

BACTERIAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Annual report to end of July 2007.

Membership

Catherine Ison (London, Chair), Caroline Carder (London), Catherine Lowndes (London), Elizabeth Claydon (Barnstaple), Arnold Fernandes (Bath), Justin Gaffney (London), Beng Goh (London), Phillip Hay (London), Patrick Horner (Bristol), Frances Keane (Truro), Angela Robinson (London), Jonathan Ross (Birmingham), Mohsen Shahmanesh (Birmingham), and S. Uthayakumar (Stevenage). Fiona Boag (London), Iona Martin (London) and David Taylor-Robinson (London) retired and Eva Jungmann (London) joined the group during this year.

Activities

- The BSIG organised the afternoon OGM on 12 January 2007 on Basic Science for Genitourinary Medicine. The speakers were Paddy Horner (Bristol), Can biology inform treatment regimens, Teresa Battison (London) Diversity and innovations within the National Chlamydia Screening Programme, Hill Gaston (Cambridge) Immunological responses to *Chlamydia trachomatis* and Helen Lee (Cambridge), A new Chlamydia test: bridging the gap between diagnosis and treatment. These basic science sessions are now an annual event and have proved very successful. The 2007 Jan OGM was well attended and stimulated considerable discussion.
- The Dark-field microscopy, organised by Dr Beng Goh, ran in September 2006, and the Microscopy course was held in October 2006 and March 2007.
- Guidelines for sexual health screening in GUM are now published as a supplement in Sexually Transmitted Infections (2006;82:Supplement 4) and on the website (www.bashh.org/guidelines/2006/sti_screening_guidelines_v14_0806.pdf)
- The production of an educational DVD is now underway with support from the Trustees. The DVD will build on the considerable success of the book 'Microscopy of STIs' A small group led by Frances Keane has moved this forward and aims to launch it in April 2008.
- The BSIG held two steering group meetings in September 2006 and June 2007.

