

15th Annual Meeting

Friday 25th May 2012

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, School of Oriental & African Studies,
Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Dear colleagues

The 15th Annual Spring 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 24th May 2012, and the main meeting is on the 25th May 2012.

But there is no show without punch, and we need you, the members, to be prepared to publicly present your research work and clinical findings to your peers.

The ideal presentations are those given by colleagues who are currently in training, as they (you!) represent the future, and you will be looking after the needs of patients long after us oldies have shuffled off the scene!

That said, we are always happy to receive abstracts from anyone who would like to present, but if at all possible we would implore consultants and lead researchers to consider asking more the junior members of their teams to deliver the presentation.

This year, the venue is the excellent SOAS at the University of London, and we are very fortunate to have three distinguished invited speakers joining us, **Professor Eduardo Gotuzzo** of Peru, **Dr Brian Angus** of Oxford and this year we will also be welcoming **Dr Ann Chapman** of Sheffield who will be presenting a UK State of the Art Lecture

So please submit the best and most thought-provoking abstracts you can muster - the team at BIA will be very pleased to receive them. All accepted abstracts will be published in the Journal of Infection.

Happy writing!

Regards to all
Steve Green

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You are invited to submit abstracts for the 15th 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 form and instructions for abstract submission will be e-mailed to you

Free papers - 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 - 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, 20th April 2012.** Please note that you will not receive any reminders before this date. Authors will be notified of acceptance by the 8th May

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