

TUESDAY	2 DECEMBER 2025						
08:00	DELEGATE REGISTRATION WITH COFFEE	AND EXHIBITION VIEWING					
08:45	SOLENT HALL						
	Welcome to conference Fiona McGill, FIS International 2025 Programme Lead						
09:05 -	SOLENT HALL	PURBECK LOUNGE	BAYVIEW SUITE				
10:35	Revenge of the MAC Welsh Microbiology Association	Bone and joint infection – An upo	date Addressing challenges in infections in critical care				
			Healthcare Infection Association/ British Infection Association				
	Chair: Bazga Ali	Chair: Harriet Hughes	Chairs: Jasmin Islam and Rajeka Lazarus				
	09:05 – 09:35 Extrapulmonary NTM infections Matthijs Backx, Consultant Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Public Health Wales, UK	09:05 – 09:35 Fracture related infection - An orthopaedic perspective Bilal Jamal	09:05 – 09:35 Antimicrobial stewardship in critical care Andrew Conway Morris, Associate Professor of Anaesthesia / MRC Clinician Scientist, University of Cambridge, UK				
	09:35 – 10:05 NTM - clinical cases Joshua Hrycaiczuk, SPR Infectious Diseases & Microbiology Public Health Wales, UK 10:05 – 10:35 Presentation title to be confirmed Aysha Jameel, Infectious Diseases &	09:35 – 10:05 An ID perspective Neil Ritchie 10:05 – 10:35 Antibiotic duration in PJI Maria Dudareva	09:35 – 10:05 Challenges preventing HAIs and MAR in paediatric critical care Beatriz Larru Martinez, Director of Infection Prevention and Control, Alder Hey's Children's NHS Foundation Trust, UK 10:05 – 10:35 National surveillance for infections in				
10:35	Microbiology Registrar, Public Health Wales, UK EXHIBITION VIEWING AND REFRESHMEN	its	critical care Jasmin Islam, UKHSA, UK				
10.33	EXHIBITION VIEWING AND REFRESHMEN						
11:15	SOLENT HALL						
	BIA Barnet Christie Lecture Chair : Thushan De Silva						
		12:15 Lunc	12:15 Lunchtime workshop – HCID (BOURNE LOUNGE)				
		Facilitator: I	Marie-Claire Hoyle				
12:15	EXHIBITION VIEWING AND LUNCH		g worth, Consultant in Tropical Medicine and Infectious oyal Liverpool University Hospital, UK				
		Elizabeth W Immunolog	dren and pregnant women /hittaker, Paediatric Infectious Diseases and y, West London Children's Healthcare, Imperial don, NHSE, UK				



13:30 - 14:30	12:30 – 13:30 Sponsored company symposium supported by Pfizer (BAYVIEW SUITE) SOLENT HALL HIS Lowbury Lecture Joost Hopman, Clinical Microbiologist & Medical Director, Radboud University Medical Center, Netherlands				
14:30	EXHIBITION VIEWING AND REFRESHMEN	TS			
15:00- 16:30	Hot topics in HIV BHIVA	PURBECK LOUNGE What's new in healthcare associated infections UKHSA	Innovating infection training and practice: Shaping a unified future for practice Healthcare Infection Society		
	Chair: To be confirmed 15:00 – 15:20 What's new on the horizon - novel approaches to HIV treatment Sarah Fidler, Imperial College London, UK 15:20 – 15:40 Moving towards zero - strategies for ending new HIV transmissions in the UK Dan Clutterbuck, Chalmers Centre, Edinburgh, UK 15:40 – 16:00 Multimorbidity - the challenges faced by an aging population with HIV Caroline Sabin, University College London, UK 16:00 – 16:30 Panel discussion	Speakers to be confirmed	15:00 – 15:30 Presentation title to be confirmed Harriet Hughes, Consultant in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Public Health Wales, University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff, UK 15:30 – 16:00 Rebuilding resilience: Transforming infection services for tomorrow Katie Jeffery. Consultant in Clinical Infection Director of Infection Prevention and Control, Oxford University Hospital, UK 16:00 – 16:30 Integrating laboratory training for the new curriculum: The infection bootcamp in Scotland Surabhi Taori, Consultant microbiologist, NHS Lothian, Training Programme Director for Combined Infection Training, Scotland, UK		
16:30- 17:30	FLASH POSTER TALKS AND POSTER VIEWING (EXHIBITION HALL) All talks are 3 minutes (plus 1 minute for questions) 65 - Enteric fever with bacteraemia: review of local management and OPAT utilization 104 - Opt-out emergency department screening for blood-borne viruses and syphilis in an area of lower HIV prevalence: a case for reviewing the screening programme? 105 - A 20-Year Review of 16S PCR on	Antimicrobial Stewardship and Accreditation BSAC 16:30 – 16:40 Accreditation of antimicrobial stewardship: The origin of GAMSAS David Jenkins, Consultant Medical Microbiologist, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, UK 16:40 – 16:55 GAMSAS: the story so far and evidence of impact Ryan Hamilton, GAMSAS Programmes Lead, British Society for Antimicrobial	16:30 – 17:15 Sponsored company symposium		



the management of patients with Chemotherapy pyogenic central nervous system (CNS) infections 16:55 - 17:15 The other side: stories from accredited 106 - Learning Points from a case of centres very severe tetanus in the UK Suzy Fitzgerald, Consultant Microbiologist, St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland 161 - Disseminated cutaneous blastomycosis acquired in Mexico: A 17:15 to 17:30 case report **Question and answer** 164 – High ward-level and withinsample diversity of Klebsiella pneumoniae on a Malawian neonatal unit revealed by single colony whole genome sequencing and postenrichment metagenomics 167 - "It's all about the diagnosis - that was getting really very late and I was scared" - qualitative exploration of contributors and impact of diagnostic delay in active tuberculosis (TB) from the perspective of patients and healthcare providers 182 - Effectiveness of the live attenuated (LAIV) and inactivated (IIV) influenza vaccines in children: a metaanalysis of interim data (based on cases through February 2025) from the 2024-25 influenza season 250 - Going fungal: a medical mycology podcast series aimed at UK clinicians LOWBURY RECEPTION (EXHIBITION) AND POSTER VIEWING 17:30 -19:00 Including drinks and canapes DAY ONE CLOSE 19:00



12:15	EXHIBITION VIEWING AND LUNCH		12:30 – 13:30 (BOURNE LOUNGE) Your role as a new consultant Healthcare Infection Society 12:30 – 13:30 Spotlight on Industry InfectoPharm (UK) Ltd Iskus Health UK	
13:45 – 15:15	Decontamination from bench to bedside: Real or perceived risk? Healthcare Infection Society	Addressing inequalities in AMR British Infection Association	National Roll-out of BBV opt- out screening in the ED Association for Laboratory Medicine	BOURNE LOUNGE OPAT – what's new British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy
	Speakers to be confirmed	13:45 – 14:15 Understanding gender inequities in antimicrobial resistance Deepshikha Batheja, Research Fellow, One Health Trust, UK 14:15 – 14:45 Strategies to ensure AMR solutions are accessible, equitable, and inclusive Diane Ashiru-Oredope, Lead Pharmacist - AMR, UK Health Security Agency, UK 14:45 – 15:15 The challenges and opportunities in paediatric antimicrobial stewardship: Where to from here? Alicia Demirjian, Clinical Lead, UK Health Security Agency, UK	clinical lead for BBV opt-out roll-out, UK 14:15 – 14:45 Laboratory perspectives on the BBV opt-out screening programme Callum Goolden, Clinical Scientist, Department of Virology, Manchester Medical Microbiology Partnership, UK 14:45 – 15:15 Clinical perspectives on the BBV opt-out screening programme	13:45 – 14:15 Antimicrobial Stewardship and OPAT Andrew Seaton, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, UK 14:15 – 14:45 Drug Stability & OPAT - Where are we at & What is next? Mark Gilchrist, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, UK 14:45 – 15:15 OPAT good practice recommendations Ann Noble, Consultant in Infectious Diseases, NHS Lanarkshire, UK
15:15	EXHIBITION VIEWING AND REFR	ESHMENTS		
15: 45	SOLENT HALL Infections in marginalised groups British Infection Association	Innovation and industry engagement in diagnostic labs Association for Laboratory	Improving practice in clinical mycology - diagnostics, therapeutics and guidelines BSMM/Microbiology Society	National outbreak response - dispatches from UKHSA's emerging and epidemic infections directorate
	Chair: Patrick Lillie	Medicine Chair: Naomi Gadsby	Chair: To be confirmed	UKHSA Chair: Colin Brown



15:45 – 16:15

Infections in the trans and nonbinary community

Tara Suckak, Consultant in HIV / Sexual Health and Gender, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, IJK

16:15 – 16:45 Presentation title to be confirmed

Binta Sultan, Senior Clinical Research Fellow in Inclusion Health and Honorary Consultant in Inclusion Health, University College London, UK

16:45 – 17:15 Presentation title to be confirmed

Claire Mackintosh, Consultant Physician at NHS Lothian, UK

15:45 - 16:15

Pathways for engagement between laboratory and industry

Magda Karlikowska, CEO Cytecom Ltd

16:15 – 16:45 Case study: industry and diagnostic lab partnership for developing new diagnostics, including novel AST

Stephen P Kidd, Principal Clinical Scientist in Microbiology and PI of the Molecular Diagnostics Hub, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK

16:45 – 17:15 Speaker to be confirmed

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What can I do to improve my local diagnostic capacities in mycology

Alyssa Hudson, Royal Devon University Healthcare, UK

16:15 – 16:45

Advancing Therapeutics through R&D in Medical Mycology Elaine Bignell, MRC Centre for

Elaine Bignell, MRC Centre for medical mycology at University of Exeter, UK

16:45 - 17:15

How will the new 2025 invasive candidiasis guideline change my practice?

Riina Rautemaa-Richardson, Senior Clinical Lecturer in Infectious Diseases and Medical Education, and Honorary Consultant Medical Mycologist, University of Manchester, and Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, UK

15:45 – 16:15

Summer, Salads and STEC Gauri Godbole, Head of the Gastrointestinal Infections, Food Safety & One Health Division, UKHSA, UK

16:15 - 16:45

C. auris - responding to the threat of healthcare endemicity in the UK

James Elston, Head of Incidents,
Outbreaks and Infection
Guidance within the
Antimicrobial Resistance &
Healthcare Associated Infections
Division; and Andy Borman,
Acting Head, UKHSA National
Mycology Reference Laboratory,
UKHSA, UK

16:45 – 17:15 Increases in global viral haemorrhagic fever outbreaks what it means for the UK' Sherine Thomas, Consultant in Emerging Infections and Zoonoses within the Tuberculosis, Acute Respiratory, Zoonotic, Emerging and Travel

Division, UKHSA, UK

17:15 – 18:15

FLASH POSTER TALKS AND POSTER VIEWING (EXHIBITION HALL)

All talks are 3 minutes (plus 1 minute for questions)

151 - A rare case of disseminated miliary tuberculosis involving an infra-thyroid abscess in a pregnant patient

190 - Device-Associated Infections in Belgian Acute Care Hospitals: Findings from the 2022 National Point Prevalence Survey

201 - Far from Home: A Mediterranean Worm's UK Appearance

212 - Management of Community-Acquired Brain Abscess in the

226 - SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Immunity Across Three Continents: the West Africa, West Indies, West London Consortium

234 - Acquired fluconazole resistant Candida parapsilosis endocarditis

244 - Spiroplasma Ixodetis: An emerging tick-borne infection. Human health implications and research priorities, following detection from ticks in the United Kingdom

246 - Faecal lactoferrin as a biomarker for Clostridioides difficile infection and severity

251 - A diagnosis in disguise and potential catastrophic implications: Amoebic colitis masquerading as Crohn's disease

COMPANY SYMPOSIUM (BAYVIEW SUITE)

19:30 – midnight

Social evening at ARUBA



THURSDA	AY 4 DECEMBER				
08:15	DELEGATE REGISTRATION WITH COFFEE AND EXHIBITION VIEWING				DAY THREE
	SOLENT HALL				
09:00	JD Williams Lecture 35 years of tropical microbiology Christopher Parry, Visting Professor of Tropical Medicine, Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford				Ĩ
10:00	EXHIBITION VIEWING AND REFRI	ESHMENTS			
	SOLENT HALL	PURBECK LOUNGE	BAYVIEW SUITE	BOURNE LOUNGE	
10:30 – 12:00	Addressing winter pressures in the NHS Healthcare Infection Society / UKHSA	The imported fever service case book British Infection Association / UKHSA	Vaccines: from development to deployment UKCVN and Microbiology Society	Paediatric grand round BPAIIG	
	Chairs: Jasmin Islam and Pat Cattini	Chair: To be confirmed	Chair: To be confirmed	Chair: To be confirmed	
	10:30 – 11:00 Presentation title to be confirmed Victoria Hall, Consultant Epidemiologist, UK Health Security Agency, AMR & Healthcare Associated Infections Division, UK 11:00 – 11:30 Presentation title to be confirmed Julie Robotham, Head of Modelling and Evaluations, HCAI & AMR, UKHSA, UK 11:30 – 12:00 Presentation title to be confirmed Clive Beggs, Emeritus Professor of Applied Physiology, Carnegie School of Sport, Leeds Beckett University, UK	Panelists: Christina Petridou, Claire Gordon, Tommy Rampling 10:30 – 11:00 From Asia to the ICU Rebecca Houghton, ID & Microbiology Consultant, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK 11:00 – 11:30 An uncultured Intruder Ameeka Thompson, Specialist Registrar in Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology, North Bristol NHS Trust, UK 11:30 – 12:00 Fetal medicine meets Global Health: A case of fetal brain anomalies with infectious clues Lynne Warrander, Fetal Medicine Unit, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, UK	10:30 – 11:00 Measles vaccination in immunocompromised patients Alex Richter, Director of the Clinical Immunology Services, Professor and Honorary Consultant in Clinical Immunology, University of Birmingham, UK 11:00 – 11:30 Gonococcal vaccine development Susanne Hodgson, Clinician Scientist, Consultant Physician & Infection Specialist. Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, UK 11:30 – 12:00 Paediatric vaccination in secondary care Kate O Hagan, Advanced Paediatric Nurse Practitioner, Alderhay Childrens Hospital, UK	This interactive session will include case presentations by trainees and a panel discussion by experts in the field of paediatric infection. Case presenters: Rishi Raj Banerjee Specialty registrar in Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology, Royal Free London Group, UK Erva Nur Cinar Paediatric Trainee and Clinical Research Fellow, Evelina London Children's Hospital, UK A dangerous game of tag: difficult decisions around colonisation George Lawson Paediatric Registrar, UKHSA, UK	



12:00	EXHIBITION VIEWING AND LUNCH		12.00: Trainee exam preparation (BOURNE LOUNGE) Healthcare Infection Society	and networking workshop
13:00 – 14:15	SOLENT HALL FREE PAPERS 1	PURBECK LOUNGE FREEW PAPERS 2	BAYVIEW SUITE FREE PAPERS 3	BOURNE LOUNGE Infectious Disease Futures Microbiology Society
14:15	All presentations are 8 minutes (plus 3 minutes for questions) 116 - Development of a Quantitative Lateral Flow Assay for Vancomycin Therapeutic Drug Monitoring 128 - A country's battle with carbapenem-resistant Klebsiella pneumoniae: insights into epidemiology and novel treatment options from Greek ICUs 150 - A Silent Threat: Understanding ESBL-KP Risk Factors in the Neonatal ICU 238 - A national audit of antimicrobial prescribing in Critical Care Units in the United Kingdom 240 - Penicillin Allergy Management in the NHS: A Novel Trust-Wide Implementation of R1 Independent Side-Chain Betalactam Prescribing to Enhance Antimicrobial Stewardship and Patient Outcomes 267 - A Capability Framework for Antimicrobial Stewardship Specialists in the NHS	All presentations are 8 minutes (plus 3 minutes for questions) 153 - Routine eye screening in candidaemia: current UK landscape and future directions 168 - Safety and potent functional immunogenicity of a novel blood-stage P. falciparum malaria vaccine, R78C and RH5.1 with Matrix-M®, in UK adults in a Phase I trial 170 - Sarcopenia is a Common and Overlooked Comorbidity in Pulmonary Tuberculosis 173 - Post-TB care in the UK: cross-sectional analysis from a national survey 216 - JN.1 Exposure as Vaccine or Infection During Autumn and Winter 2024 Induces Broad Neutralisation of Circulating SARS-CoV-2 Variants: KP 2.3, KP 3.1.1 and XEC 225 - Primary CMV Infection in a Uterine Transplant Patient: Characterisation of the Immune Response to Guide Pregnancy Timing	All presentations are 8 minutes (plus 3 minutes for questions) 40 - Pandemic-Associated Dysmicrobiosis: A Hidden Variable in Pediatric Vulnerability and Future Pandemic Preparedness 96 - From big data to prediction: Applying machine learning for source attribution in a One Health approach, a case study on L. monocytogenes 181 - Skin and soft tissue infections in UK Armed Forces populations – the past, the present and the future 187 - Characterisation of Bloodstream Infections in a Large, Tertiary NICU in London: A Five-Year Retrospective Analysis 195 - Increasing importance of the Streptococcus anginosus group as a cause of serious streptococcal infection in the UK: a retrospective longitudinal observational study 258 - Amikacin and gentamicin resistance in neonatal and infant Enterobacterales bacteraemia: implications for empiric treatment in England (2017 to 2024)	12:45 – 14:15 All presentations are 8 minutes (plus 2 minutes for questions 94 - Understanding the interaction between Streptococcus pneumoniae and respiratory syncytial virus in a novel controlled human infection model. 108 - Nanopore in the Desert: Genomic Surveillance of Dengue Virus in Oman 115 - Clindamycin resistance in group A Streptococcus in a tertiary Irish hospital. 118 - Investigating Neutrophil Dynamics in Candida auris Biofilm Development 193 - A multi-centre prospective study to evaluate the infectious complications in patients presenting to Irish hospitals after undergoing cosmetic procedures abroad, over a twelve month period 223 - Oropouche Virus Reaches the UK: A Diagnostic Wake-Up Call for an Emerging Arbovirus A natural product cocktail derived from an "ancientbiotic" with enhanced activity against



				Staphylococcus aureus and Pseudomonas aeruginosa biofilms Oluwatosin Orababa Adaptation of Campylobacter to Sodium Chloride Alters Phenotypes Associated with Human Disease Elizabeth O'Gorman Studying Multi-Scale Infections using Cross-Scale Imaging Liam Rooney
14:15	COMFORT BREAK			
	SOLENT HALL	PURBECK LOUNGE	BAYVIEW SUITE	BOURNE LOUNGE
14:25 15:55	Post/para infectious neurological manifestations' British Infection Association Chair: Samuel Moses	Artificial intelligence in clinical microbiology Healthcare Infection Association / Association for Laboratory Medicine Chair: To be confirmed	Implementing next generation sequencing: Possibilities & challenges British Infection Association / Association for Laboratory Medicine / MHRA SOGAT Chair: Kate Templeton	Measles anywhere is a threat everywhere: lessons from cases and outbreaks in paediatrics BIA / HIS Chairs: Kavita Sethi and Nabeela Mughal
	14:25 – 14:55 LETM (longitudinally extensive transverse myelitis) following adenoviral infection Ana Karen Campos Hernandez, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust, UK 14:55 – 15:25 Acute cerebellitis following primary EBV infection Silas Danielraj Joshua Muthuchand, Medical Registrar, Tunbridge Wells Hospitals, UK 15:25 – 15:55 Post/para infectious neurological manifestations: A topic update Samuel Moses, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust, UK	14:25 – 14:55 From clinical routine data to early sepsis detection: Insights from the Swiss personalised sepsis study Catherine Jutzeler, Professor of Biomedical Data Science ETH Zurich, Switzerland 14:55 – 15:25 Use of machine learning to predict AMR in Gram negative bloodstream infections David Eyre, Professor of Infectious Diseases, University of Oxford, UK 15:25 – 15:55 Using artificial intelligence in surgical site infection surveillance Melissa Rochon, SSI Lead for Surveillance, Research and Innovation, Surveillance and Innovation Unit, Directorate of Infection, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, UK	14:25 – 14:55 Targeted next generation sequencing for diagnosis of infection and detection of AMR lan Butler, Lead Clinical Scientist/HSST Barts Health NHS Trust, UK 14:55 – 15:25 Advances in diagnostic approaches for diagnosis of viral infections in the UK and Uganda Emma Thomson, University of Glasgow, UK 15:25 – 15:55 Role of SoGAT in accreditation and standardisation of High Throughput (NGS) sequencing: tales from reference materials Jacqueline Fryer, MHRA	14:25 – 14:55 A case of severe measles in late pregnancy: Perinatal management and infection control considerations Andrew Owusu-Agyei, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, UK 14:55 – 15:25 Acute Trust measles response- lessons learnt Hester York, Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, UK 15:25 – 15:55 UKHSA Measles community and acute response Nalini lyanger, UKHSA, UK



16:00	SOLENT HALL	
	CLOSING CEREMONY David Partridge, FIS International 2025 Conference Chair	
16:10	CLOSE OF CONFERENCE	