The BASHH Scientific Meetings

Please note there will be no BASHH Scientific meeting in October 2015 and the next Scientific meeting will be held on Friday 8 January 2016.

BASHH Conference 2016
10th – 12th July 2016
Oxford Examination Schools, Oxford
Doctors in training day:
11th July 2016 at the Examination Schools.
Call for Papers submission deadline: 18th March 2016
For further information please visit the BASHH website www.bashh.org

BASHH Subscription for 2015 - 2016
On 1st August 2015 your BASHH membership is due for renewal. We are pleased to inform you that for this year there has been no increase in the subscription rate.
For those members who have set up a Direct Debit, payment will be taken on 1st August 2015.
If you have not received a subscription reminder or have any queries, please contact BASHH at admin@bashh.org

BASHH Conference
A big thank you to everyone who attended the BASHH stand in Glasgow and updated their details on the database.
The stand was busy at times and we would appreciate it if you check that your details are correct.
The iPad was won by Dr Conrad White of Durham.
BASHH recommend that members check their membership details on an annual basis by using this link to the website.

29th European Conference on Sexually Transmitted Infections
24-26 September 2015 Sitges, Barcelona
Preliminary Programme
The Preliminary Program of the 29th European Conference on Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) to be held in Sitges, from 24 to 26 September 2015 is now available click here. A PDF version also available.
With a special focus on men's sexual health, the programme is balanced so as to address sexual health issues to do with men and women.
In addition, papers are selected for oral or poster presentation on any subject concerning sexual health, STI and HIV in Europe.
Registration
For more information please visit the Congress website www.iusti2015.com or contact the Conference Secretariat by phone at +34 932 388 777 or by email to: iusti2015@pacifico-meetings.com
For more information on registration types and rates, as well as accommodation, please visit the conference website.

Nurse Recruitment Drive
I would like to increase the Nurse membership of BASHH. If you are a BASHH Nurse I would like to hear from you, please email/text me with suggestions of topics you would like me to pursue at the address/number below.
Please would all BASHH members print off some Membership packs and give them to their Clinic staff, pointing out the value of being a member, click here for pack.
Thank you
Kate Day
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BASHH News

RCP census of Consultants and higher specialty trainees working in the UK in Genito-urinary Medicine 2013/4

The Royal College of Physicians (London) has published the full report of the 2013/14 census of consultant physicians and higher specialty trainees in the UK. The census measures the number of consultant physicians and higher specialty trainees working in the UK, as well as gathering vital information about how physicians are working. To download the report - [Click here]

To accompany the full report of the census they have also published a short report and commentary concerning genito-urinary medicine. These offer a more in depth look at the workforce.
To download the report - [Click Here]

ABC of Sexual Dysfunction Study Day—Thursday 15th October 2015 at the Manchester Conference Centre, M1 3NJ

We are pleased to inform you that the Sexual Dysfunction Special Interest Group of BASHH are running another ABC of Sexual Dysfunction study day. This popular educational meeting offers an introduction to the latest information on the assessment and management of common sexual problems but is also useful to update and refresh current practice. Educational content is relevant to doctors, nurses, health advisers, psychologists, sex and relationship therapists and other professionals with an interest in this dynamic field.

Programme: A provisional programme is available to view; please [click here]
Registration: Online registration is now open and you can register [click here]
Due to the popularity of this meeting, please consider early registration

Microscopy Course for STI's

This course will be held on Saturday 24 October 2015 at Imperial College London.
To download a course programme please [click here]

Joint BASHH/BHIVA one day Diploma in HIV Medicine update

This course has been developed by both BASHH and BHIVA to help prepare candidates for this important examination. The next course will be on 01 Feb 2016 at Manchester Royal Infirmary. On-line registration will be available via BASHH later.

STI | New Impact Factor 3.401

The Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) editorial team are delighted to announce that the Impact Factor of the journal has gone up to 3.401* in the category of Infectious Diseases.

We truly appreciate the loyalty and hard work of our readers, authors, reviewers and editorial team in helping us with this achievement.

Great reasons to submit to STI:

Highest Impact Factor of any general sexual health journal
Over 2 million page views in 2014
13 days from acceptance to online publication
Open Access option and liberal self-archiving policies
Article promotion via social media and podcast interviews with selected authors
Official journal of BASHH and AChSHM and endorsed by MEDFASH

*2014 Journal Citation Report ® (Thomson Reuters, 2015.)
More BASHH News

BASHH MSM SIG 2nd Biennial Conference – ‘Sex, Life and MSM’
Conference Aston within Aston Business School (Aston University Campus) - Birmingham

Please hold the date for this all day meeting scheduled for 30th October 2015. Registration is now available on the BASHH website or click here

Following on from the great success of the first meeting in 2013, this day is aimed at all those working with MSM across the multidisciplinary team, including in the voluntary sector, and will focus on four themed sessions:
1. Mental Health and MSM
3. Helpful or unhelpful terminology? - (re)Defining ‘MSM’

We hope to see you there!

5th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course - Friday 16th October 2015

Venue: Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN

Details of the Course are given on the BASHH website, on the front page under upcoming events. Please use click here to access information.

Registration fees:
Early bird rate until 31st August 2015 - £ 160 for BASHH members & £ 170 non members10 % discount for trainees & Nurses. From 1st September - £ 170 for BASHH members & £180 for others. 10 % discount for trainees & nurses

This course on practical aspects of genital dermatology is tailored for those working in Genitourinary medicine/Sexual & Reproductive Health. It will also be useful for those working in ‘Dermatology’ and ‘Gynaecology’ and GPs. The highlights of the Course are interactive lectures, workshops and a slide quiz. Delegates can choose two out of five workshops. Being a popular one, those interested in attending are requested to apply as soon as possible. RCP Approval for 6 CPD credits pending

If you have any queries please contact: Dr PN Sashidharan- Chair (pn.sashidharan@ntlworld.com) or Dr Christine Bates– Secretary (Christine.Bates@rlbuht.nhs.uk)

Mentoring skills training for Sexual Health / HIV Consultants and SAS doctors

The BASHH/ BHIVA Mentoring Group are running a one-day workshop in central London on Friday 27th November to equip doctors working in sexual health and / or HIV with the knowledge and skills to take on a mentoring role to other doctors. It will also be a useful update for doctors already in mentoring roles wishing to refresh their knowledge and skills.

There will be an opportunity to explore the roles of both mentors and mentees and to discuss ideas and models that you will be able to put into immediate practice.
Time: 10:00 - 16:00 - Registration from 09:30
The cost is £95.
To register, please see the BASHH website, BASHH Training Courses and Meetings or click here

18th Annual BASHH Conference for SAS Doctors working in Sexual Health—September 4th and 5th at the Ramphal Building, University of Warwick, CV4 7AL

The 2015 Annual BASHH Conference aimed at SAS Doctors working in Sexual Health will take place at the University of Warwick on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September.

This popular educational meeting is now in its 18th year.
Programme: The programme is available to view click here
Registration: Online registration is now open and you can register click here

1st HIV Forum: Integrase Inhibitors - 20 October 2015, Barcelona, Spain.
HIV FORA create a platform to enhance the clinical knowledge of health care professionals in the field of HIV therapy. The aim is for delegates to have a better understanding of basic science of Integrase Inhibitors.

Young medical professionals will be able to present their research abstracts/clinical case studies.

Registration and one night hotel accommodation is granted for delegates. Travel grants are available for accepted abstract/clinical case submitters. For more information visit the meeting website.
NEW date and venue for 2016 STIF COMPETENCY Train the Trainer Workshop

The 2016 STIF Competency Train the Trainer workshop has been moved to FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2016. It will be held at The King’s Fund, Cavendish Square, London. Registration is £65.00. Online registration is open. This 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. Click here for more information.

CALL FOR PILOT TRAINEES: STIF Integrated Competency programme

The STIF Intermediate Competency programme has been extended to include a ‘bolt on’ for GUM nurses working in integrated sexual health services. The pilot of the new STIF Integrated Competency programme is now underway. For more information, please go to the STIF website or click here. If you would like to participate in the pilot please email STIF@suebird.biz to request a registration form.

CALL FOR PILOT TRAINEES: STIF-SSHA Competency Assessment

The new STIF-SSHA Competency assessment for Health advisors is now being piloted. More information on the STIF website or click here. If you would like to participate in the pilot please email STIF@suebird.biz to request a registration form.

STIF Competency LEVEL1 Assessment – LONDON – 7 NOVEMBER

A STIF Competency Level1 assessment, open to all, will take place on 7 November at St Mary’s Hospital, Paddington. Registration fee is £65. To register interest please contact STIF@suebird.biz

STIF Foundation and STIF Competency Updates: 2015-16

Details about the changes to the STI Foundation and Competency portfolios will be circulated to STIF Course Directors in August.

CPD accreditation for eHIV-STI

The Royal College of Physicians have renewed their CPD accreditation of eHIV-STI for the next 2 years. Career grade doctors who use the RCP CPD diary can add up to 16 hours a year external CPD credits using the "Add Approved Entry" or "Approved Distance Learning" tabs. Any additional hours can also be claimed as "Distance Learning" using the "Add Self-Certified Entry" tab. Please see below all the relevant RCP CPD codes attributed to eHIV-STI; past, present and future!

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Dr. John Evans-Jones—john.evans-jones@nhs.net
Help needed

**BASHH MSM SIG survey of clinical practice in the care of MSM**

The BASHH MSM Special Interest Group is surveying practice in the care of men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) across the UK. We are aware of a number of areas in which evidence is absent, or guidance varies, so we will distribute a Survey-Monkey questionnaire to all members in August. The results will inform the development of the forthcoming UK National Guideline on the sexual health of MSM. Please resist the temptation to delete and take a few minutes to complete it!

**Cross-sectional survey to explore the provision of HIV prevention and testing services for older adults at GP practices and sexual health/HIV clinics**

Participants required for research study to explore the acceptability and accessibility of HIV prevention and testing services at sexual health/HIV clinics to older adults

You are invited to take part in a research survey, funded by the University of York, to explore the acceptability and accessibility of HIV services to older adults. Participants will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey, which will take approximately 10 minutes to finish. Eligible participants include: sexual health/HIV consultants; sexual health/HIV registrars; SAS doctors in sexual health/HIV; sexual health/HIV nurse practitioners; sexual health/HIV specialist nurses. Participants must be working in England.

If you are interested in participating, please open the following link for further study information and to access the online questionnaire: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hcpsworkinginsexualhealth](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hcpsworkinginsexualhealth)

Further contact details:
Sadie Bell (Chief Investigator – Health Sciences PhD student, University of York). Email: slb521@york.ac.uk

**SAS Doctors Survey**

The BASHH SAS Doctors’ committee is conducting a survey of SAS Doctors’ views and experience of medical education.

We would be grateful if SAS Doctors could take few minutes to complete this survey which aims to assess their experience and views regarding education. The survey is designed for and relevant to all SAS doctors working in Sexual Health; whether on a GUM clinic, a Family Planning Centre or an Integrated Sexual Health Service. As not all SAS doctors are BASHH members, we would be grateful if BASHH members could point this message out to their SAS colleagues.

In order to participate, simply click on this link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BZLQSBT](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BZLQSBT)

**Male urethral sampling questionnaire**

Having noticed variations within our local practice we are looking to assess the method used for male urethral sampling procedures on a national basis. We are interested to see whether that variation may be based on original training or standardised custom at current clinical site. Please complete this very short survey of nine questions by 18th September to help us achieve this. The link for the questionnaire is [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5BX86PC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5BX86PC). Your help is very much appreciated.

**Call for New Mentors for BASHH BHIVA Mentoring Scheme**

The BASHH BHIVA mentoring committee are seeking new mentors for the mentoring scheme. We offer mentors to new consultants and SAS doctors. If you are a consultant or SAS doctor who has worked at that grade for 5 years, you may be suitable. We are particularly keen to recruit HIV doctors and those who have worked abroad or in research. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please email Dr Emma Fox, Chair of BASHH / BHIVA Mentoring Group at emma.fox@kentct.nhs.uk for more information, or click here for the form.

The GU Medicine clinic in Plymouth have set up a Home HIV Testing service online via our clinic website [www.yourship.uk](http://www.yourship.uk). On the site there is a clinic finder as well as other sources of information for support as we are providing kits to anyone in the UK. If individuals attend a GU clinic saying that they have taken an on line home HIV test via this route, this is correct. The test is the orasure advanced rapid test which has a 12 week window period, it needs to be confirmed with a serological test.
DIARY DATES

BASHH SAS Conference—4th and 5th September 2015—University of Warwick

The fourth Viral Hepatitis Congress will take place 10-12 September 2015 in Frankfurt www.viral-hep.org

19th Annual Resistance and Antiviral Therapy Meeting - Progress in Virology—link Wednesday 16 September 2015, The Event Spaces at Wellcome Collection, London

5th EAAD Congress Riga, September 18-20, 2015 www.eaad2015riga.org

IUSTI Sitges 2015 - 24th – 26th September 2015 - Click Here for further details

BASHH Scientific Meeting - 2 October 2015 - RSM, London from 1.00pm - cancelled

EADV meeting - Copenhagen 7th to 9th October 2015

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5th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course 2015 - Friday 16th October
Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN

HIV & Ageing - 3rd national conference at the RSM in London
16 October 2015—click here

1st HIV Forum: Integrase Inhibitors - 20 October 2015, Barcelona, Spain.

17th International Workshop on Co-morbidities and Adverse Drug Reaction in HIV
20-22 October 2015—Barcelona, Spain

International Conference “Complexity and Patient Safety: ten years later, 2005-2015”
23-24 October 2015, Soave, Verona, Italy

Microscopy course for STI’s—24 October 2015
Imperial College London, click here for details

‘The Sexual Consequences of Cancer & Its Treatment: An Integrated Model of Care for Individuals and Couples’ on Friday 30th October 2015.—click here

BASHH MSM SIG 2nd Biennial Conference – ‘Sex, Life and MMS’ Friday 30 October
Conference Aston within Aston Business School (Aston University Campus) - Birmingham

STIF Competency LEVEL1 Assessment
7 November — St Mary’s Hospital, Paddington, London

BHIVA Autumn Conference including CHIVA Parallel Sessions 2015
12-13 November 2015 Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London click here

Mentoring skills training for Sexual Health / HIV Consultants and SAS doctors
27 November in London

The deadlines for newsletters in 2015
23 September; 25 November