

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 – Trainee Day



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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
09:05	Neonatal infections Dr Mitul Patel, Consultant Microbiologist, Birmingham Women' and Children's NHS Foundation Trust
09:50	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
10:35	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)
11:50	Advancements of therapeutics in TB Prof Sean Wasserman, Reader and honorary consultant in infectious diseases, City St George's, University of London
12:35	NITCAR Session The National Infection Teams Collaborative for Audit and Research Introduction: Dr Aimee Serisier & Dr Tom Harrison Neuro and Spinal Surgical site infections: Consensus on Antibiotic Recommendations Dr Peter Davis & Dr Timothy Fredsgaard-Jones 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 Campbell Positron Emission Tomography in Infective Endocarditis across the United Kingdom – PET-IE UK Dr Huseyin Bilgin BIA Early Career Researchers Dr Andrew Duncan
13:20	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING
Chair: Nisha Annie George	
14:20	Lyme disease essentials

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	Dr Christina Petridou, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory UKHSA
15:05	Microbiology & Infection in Maternity Services Dr Jim Gray, Consultant Microbiologist, Birmingham Women's & Children's NHS Foundation Trust
15:50	CLINICAL CASES GRAND ROUND Complex cases presented to an expert panel Panel: Nishchay Kakkar, Abid Hussain, Malur Sudhanva, Christina Petridou Case 1: Amaan Akhter, Foundation Year 2 Doctor, Department of Clinical Microbiology, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Case 2: Michael Backhurst-Braye, Microbiology Clinical Fellow, FHFT Case 3: Sunera Khan, IMT1, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust Case 4: Iloduba Aghanya, Specialty Doctor, Microbiology, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust
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

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08:30	DELEGATE REGISTRATION AND EXHIBITION VIEWING
Chair: Dr Fiona McGill	
09:00	Welcome and opening remarks Dr Fiona McGill, BIA Meetings Secretary
09:05	J.Infect review of the year Prof Robert Read, Professor of Infectious Diseases, University of Southampton, Editor in Chief, <i>Journal of Infection</i>
09:35	UK STATE OF THE ART LECTURE DecodeME: The genetics of ME/CFS Prof 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 the infection specialist workforce report Dr Sarah Logan, Consultant in infectious diseases, UCLH, Dr Amy Belfield, Id/mm Spr, Gateshead Hospitals Dr Kieran Killington, SpR Infectious Diseases, Imperial College Healthcare Trust
Chair: Dr Rajeka Lazarus & Prof Anna Goodman	
11:45	FREE SCIENTIFIC PAPERS
	Gamifying Outbreak Response: An Innovative Escape Room for Teaching Infectious Disease Fundamentals Miguel Vella, Clinical Teaching Fellow, Frimley Health NHS Trust
	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, Clinical Research Fellow, Hull University Teaching Hospitals
	Ciprofloxacin prophylaxis in allogeneic haematopoietic cell transplantation: a tale of two hospitals Ioannis Baltas, St5 Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology, University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation
	Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia in patients with diabetes mellitus: analysis of patient characteristics and outcomes in a retrospective U.K. cohort study Matt Shaw, Medical Student, Edinburgh Medical School
	Evidence-informed emergency extraction protocols for high consequence infectious disease PPE: findings from a fluorescence-based simulation study Luke Hunt, St7 Infectious Diseases & Microbiology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
	CD4+ T cell-induced macrophage death promotes Mycobacterium tuberculosis growth Clare Thakker, Wellcome Trust Clinical Phd Fellow, University College London

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12:45	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING
Chair: Dr Padmasayee Papineni	
13:45	COMPANY SYMPOSIUM: NAPP Pharmaceuticals Treatment considerations for invasive candidiasis in critical care settings – case studies Dr John Cunniffe, Consultant in Medical Microbiology and Infection Control, Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust (ONLINE)
14:05	KEYNOTE LECTURE RIPs response to emerging infections Dr Tommy Rampling, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Virology, Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory, UKHSA
14:45	SPECIAL LECTURE 2025 Annual Report on Infections, with Q&A Prof Chris Whitty, CMO, DHSC (ONLINE)
15:25	COMFORT BREAK
Chair: Bee Yean Ng	
15:35	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SYMPOSIUM Antibiotics for non-infectious Indications Prof Philip Anyanwu, Applied Health Research, University of Reading, 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 Dr Rajeka Lazarus, BIA President
16:45	CLOSE OF CONFERENCE