Dear Colleagues

The 23rd 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 20th May 2020, and the main meeting is on the Thursday 21st May 2020.

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 Manchester Conference Centre, and we are very fortunate to have two distinguished invited speakers joining us, Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman of the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Professor Herve Fleury of the Bordeaux University Hospital, France

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
You are invited to submit abstracts for the 23rd 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.

If you are submitting a clinical case report then please complete both sections on the form. The first section (Abstract) needs to mention the diagnosis and the lessons learnt for the selection committee and the second section (abstract without diagnosis) is the same abstract but specifically doesn’t mention the diagnosis.

➢ The deadline for submission of abstracts is 5 pm, 13th March 2020. Please note that you will not receive any reminders before this date. Authors will be notified of acceptance by the 10th April 2020

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