

**TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 – Trainee Day**Tues 19 May 2026  
Wed 20 May 2026Birmingham  
Conference & Events  
Centre[EVENT WEBSITE](#)[events@fitwise.co.uk](mailto:events@fitwise.co.uk)  
+44 (0) 1506 292 042**Endorsed by:****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**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

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**Tues 19 May 2026  
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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)

11:30 Launch of BIA Workforce Report

Dr Sarah Logan, Consultant in infectious diseases, UCLH

Chair: Dr Rajeka Lazarus &amp; Dr Anna Goodman

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**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

**Ciprofloxacin prophylaxis in allogeneic haematopoietic cell transplantation: a tale of two hospitals**

**11:45** 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 RIPLs 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

Dr Toby Capstick, Consultant Pharmacist - Respiratory Medicine, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Prof John Ingram, Clinical Professor & Consultant Dermatologist, Cardiff University (**ONLINE**)

**16:35 Awards and final address**

Fiona McGill, BIA Meetings Secretary

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Scientific Meeting with  
the Spring Trainee Day**



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16:45 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE