

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 – Trainee DayTues 19 May 2026
Wed 20 May 2026Birmingham
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**08:15 DELEGATE REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION VIEWING****Chair: Dr Nishchay Kakkar****09:00 Welcome and opening address**

Dr Nishchay Kakkar, ST5 ID/MM Infection services, BIA Trainee Meetings Secretary

Neonatal infections**09:05** Dr Mitul Patel, Consultant Microbiologist, Birmingham Women' and Children's NHS Foundation Trust**Challenges of leading and managing a laboratory as a clinician****09:50** Dr Abid Hussain, Consultant Medical Microbiologist and Clinical Services Director, UKHSA Birmingham Public Health Laboratory, Public Health Microbiology, University Hospitals of Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust**10:35 REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION VIEWING****11:05 The Viral Load of Laboratory Error: Tales from the NHS Bench**

Dr Malur Sudhanva, O.B.E., MBBS, MD (Microbiology), FRCPath (Virology)

Advancements of therapeutics in TB**11:50** Professor Sean Wasserman, Reader and honorary consultant in infectious diseases, City St George's, University of London**NITCAR Session****The National Infection Teams Collaborative for Audit and Research**

Introduction: Aimee Serisier

Neuro and Spinal Surgical site infections: Consensus on Antibiotic Recommendations
Dr Peter Davis & Dr Timothy Fredsgaard-Jones**12:35** UK survey on the use of an early switch to oral antibiotics (partial oral treatment) for left-sided infective endocarditis (IE) – POET-UK
Dr Mark CampbellPositron Emission Tomography in Infective Endocarditis across the United Kingdom – PET-IE UK
Dr Huseyin BilginBIA Early Career Researchers
Dr Andrew Duncan**13:20 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING****Chair: Nisha Annie George****Lyme disease essentials****14:20** Dr Christina Petridou, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory UKHSA

Microbiology & Infection in Maternity Services
15:05 Dr Jim Gray, Consultant Microbiologist, Birmingham Women's & Children's NHS Foundation Trust

CLINICAL CASES GRAND ROUND**Complex cases presented to an expert panel****Panel: Nishchay Kakkar, Abid Hussain, Malur Sudhanva, Christina Petridou**

Case 1: Culture-Negative Pontocerebellar Abscess presenting as a Stroke Mimic: Diagnostic Utility of Sanger Sequencing, Amaan Akhter
15:50 **Case 2: Acute rheumatic fever with rheumatic heart disease despite appropriately treated invasive Group A Streptococcal infection, Michael Backhurst-Braye**
Case 3: Septic Shock and Severe Acute Kidney Injury Secondary to Salmonella Typhimurium Bacteraemia in a Young Immunocompetent Farm Worker: An Unusual Presentation of Invasive Non-Typhoidal Salmonellosis, Sunera Khan
Case 4: A diagnostic conundrum of culture-negative prosthetic valve endocarditis, Iloduba Aghanya

16:35 **Closing remarks**
Dr Nishchay Kakkar, ST5 ID/MM Infection services, BIA Trainee Meetings Secretary

16:45 **POSTER RECEPTION IN EXHIBITION AREA**

17:45 **CLOSE OF TRAINEE DAY**

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2026 – Scientific Meeting

08:30 **DELEGATE REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION VIEWING**

Chair: Dr Fiona McGill

09:00 **Welcome and opening remarks**
Fiona McGill, BIA Meetings Secretary

J.Infect review of the year
09:05 Robert Read, Professor of Infectious Diseases, University of Southampton, Editor in Chief, *Journal of Infection*

UK STATE OF THE ART LECTURE
09:35 **DecodeME: The genetics of ME/CFS**
Chris Ponting, Chair of Medical Bioinformatics, University of Edinburgh

10:15 **REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION VIEWING**

Chair: Dr Rajeka Lazarus

10:45 **BIA AGM (members only)**



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11:30 **Launch of the infection specialist workforce report**
Dr Sarah Logan, Consultant in infectious diseases, UCLH

Chair: Dr Rajeka Lazarus & Dr Anna Goodman

FREE SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

Gamifying Outbreak Response: An Innovative Escape Room for Teaching Infectious Disease Fundamentals
Miguel Vella

ROVER-ID: Estimating the Undiagnosed Burden of Tuberculosis and Chronic Hepatitis B Infection in Northern England Using Integrated Epidemiological, Demographic, and Geospatial Methods
Alexander Scott

11:45 **Ciprofloxacin prophylaxis in allogeneic haematopoietic cell transplantation: a tale of two hospitals**
Ioannis Baltas

Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia in patients with diabetes mellitus: analysis of patient characteristics and outcomes in a retrospective U.K. cohort study
Matt Shaw

Evidence-informed emergency extraction protocols for high consequence infectious disease PPE: findings from a fluorescence-based simulation study
Luke Hunt

CD4+ T cell-induced macrophage death promotes Mycobacterium tuberculosis growth
Clare Thakker

12:45 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chair: Dr Harriet Hughes

13:45 **COMPANY SYMPOSIUM**
NAPP Pharmaceuticals

KEYNOTE LECTURE
14:05 **RIPs response to emerging infections**
Dr Tommy Rampling, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Virology, Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory, UKHSA

SPECIAL LECTURE
14:45 **2025 Annual Report on Infections, with Q&A**
Prof Chris Whitty, CMO, DHSC

15:25 **COMFORT BREAK**

Chair: Bee Yean Ng

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SYMPOSIUM
Antibiotics for non-infectious Indications
15:35 Philip Anyanwu, Applied Health Research, University of Reading, , Dr Toby Capstick, Consultant Pharmacist - Respiratory Medicine, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Prof John Ingram, Clinical Professor & Consultant Dermatologist, Cardiff University (**ONLINE**)



**28th Annual Training and
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16:35 Awards and final address
Fiona McGill, BIA Meetings Secretary

16:45 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE
