

**British Infection Association (BIA)  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
20<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Virtual Meeting**

**Chaired by:** Prof Martin Llewelyn, Out Going President / Dr Katie Jeffery, President  
**Prepared by:** BIA Secretariat

**1) Meeting details**

The BIA AGM 2021 was held virtually on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**2) Welcome & Attendance**

The meeting was attended by approximately 87 members of BIA. No formal apologies had been received.

**3) Honorary President's Report: Martin Llewelyn**

**Selected Activities;**

Martin Llewelyn took attendees through the council highlights slide presentation:



AGM 2021 Council  
Reports.pptx

Finances

Majority of our money in comes from journal income. This year we have negotiated the contract with Elsevier. CLIP launched in 2019, JoI success with a recent surge in 2020 due to Covid articles. Impact factor predicted to double in 2021. This has led to an increase in revenue from journals.

Research and Grants

Spending on research has been rationalised in recent years due to finances. Supporting early career research and looking at broadening support rather than just grant awards.

Early Research Committee set up to support mentorship

Three 1-year awards in 2021, with double the awards to be granted in 2022

Clinical Services Committee

Best practice standards document has been in development for a long time. Received RCP endorsement in 2020, RCPATH are now supporting and it is currently under consultation with V2 of the document to be approved by RCP / RCPATH this summer.

Sub-committee of ID CRG looking at how infection services should be specified and commissioned.

BIA / RCPATH workforce survey has been sent out, with 70 responses so far – please complete this in your Trust.

IQRGs – writing these in conjunction with SMIs. Currently working on Sepsis – trainees are encouraged to get involved.

### Manpower and Training

Learninfection content has seen development over the last year. Contribution awards scheme has been introduced for those getting involved.

NITCAR held their AGM at the Trainees' Spring meeting yesterday

Still working with BPAIIG to increase collaboration and improve mutual learning opportunities in infections in children

### Trainees

Virtual Trainees' days have been successful with 190 attending the meeting yesterday.

Currently looking at two important pieces of work

- the training impact of Covid
- evaluation of D & I in recruitment and training

New Trainee Communications Secretary role elected this year

### Meetings

FIS – new operational framework between HIS / MicSoc / BIA

Closely working together, running of FIS will now be shared rather than passed around each year

Hybrid meeting for 2021 hosted by BIA

### Guidelines

A guidelines team has been formed by Anna Goodman, but more support needed – please come forward to help.

CTAG (COVID-19 Therapeutics Advice & Support Group) – get involved with guideline development

MRSA treatment guidelines have been published

### Membership

Number increasing, back over 1500 members. Growth in Associate members, with these making up 20% of membership.

### Representing BIA

Representation and involvement – some strategic requests are taken up by council, but most can be shared with members. Council is writing a policy and process to widen membership participation in these opportunities.

### Themes

Making BIA open and inclusive

Focusing on the future

Working collaboratively

Thank-you to Michael Kelsey in his role as Treasurer, Katie Jeffery and David Partridge and to Hartley Taylor

## **4) Honorary Secretary's Report: David Partridge**

### BIA Council Election results 2021

Vice President – David Partridge

Treasurer – Hiten Thaker

Honorary Secretary – Harriet Hughes

Manpower and Training Secretary – Bridget Atkins

Associate Members Secretary – Louise Dunsmure

Devolved Administrations Secretary – Rebecca Sutherland

Trainee (Communications) Secretary – Edward Moseley

### **Election results ratified by members**

### Constitutional Changes

Three changes to the constitution are proposed.

Draft sent to all members ahead of the AGM. For changes to be adopted, two thirds of AGM attendees need to agree to them.

The secretary read through the changes.

#### **New role of Overseas Members Secretary**

[Change carried by members](#)

#### **Change from Newsletter Editor role to Trainee (Communications) Secretary**

[Change carried by members](#)

#### **Provision for voting on AGM motions retrospectively**

[Change carried by members](#)

## **5) Treasurer's Report: Michael Kelsey**

Times have changed and we are no longer sure of guaranteed income stream

Sources of income

- Journal of Infection
- Subscriptions

Investments – change in strategy, now less precautionary

Meetings – FIS 2018 cost £282K with a loss of £35K

Where the money goes

- Outstanding grants £232K, awarded £46K
- Meetings, travel and education £132K
- Support costs
  - Management £90K
  - Accounting and audit £23K

As I leave

Income £288K – Expenditure £248K

Action that has been taken

- Consolidated investment accounts
- Changed investment strategy
- Realistic grant position – creating a designated fund
- Seeking sponsorship of events.

## 6) Any other business

There was no other business raised.

## 7) Handover of presidency

Martin Llewelyn handed over the presidency to Katie Jeffery and Katie thanked Martin for his service on the BIA council.

## 8) Close

## Date of 2022 AGM

Next year's AGM will be held in conjunction with the BIA Annual Spring Meeting, in May 2022 venue to be confirmed, Manchester.

**BIA AGM Minutes 2021**

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