To set and review standards in infection practice including the development of guidelines, working in collaboration where appropriate.
- To support members of the Association with their professional duties.
- To develop and provide education and training in infection for all and in particular to support training grades.
- To foster excellence in all aspects of infection-related research.
- To support all aspects of communication between different branches of infection and to work towards the development of an integrated voice for infection specialists.
- To provide a public face for infection and represent infection opinions to the general public and to patients.

## Why would I want to train in Infection?

**Infection is fascinating**, both to medics and to the public, as demonstrated by its prominent role in newspaper headlines, Hollywood films and gaming apps. Whereas all medical specialties change as knowledge advances, the study and treatment of infection develop even more rapidly as the organisms that we treat are continuously evolving in addition. This provides innumerable opportunities for researchers and a job that retains its novelty to all who specialise in the field.

**Infection is important.** Healthcare associated infections alone cost the NHS £1bn per year. We are living through an era in which antimicrobial resistance of the bacteria responsible for human infections threatens to erode the advances in outcomes made in surgery and cancer therapy over the past 75 years. Increasing global travel and its associated infections provide interest and challenge in equal measure. Many of the targets and incentives which our trusts endeavour to meet are related to infection incidence or to its management. These quality metrics reflect the wider importance of our specialties and also emphasise our need for highly talented, motivated colleagues to join us!

**Infection crosses all boundaries in healthcare.** No other specialties have as broad a reach as infection. Not only do we routinely interact with all other clinical directorates within our hospitals, we also work closely with estates departments, domestic/hotel services, transport, decontamination, primary care IT and of course senior trust management.

**Infection training is fun!** Your trainers and colleagues will love their specialty and will infect you with their enthusiasm!

**David Partridge – BIA Communications Secretary 2018**

Please see online membership application and Direct Debit subscriptions at <http://www.britishinfection.org/>

## Membership Categories

**\*Full (including overseas), Retired, \*\*Trainee \*\*Associate**

\*Full membership includes subscription to the Journal of Infection.

\*\*Members in Training & Associates may opt for free membership which includes the BIA Newsletter but not the Journal of Infection.

Membership Type	Full	*Full (Overseas)	Retired	**Trainee/Associate
No Journal	X	X	£10	Free
Electronic Online	£75	£75	£45	£35
Hard Copy Print	£90	X	£60	£50

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## BIA Events Calendar

### 2018

### BIA Trainees' Day

Thursday 11th October 2018

University of Manchester, Sackville Street Building.

### FIS 2018 Conference\*

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018

SAGE, Newcastle

[www.fis2018.co.uk](http://www.fis2018.co.uk)

\*Registration fees apply

### 2019

### Infection Dilemmas Day\*

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Manchester Conference Centre  
Manchester

### HIV Dilemmas\*

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Manchester Conference Centre  
Manchester

### BIA Trainees' Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

London

### BIA 21st Annual Scientific Meeting

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

London

More details & registration via - <http://www.hartleytaylor.co.uk/confcalendar.htm>

BIA Trainee Days & BIA Annual Meeting are free of charge to BIA members

Call for abstracts will open in January 2019

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