

28th Annual Training and Scientific Meeting with the Spring Trainee Day



BCEC, BIRMINGHAM
19-20 MAY 2026

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 – Trainee Day



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Wed 20 May 2026



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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

09:15 Neonatal infections

Dr Mitul Patel

Challenges of leading and managing a laboratory as a clinician

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

10:45 REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

11:15 *Talk title to be confirmed*

Speaker to be confirmed

Advancements of therapeutics in TB

12:15 Professor Sean Wasserman, Reader and honorary consultant in infectious diseases, City St
George's, University of London

12:45 NITCAR Session

Speaker to be confirmed

13:30 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Lyme disease essentials

14:30 Dr Christina Petridou, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Rare and Imported
Pathogens Laboratory UKHSA

15:30 Maternal Infections

Dr Jim Gray

16:30 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

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09:15 J.Infect review of the year
Robert Read, Professor of Infectious Diseases, University of Southampton, Editor in Chief, *Journal of Infection*

09:45 UK STATE OF THE ART LECTURE
DecodeME: The genetics of ME/CFS
Chris Pointing, Chair of Medical Bioinformatics, University of Edinburgh

10:30 REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

11:00 BIA AGM (members only)

11:45 FREE SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

12:45 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

13:30 COMPANY SYMPOSIUM

KEYNOTE LECTURE
13:50 RIPLs response to emerging infections
Tommy Rampling

International keynote lecture
14:35 Talk title to be confirmed
Speaker to be confirmed

15:05 COMFORT BREAK

15:15 Associate Members Symposium
Speaker to be confirmed

16:15 Awards and final address
Fiona McGill, BIA Meetings Secretary

16:30 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE