

Message from the Honorary Secretary of UKPIN

Dear UKPIN members,

Welcome to the autumn edition of the 2017 UKPIN newsletter; this is an opportunity for members to report on PID related activity as well as to provide information about upcoming PID related events. In this edition we have a report on the activities of the immunology and allergy nurses group, in the next edition I would like to discuss immunology networks. If you have lessons that you have learned from your networks that you would like to share do let me know.

Looking ahead we have 2016 UKPIN AGM on Wednesday 16th November, please do try to attend, all UKPIN members are welcome. Remember to put the date of next year's UKPIN conference in Brighton (7-8th December 2017) in your calendar now!

Finally please support the Birmingham bid for ESID 2020 - see link below.

Hopefully see you at the AGM.
Best wishes,
Claire

UKPIN AGM

The UKPIN 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held at the British Medical Association in London on Wednesday 16th November 2016. The meeting will commence at 15.00. [Please click here to view the agenda.](#)

SAVE THE DATE! UKPIN 2017 Conference

The UKPIN 2017 Conference will be held in Brighton on the 7th and 8th December 2017.

Update from the Immunology & Allergy Nurses Group

The Immunology & Allergy Nurses Group is a group of nurses working in the field of Clinical Immunology and/or allergy. The group has grown steadily and now has 244 members across the UK and Republic of Ireland. The Group Annual Conference is held in May with all centres being given the opportunity to host the Conference.

This year's conference held in Lincoln had a varied programme and covered clinical topics such as bronchiectasis and allergic eye disease as well as non-clinical topics such as Accreditation and a series of workshops covering many aspects of practice. The group also has an email network, enabling quick responses to members' questions from centres across the UK and ROI. Next year we are due to hold the Conference in Liverpool.

An exciting new development this year has been the IANG [website](#) which includes news, information and links related to the Group.

The group is open to Registered Nurses currently practicing in the field of Immunology and/or Allergy. Prospective new members can apply to the Treasurer in the first instance, Sheena Hopkins - sheena.hopkins@rlbuht.nhs.uk

Accreditation news

25 immunology centres have now registered for the [QPIDS](#) accreditation scheme (Quality in Primary Immunodeficiency Services). Training days for centres registered with the scheme and assessors have been held at the RCP - the next centre training day is scheduled for 2nd November. If your service is registered but you feel you need more support achieving the standards or completing the webtool this training day is the ideal opportunity to find out more and get support from the RCP accreditation unit. Please contact Tim Shaw to discuss further (Tim.Shaw@rcplondon.ac.uk).

If you are one of the 11 UK PID centres not registered we would encourage you to consider registering with the scheme. Even if you are not yet at the stage of achieving all of the standards, the aim of the web tool is to provide a framework to help services working towards accreditation and you will find the team at the RCP accreditation unit very supportive if you have problems in any particular areas <https://www.qpids.org.uk/>

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Commissioning Policies

Commissioning policies have been developed through the specialised immunology and allergy clinical reference group (crg) in the following areas.

Please see information below:

[Intravenous immunoglobulin for acute disseminated encephalomyelitis and autoimmune encephalitis](#)

[Treatment of acute attacks of hereditary angioedema \(Adult\)](#)

[Rituximab for the treatment of autoimmune cytopenia associated with primary immunodeficiency](#)

[Prophylaxis for HAE...](#)

Immunodeficiency Symposium 2016

Immunodeficiency in Focus

15th & 16th November 2016

Forest of Arden Hotel, Maxstoke Lane, Meriden,
Coventry, Warwickshire, CV7 7HR

Find out more - see the agenda [here](#) or email: Julie.wainwright@bindingsite.co.uk



ESID Congress 2020

To mark the 50th anniversary of this event, we have bid to host the ESID Congress 2020 in Birmingham at the International Convention Centre (ICC).

[Click here to view the flyer](#)

[Click here to view the letter from the chair](#)

Voting opens in October and we will send another email after this with further information on how you can vote.

Events

UCL Infection, Immunology and Inflammation (III) Symposium 2016

Registration is now open for the annual UCL Infection, Immunology and Inflammation Symposium on Tuesday 8 November 2016 at the UCL Institute of Education.

[Read more...](#)

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