

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Cavendish Conference Centre, 22 Duchess Mews, London, W1G 9DT

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Dear Colleagues

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Scientific Meeting represents a superb opportunity to communicate with and to learn from colleagues working in the full range of infection-related disciplines. The Trainees' day is on the Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, and the main meeting is on the Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

But there is no show without punch, and we need you, the members, to be prepared to contribute through presenting your research, laboratory or clinical, and your clinical lessons.

The ideal presentations are those given by colleagues who are currently in post-graduate training, as they (you!) represent the future of infection research and practice in the UK.

That said, we are always happy to receive abstracts from anyone who would like to present, including principal researchers, consultants and non-clinical scientists. Where possible we would encourage consultants and lead researchers to consider asking more the junior members of their teams to deliver the presentation.

This year, we are at a new venue The Cavendish Conference Centre, and we are very fortunate to have three distinguished invited speakers joining us, Dr Francesca Conradie of South Africa, Professor Barry J Campbell of Liverpool and Professor Charles Lacey of York.

So please submit the best and most thought-provoking abstracts you can muster - the team at BIA will be very pleased to receive them. We will be awarding prizes (actual money) to support attendance at overseas meetings or other educational activity for the best scientific (£1000, £500 second prize) and clinical case (£250) presentations.

Happy writing!

Regards to all  
Hiten Thaker

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**You are invited to submit abstracts for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual BIA Spring Meeting. Abstracts should be submitted as free papers or clinical lessons.**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

- Abstract submission is via the BIA website <http://www.britishinfection.org>
- Click on the link for BIA Spring Meeting
- Click on the link for abstract submission and follow instructions
- After registration with the abstract administration system, the abstract instructions for abstract submission will be e-mailed to you

**Free papers** (*maximum 250 words*) - Abstracts should state briefly and clearly the purpose, methods, results and conclusions of the work.

Introduction: Clearly state the purpose of the abstract

Methods: Describe your selection of observations or experimental subjects clearly

Results: Present your results in a logical sequence in text, tables and illustrations

Discussion: Emphasize new and important aspects of the study and conclusions that are drawn from them

**Clinical lessons** (*maximum 250 words*) - Abstracts for the Clinical Lessons session should be cryptic ie not give the game away! Successful submissions usually have a clear 'take-home' message.

**A second abstract** with same title should be prepared and submitted which gives the answer and the lessons learnt to the selection committee; this abstract should be suitable for final publication as a short case report after the meeting. Please give details in the second abstract of any images eg Radiology that are available to support the presentation. During the submissions procedure you will be given the opportunity to submit the second abstract. Please give the second abstract the same title, and also add 'Covering letter' to top of the text.

- **The deadline for submission of abstracts is 5 pm, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.** Please note that you will not receive any reminders before this date. Authors will be notified of acceptance by the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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