**BASHH Newsletter**

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**April 2014**

*BASHH held their Annual General Meeting on 14 March 2014 at the RSM, London and the following members were appointed to the Board:*

- Dr Jan Clarke  
  President
- Dr Elizabeth Carlin  
  Vice President
- Dr Elizabeth Foley  
  General Secretary
- Dr Alan Tang  
  CGC Chair
- Dr Nneka Nwokolo  
  Fellow to the Board
- Dr Liat Sarner  
  Fellow to the Board
- Dr Jillian Pritchard  
  Fellow to the Board
- Dr Janet Wilson  
  Immediate Past President

*The following Trustees have stepped down from the BASHH Board:*

- Dr Keith Radcliffe  
  Immediate Past President
- Dr Raj Patel  
  Vice President
- Dr John White  
  Education Secretary
- Dr Jyoti Dhar  
  Fellow to the Board
- Dr Rak Nandwani  
  Fellow to the Board
- Dr Ann Sullivan  
  Fellow to the Board

We thank them for all the time and hard work they have undertaken on behalf of BASHH during their time on the board.

*The full list of trustees is can be viewed on the BASHH website - [Click Here](#)*

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**Updated TV management guidelines**

The new 2014 revised Management of *Trichomonas vaginalis* infection guidelines are now available on the guidelines page of the BASHH web site - [Click Here](#)

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**Invitation to apply for the role of member to the NICE Local Government Reference Group (LGRG)**

We are currently seeking to recruit members, one local government councillor and one Director of Public Health for the LGRG.

The Local Government Reference Group assists the Centre for Public Health and, from April 2014, the Health and Social Care Directorate at NICE prepare briefings for local authorities.

We welcome applications from interested individuals who have the experience, commitment and enthusiasm to continue to help NICE establish the local government role within the new system for public health in England. You will be applying your own experience and judgement to the topics considered by the LGRG, rather than acting as a representative of a particular local authority.

For details of skills and experience required, time commitment and to apply, please follow the link below:

- [http://www.nice.org.uk/getinvolved/joinnwc/MemberLGRGPublicHealthMember.jsp](http://www.nice.org.uk/getinvolved/joinnwc/MemberLGRGPublicHealthMember.jsp)

Any questions please email CPHLocalAuthorities@niceorg.uk no later than 12 noon 15 April 2014
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The impact of National HIV Testing Week

Dear Colleagues

As an agency who commissions, provides and/or promotes HIV testing, we would be very grateful if you would take part in this short survey about HIV testing services and the impact of National HIV Testing Week.

The survey is for any agency that commissions, provides and/or promotes HIV testing in England. We are seeking people to respond on behalf of their agency, so please let someone else in your agency know about the survey if they are better placed to respond on behalf of the agency.

The survey can be accessed at [www.NHTWevaluation.org.uk](http://www.NHTWevaluation.org.uk)

The survey is being carried out by Sigma Research (at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine) on behalf of HIV Prevention England, an initiative of Terrence Higgins Trust funded by Department of Health.

If you know of other agencies in your area that commission, provide or promote HIV testing, please feel free to forward this email to them.

Yours sincerely
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Survey of GUM clinics regarding Nurses undertaking Bimanual Pelvic Examination (BPE)


The STIF team would be grateful for all clinical service leads to complete a brief survey by clicking on the above link, or to forward the link to their lead nurse for completion. We are trying to establish the number of centres which train their nurses to undertake bi-manual pelvic examination and for what clinical purposes. STIF also wishes to find out if a more detailed national standardised training package for BPE (to complement STIF Competency training) would be of value. The results of the survey will be made known to members in due course.

Management of HIV-infected healthcare workers

The Department of Health’s Expert Advisory Group on AIDS (EAGA) has recently led on the production of new guidance on the management of HIV-infected healthcare workers. This new guidance represents a major shift in this area from the previous guidance. There is also new advice on HIV post-occupational exposure prophylaxis from a source with an undetectable HIV viral load.

The relevant documents can be found on the guidelines webpage of the BASHH website under the section: “OTHER CLINICAL GUIDANCE ENDORSED BY BASHH”

For further information please use the following links:
[Click Here](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BASHHSTIF-survey-BPE)
[Click Here](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BASHHSTIF-survey-BPE)

Dr Keith Radcliffe
Chairman, BASHH Clinical Effectiveness Group
Member, EAGA

Brook has released a report on Crisis Pregnancy Centres: Highlighting misinformation, bias and poor quality practice in independent pregnancy counselling centres in the UK which identified that a number of independent pregnancy advice centres are providing inaccurate medical information on abortion. When visited by mystery shoppers some ‘counsellors’ gave misinformation about potential mental and physical health risks of abortion and were ill-informed about abortion law and practice. The [full report](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BASHHSTIF-survey-BPE) and [executive summary](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BASHHSTIF-survey-BPE) provide further details of the investigations.

UCL Sexually Transmitted Infection and HIV MSc

This Master’s programme is suitable for those who wish to pursue a research degree in HIV or sexual health, and health professionals seeking to refocus their careers.

Students benefit from

Small class sizes offering proximity to some of the world’s leading sexual health and HIV researchers and clinicians

The opportunity to choose from a wide range of modules to meet your needs and interests. With everything from epidemiology, to global health, to microbiology and clinical aspects

UCL’s positions as a world-leading research-intensive university (ranked 4th in the QS World University Rankings 2013/14)

Explore options for the 2014/15 entry at: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/sti](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/sti)
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Editor-In-Chief: Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Sexually Transmitted Diseases, the journal of the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association, is now accepting applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief.

A worldwide forum for state-of-the-art research in the field of sexually transmitted diseases, Sexually Transmitted Diseases publishes high-quality original studies, reviews, case reports, notes, and editorials which address the broad impact of sexually transmitted diseases on the human condition. Included within this rubric are studies which emphasize basic science, epidemiology, behavioral science, clinical care, and programmatic activities. The journal is published monthly, with twelve numbers in one volume per year.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for soliciting manuscripts for publication; selecting associate editors and editorial board members; communicating with authors; making editorial decisions regarding acceptance, rejection, and the extent of revision of reviewed manuscripts; and securing copyright agreements from authors of accepted manuscripts. The Editor-in-Chief has final responsibility for the editorial content of Sexually Transmitted Diseases. We anticipate this position will require approximately 10-15 hours per week. The journal publisher (LWW) will provide all necessary technical and legal support, as well as appropriate training for the position. Annual financial support of up to US$50,000 is provided.

Applicants for the position of Editor-in-Chief should have an accomplished career in the field of STD, a distinguished publication record, and appropriate editorial experience. International applicants are welcome to apply. We anticipate hiring a single Editor-in-Chief for this position; joint or combined applications are discouraged.

Applications for the position should include the following:
1. Letter of application outlining the candidate’s editorial experience and vision
2. Current CV addressing publication, editorial, and administrative experience
3. The names of 3 references who can address the candidate’s suitability for the position
4. Outline of possible institutional support

We anticipate that the new Editor-In-Chief will work closely with the current Editor for three months prior to assuming the position.

Initial review of applications will begin April 15. Inquiries, nominations, and applications are invited, and will be accepted until the position is filled. Please direct all queries and applications (electronic submission preferred) to Lynn Barclay, American Sexual Health Association (lynnbarclay@ashasexualhealth.org).

Upcoming Events

Microscopy course for STIs. For Beginners and Advanced
Saturday 17th May 2014. CPD approved (No- 85758)

Talks
Gram Stain: Principle and Methodology, Health & Safety
Appropriate specimens for microscopy for STIs
Review of basic slide set& scoring smears
Quality assurance
Practical Demonstrations- Beginners
Use of the microscope
Reading of wet preparations
Reading of Gram-stained preparations
Practical Demonstrations- Advanced
Complex slides
Introduction to Dark Field Microscopy
Competency assessment
Places are limited. Please send the completed form with your payment. To apply for places, please Click Here

ADVANCE NOTICE: Adolescent SIG and Sexual Violence Group Training Day
To be held on Monday 29th September at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. Topics covered include child sexual exploitation (CSE), female genital mutilation (FGM), medico legal skills (including writing statements and appearing in court), domestic violence in the Sexual Health/HIV setting and practical issues managing sexual assault.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date for the 4th BASHH Genital Dermatology Course, London (venue TBA)- 24th October 2014.

Please look out for further information on the BASHH website

For general enquiries e-mail Ms. Davina Austin-Harvey, Course administrator: (Davina.Austin-Harvey@gstt.nhs.uk). Please inform Ms. Austin-Harvey if you are interested in attending the course. Further information will be sent later to those who have expressed interest

For specific enquiries please contact Dr P N Sashidharan (parameswaran.sashidharan@homerton.nhs.uk), Chair or Dr Christine Bates (Christine.Bates@rlbuht.nhs.uk) Secretary, BASHH
DIARY DATES

Spring Conference 2014: BASHH-BHIVA Liverpool 1-4 April 2014
Please register on line at: http://www.bhiva.org/AnnualConference2014.aspx

3rd World Congress on Controversies in the Management of Viral Hepatitis - May 1-3 2014, Berlin, Germany  www.comtecmed.com/chep

HIV Drug Therapy in the Americas - 7-10 May 2014, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  www.hivamericas.org.

Microscopy course for STIs. For Beginners and Advanced—Saturday 17th May 2014, Imperial College, London


BASHH OGM - 20 June 2014 - RSM, London from 1.00pm - HSV / MSM SIGs

The 10th Congress and Post-graduate Course of the European College for the Study of Vulval Disease will be held in Birmingham on 11-13 September 2014  www.ecsvd.eu/


Adolescent SIG and Sexual Violence Group Training Day - 29 September 2014, London

11th Conference of the International Federation of Professional Abortion and Contraception Associates (FIAPAC) - 3-4 October 2014 in Ljubljana, Slovenia
Contact: www.fiapac.org

The Viral Hepatitis Congress 2014 - 9-11 October 2014, Frankfurt, Germany  www.viral-hep.org

BASHH OGM - 17 October 2014 - RSM, London from 1.00pm


HIV Drug Therapy Congress in Glasgow - 2 - 6 November 2014  http://hivglasgow.org/2014

BASHH OGM - 9 January 2015 - RSM, London from 1.00pm

Joint BASHH and Faculty Meeting - 30 January 2015 - RSM, London - put the date in your diary NOW!

Spring Conference 2015 - Glasgow 1-3 June 2015 - Details to be announced

The deadlines for newsletters in 2014
28 May; 24 September, 26 November