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BASHH Annual General Meeting 2018

The BASHH Annual General Meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine will be held on Friday 12th January 2018 at 17.30hrs.

Details of the meeting and a proxy form will be sent to you.

The meeting will be followed by a sparkling wine reception where you will have the opportunity to meet the new President of BASHH.

BASHH election 2018-2020

The BASHH election is open.

An email has been sent from the electoral reform services to the email address REGISTERED with BASHH.

If you do not receive an email please check your spam filter before contacting BASHH.

The email contains your unique voting security codes.

Please ensure you follow the procedure correctly to have your vote counted.

There is 1 contested post - President of BASHH. All the uncontested posts are included for information.

Voting closes on Thursday 14th December 2017 at 12 noon and the results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine on Friday 12th January 2018.

The Joint Gender and Sexual Minorities (GSM) and HIV SIG will hold their joint OGM at the Royal Society of Medicine in January. The first half of the meeting will be on current issues in the sexual health of women who have sex with other women, whilst the second half will look at some current areas of HIV care and prevention with particular relevance to women. This will be from 12-7pm, with talks from 1-5.30pm, to be followed by the BASHH AGM and a drinks reception.

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The President and the trustees of BASHH wish all our members a very enjoyable festive season and very best wishes for a happy and successful 2018
**Vacancies on the BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group**

The CEG is responsible for producing and updating national evidence-based guidelines on sexually transmitted infections and related conditions. It also produces patient information based upon these guidelines and liaises with a range of other professional bodies to ensure their dissemination and maximum impact. The guidelines have major influence in the specialty nationally and beyond, and surveys have shown that they are extremely highly-valued by BASHH members.

Current guidelines and patient information are available on the BASHH website (click on ‘Guidelines’ on the BASHH homepage) and further information about the group, including its NICE-accredited methodology, can be found via the website (click on ‘BASHH groups’).

The imminent retirement of two existing members means that the CEG is looking for two new GU medicine physicians to join the group. One new member will be expected to lead on the production of patient information.

Membership will require attendance at three meetings a year at the Royal Society of Medicine in London for which expenses will be paid in line with the BASHH expenses policy (copy available upon request from the BASHH secretariat). In between meetings work will be conducted remotely by email and teleconference.

Applications are invited from existing GUM physicians who are on the specialist register and who have an interest in evidence-based medicine. If you wish to discuss the positions please contact the chair Keith Radcliffe on Keith.Radcliffe@uhb.nhs.uk.

Applications to be submitted to Keith no later than Tuesday 2 January 2018 to consist of a brief CV and a brief personal statement explaining your interest in this area the contribution you believe that you could make (maximum of one side of A4 equivalent each).

Dr Keith Radcliffe – Chair CEG

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**New member of the STI Foundation Committee (competency sub group)**

The BASHH STIF Competency Sub Group is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic new member to be our web-master. The Group meets three times per year and the role will be to liaise with the BASHH web group and keep the STIF website refreshed and updated.

If you are interested in joining the Group, please contact the Chair, Dr Matthew Grundy-Bowers, for more information either via email: matthew.grundybowers@nhs.net or via direct line 020 3312 2451

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**Call for applicants for research grant**

We invite researchers in various fields related to sexual health, HIV and other sexually transmitted viruses to apply for research funds.

Sexually Transmitted Infections Research Foundation (STIRF) was set up to pump prime research projects relating to: epidemiology, pathophysiology, management, and health care delivery of sexually transmitted infections and HIV in the West Midlands, Trent, Yorkshire, Northern and North West regions.

The primary aim is to provide initial funding to allow promising projects from researchers early in their career to obtain preliminary results as a prelude to acquire further funds from other funding bodies.

Deadline for applications is 31st December 2017

For further information and guidance on how to apply visit
Future Hospital Programme: Delivering the future hospital

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) Future Hospital Programme launches its final report today and provides an opportunity for the RCP to look back at the considerable impact that the programme has had. The Future Hospital Commission was a rare thing in medicine – a report that was radical, engaging and popular, full of new ideas and solutions to the common problems that beset the NHS.

The Future Hospital Programme has been a 3-year project funded by the RCP to implement the recommendations of the commission. It has moved the report from concept to implementation working with partners across the UK to increase patient satisfaction, meaningfully engage patients, create efficiencies, develop clinician engagement and deliver higher morale in FHP pilot sites. The learning from the FHP pilot sites have led to the development of best practice with new models of care tailored for delivery elsewhere, recognition from ministers and parliamentarians and a number of projects recognised on the national stage.

The Future Hospital Programme has seen the launch of our flagship Chief Registrar leadership programme, developing the next generation of clinical leaders. The scheme offers senior leadership roles which focus on developing high quality patient care and providing junior doctors with a voice. The project continues to grow year on year, and we hope that the project will grow the next generation of medical directors and chief executives.

Although the formal Future Hospital Programme is drawing to a close, the learning will be incorporated into the RCP's new Quality Improvement Programme, which will provide support to clinicians and their teams to deliver improvements in care and services. The Hub will include a faculty of QI experts, develop training and education in QI, create networks and offer bespoke support to physicians, teams and organisations. The Chief Registrar scheme which has been so successful in engaging our trainees in quality improvement programmes will continue to be developed, including an ongoing network to support career development in QI after leaving the scheme.

The executive summary and the full report can be found on the RCP website.

HEE launches antimicrobial resistance (AMR) training resources guide

We are pleased to let you know that our antimicrobial resistance (AMR) training resources guide is now available to access on our website.

As part of our work (HEE 2016) we stated we would “explore developing a guide to learning materials for antimicrobial resistance and infection, that signposts prescribers and other staff to available educational sessions that will help support learning in the system”.

The purpose of this guide is to promote available learning on the management of infective states, infection prevention and control, antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial stewardship .

We would encourage you to raise awareness of this resource guide within your organisations and networks.

Friendly URL: www.hee.nhs.uk/antimicrobialresistance

For further information please contact Mohamed Sadak (Clinical Lead and Programme Manager, Antimicrobial Resistance and Sepsis) mohamed.sadak@hee.nhs.uk

Centenary Celebrations come to a close with the Venereology Concert Party

On Friday 17th November, we proved that Venereology has talent! A stellar cast of singer and musicians from the specialty delighted and wowed the audience at the Apothecaries Hall. Our president, Elizabeth Carlin, opened the evening and then handed over to Laura Waters, mistress of ceremonies, to present the evening’s entertainment (and to sing her poignant re-work of Sinead O’Connor’s ‘Nothing compare to ... GU’).

Jackie Cassell and Craig Tipple, who organised the evening, would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who came to support the event and, of course, all of the specialty’s talented members who performed on the evening and made it the wonderful show that it was.

Photographic evidence to follow on the centenary pages of the BASHH website!
Helped wanted

Provision of Vulval Pain clinics across the UK

We are assessing the availability of clinics that are specifically for women experiencing Vulval Pain, in different Trusts across the UK. The data is being collected by a 4th year medical student as part of a research project at Brighton and Sussex Medical school in collaboration with The Horizon Clinic at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals.

If you are a clinician who provides care to women experiencing Vulval Pain please click on the link below to fill out a short questionnaire: https://brighton.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/uk-vulval-pain-services-copy-2

‘Women and HIV: Invisible No Longer’ is a one-year project led by Sophia Forum and Terrence Higgins Trust which aims to shine a spotlight on women affected by HIV.

To help us find out how HIV affects women in the UK and influence future policy and practice, we have two surveys.

Invisible no longer: Experiences. This survey is for women living with HIV to share their views.

If you are a woman living with HIV, fill in our survey – we want to hear from you about your experiences and what you think needs to change to ensure that women living with HIV are fully supported.

Invisible no longer: Prevention This survey is for women who may be concerned about getting HIV to share their views on HIV prevention.

If you are a woman and want to feedback about HIV prevention, fill in our survey – we want to hear from you about your experiences and what you need to help you to make choices around HIV prevention.

Closing date for both surveys: 8th of December, 2017

If you would like more information about the surveys, to be kept up to date with the project, or if you would like to be involved with our media work around HIV and women, please contact Longret.Kwardem@tht.org.uk.

New draft of Granuloma Inguinale available for feedback

The 2017 draft of BASHH National Guidelines on the management of Granuloma Inguinale is available for feedback. Please send all comments to Margaret Kingston at margaret.kingston@mft.nhs.uk before the end of January 2018.

How you can help reduce herpes stigma

You are crucial to removing the herpes stigma. [this is the link https://herpes.org.uk/stigma/ ] Don’t you think it is time it was gone?

Only use words that you would use for cold sores or chickenpox. Your patient may later find scary stories on the web, but the Herpes Viruses Association (HVA) finds that if people start with correct information and attitude to this common virus, the scary stuff has less effect.

Don’t bother telling patients ‘A man went to jail for infecting his partner’. More relevant is that, over 35 years, ‘No one who got advice from the HVA has ever been in court for infecting a partner’.

Read more here

Dates of future BASHH Scientific Meetings for your diary

Friday 12 January 2018
Friday 9 March 2018
Friday 28 September 2018

All at the RSM, 1 Wimpole Street, London
More Events & Training

**2018 Annual Conference (Joint Conference with BHIVA)**

Our 2018 annual conference is a joint conference with BHIVA. This will be in Edinburgh April 17-20th. Abstract submission and Registration is now open.

Please go online to register and submit abstracts: [http://www.bhiva.org/AnnualConference2018.aspx](http://www.bhiva.org/AnnualConference2018.aspx)

**Important Dates:**

Abstract Deadline: **19th January 2018**

Early Bird Registration: **19th January 2019**

Conference dates: **17-20th April 2018**

**BASHH HIV Masterclass 2018**

The eagerly anticipated BASHH HIV Masterclass returns to Manchester from the 15-16th March 2018. Following on from the success of last year’s meeting, this Masterclass will include topical discussion on HIV prevention as well as providing practical advice/ethical debate on the management of patients with both acute and advanced HIV. This event is often highly subscribed and remains open to all healthcare professionals but is free for BASHH Members. In order to avoid disappointment we recommend registering early. Please click [here](http://www.bhiva.org/AnnualConference2018.aspx) for further information and registration for this meeting.

**6th Edinburgh Clinical Research Methodology Course**

The objective of this two-day course is to provide a comprehensive overview of the methods and frameworks currently required to perform cutting-edge clinical research. The course will consist of interactive lectures and opportunities for delegates to network with distinguished researchers, all of whom are recognised experts in their field. The course is aimed at budding clinical academics, who we expect to be junior doctors, clinical research training fellows, allied health professionals, nursing and midwifery staff and scientists who have an interest in or are actively engaged in clinical research.

Further details can also be found on the course [website](http://www.bhiva.org/AnnualConference2018.aspx) and [Facebook page](http://www.bhiva.org/AnnualConference2018.aspx)

**STIF Competency Train the Trainer workshop 2018**

The next half day STIF Competency Train the Trainer workshop will take place on:

Friday 9th March 2018, at Royal Society of Medicine London

From 09.30-12.45

To register please [click here](http://www.bhiva.org/AnnualConference2018.aspx)

This half day practical workshop is recommended for GUM medical and nurse consultants, SAS doctors and clinical nurse specialists involved in training and assessing doctors and nurses within their own departments. It provides guidance about running the STIF Competency training and assessment programmes and how to use the assessment tools. Attendance at the workshop is a requirement for STIF Competency Trainer registration.
DIARY DATES

Mentoring Skills for Sexual Health / HIV Physicians workshop—8 December in London

BASHH Scientific meeting—12 January 2018 in London

BASHH/FSRH Joint meeting—19 January 2018 in London

Joint BASHH/BHIVA One day Diploma in HIV Medicine update—22 January 218 in Manchester

STIF Competency Train the Trainer on 9 March in London

BASHH HIV Masterclass 2018 15-16 March in Manchester

BASHH/BHIVA 2018—17-20 April in Edinburgh

Edinburgh Clinical Research Methodology Course 23-24 April 2018

RCP Annual Conference, Innovation in Medicine 2018 on Monday 25 – Tuesday 26 June 2018 at ExCel London

ISSTDR/IUSTI joint meeting in Vancouver 14—17 July 2019

The deadlines for newsletters in 2018, please make a note in your calendar to ensure that news items are received promptly

24 January
28 March
23 May
25 July
26 September
28 November