

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****12:35 Neuro and Spinal Surgical site infections: Consensus on Antibiotic Recommendations**
Dr Timothy Fredsgaard-Jones, Dr Peter Davis**13:20 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING****Chair: TBC****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**15:50 CLINICAL CASES GRAND ROUND****Closing remarks****16:35** 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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08:30 DELEGATE REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chair: Dr Fiona McGill

09:00 Welcome and opening remarks

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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)

11:30 Launch of BIA Workforce Report

Dr Sarah Logan, Consultant in infectious diseases, uclh

Chair: Dr Rajeka Lazarus & Dr Anna Goodman

11:45 FREE SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

12:45 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chair: Dr Harriet Hughes

13:45 COMPANY SYMPOSIUM

NAPP Pharmaceuticals

KEYNOTE LECTURE

14:05 RIPLs response to emerging infections

Dr Tommy Rampling, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Virology, Rare and Imported
Pathogens Laboratory, UKHSA

14:45 SPECIAL LECTURE

Prof Chris Whitty, Cmo, Dhsc

15:25 COMFORT BREAK

Chair: Bee Yean Ng

15:35 Associate Members Symposium

Philip Anyanwu, John Ingram

16:35 Awards and final address

Fiona McGill, BIA Meetings Secretary

16:45 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE