

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

10:00 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 Lyme disease essentials

Christina Petridou

12:15 Advancements of therapeutics in TB

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

12:45 *Talk title to be confirmed*

Speaker to be confirmed

13:30 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

14:30 *Talk title to be confirmed*

Speaker to be confirmed

15:30 Maternal Infections

Dr Jim Gray

16:30 *Talk title to be confirmed*

Speaker to be confirmed

16:50 Closing remarks

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

17:00 POSTER RECEPTION IN EXHIBITION AREA

18:30 CLOSE OF TRAINEE DAY

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Chair: Fiona McGill

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

J.Infect review of the year

09:15 Robert Read, Professor of Infectious Diseases, University of Southampton, Editor in Chief,
Journal of Infection

UK STATE OF THE ART LECTURE

09:45 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
Speaker to be confirmed

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