21st Annual Conference of the British HIV Association (BHIVA)

21–24 April 2015

The Brighton Centre, Brighton, UK

www.bhiva.org
Dear Colleague,

I am delighted to announce the 21st Annual Conference of the British HIV Association (BHIVA), which will be held at The Brighton Centre from 21 to 24 April 2015. Our Local Host will be Dr Duncan Churchill who is based at The Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton and is also the Honorary Treasurer of the Association.

Following the success of recent BHIVA conferences, the Annual Conference will run from Tuesday evening, with the New Consultants Forum, through to Friday. With an early start planned for Wednesday morning, we hope that many delegates will arrive on Tuesday evening to benefit from the Wednesday morning sessions. We recommend that you put the date in your diary and book your travel arrangements early.

A provisional programme has been prepared that includes a number of high-quality plenary sessions that will present the very latest research across a number of fields. A highlight of our programme will be oral research presentations from healthcare professionals, focusing on the ongoing work in the UK. Specialists will be invited to present on topics in HIV medicine, opportunistic infection, HIV co-infection, genito-urinary medicine and sexual health. For those who wish to submit an abstract, please refer to the appropriate pages in this Announcement where you will find all the information you should require. Alternatively, please use BHIVA’s website service at www.bhiva.org and follow the appropriate links. Abstracts must be submitted online and prior to the deadline of 16 January 2015.

We are also inviting applications for case presentations for three sessions and, in addition, there are a number of other scholarships and awards available at this conference. For further details please refer to the relevant pages of this Announcement. The prizes and awards for the conference will be presented at a formal awards ceremony after lunch on the Friday of conference.

For those who wish to attend the conference, we would like to encourage you to register ONLINE following the links from the BHIVA website. The deadline for standard registration fees is 16 January 2015 and we would urge you to register early to take advantage of these rates.

Accommodation has been organised in Brighton in collaboration with Visit Brighton and competitive rates have been negotiated with local hotels. Once again, we would encourage all to book early as there is only a limited number of rooms and prices are likely to increase significantly nearer the time of the conference.

An exciting social programme has been arranged in Brighton. This programme begins with a Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening and a Gala Dinner on Thursday evening.

I look forward to seeing you in Brighton for what promises to be both an enjoyable and stimulating conference for everyone.

Dr David Asboe
Chair, British HIV Association

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**Important Dates**

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CONFERENCES SUBCOMMITTEE
PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Key:
- BHIVA Plenary Sessions
- Oral Research / Oral Poster Presentations
- Sponsor-supported sessions
- BHIVA Lunchtime Workshops
- Breaks

Monday
21 April
Registration from 0800

Tuesday
22 April
Registration from 0800

Wednesday
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Registration from 0800

Thursday
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Audit of Management of Pregnancy in HIV  
Dr Sonia Raffe  
*Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton* |
| 1730–1830 | **BHIVA Plenary Session 3: Clinical management**  
Update on the management of opportunistic infections  
Dr Sanjay Bhagani  
*Royal Free Hospital, London*  
**Vasculitis and HIV**  
Professor Priscilla Hsue  
*University of California, San Francisco, USA* |
| 2000 onwards | **Gala Dinner** |

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| 1000–1030 | **BHIVA Keynote Lecture**  
What is the future of integrase inhibitors?  
Professor Martin Fisher  
*Brighton and Sussex Medical School* |
| 1030–1100 | **Morning Coffee** |
| 1100–1200 | **Oral Research Presentations: Session 4** |
| 1200–1230 | **Oral Poster Presentations** |
| 1230–1430 | **Lunch and Poster Presentations** |
| 1240–1325 | **BHIVA Lunchtime Workshop 5** (see page 9 and 18 for further details)  
Pregnancy and breastfeeding case presentations  
Dr Annemiek de Ruiter  
*St Thomas’ Hospital, London* |
| 1240–1325 | **BHIVA Lunchtime Workshop 6**  
Clinical Research Network Workshop  
Speaker tbc |
| 1325–1425 | **Sponsors Lunchtime Workshop** |
| 1430–1445 | **BHIVA Prizes and Awards Ceremony** |
| 1445–1515 | **BHIVA Invited Lecture**  
HIV and vulnerable populations: transgender medicine  
Dr Anita Radix  
*Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, New York, USA* |
| 1515–1615 | **BHIVA Plenary Session 4: HIV and death**  
What can we learn from looking at HIV-related deaths in the cART era?  
How is death in HIV-positive patients currently managed?  
How can we better obtain post-mortem tissue diagnoses in critical cases?  
Participants tbc |
| 1615 | **Close by the Chair of the British HIV Association**  
Dr David Asboe  
*Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London* |
Registration procedure

- You can register ONLINE by visiting the conference website via www.bhiva.org.
- You will be required to submit your correspondence details and to indicate any special requirements you may have.
- Be sure to select the correct type of registration: Standard, Community or Scholarship. Please note your registration will not be processed if you register under a category where you do not meet the criteria.
- If required, be sure to select the correct registration fee.
- Please indicate which social events you wish to attend and add any accompanying person’s details.
- Please make your payment online by credit or debit card.
- You will receive an automated confirmation of your registration via email.
- Alternatively, please complete the form on page 10, and return it with your payment to the Conference Organiser.

Registration rates and policies

Full conference registration (Section A) includes access to all scientific sessions, satellite symposia, the exhibition area, refreshments and lunch throughout the conference. Please reserve a ticket for any social event you wish to attend by ticking the appropriate boxes on the registration form and making payment of any necessary fees. All registered delegates will receive a copy of the final programme and abstract book in their delegate packs, which will be handed out at the conference.

Registration rates are published on the registration form (see page 10). The standard registration fee applies only if both the registration form and payment are received by the 16 January 2015 deadline. Payment should be made in sterling and cheques made payable to BHIVA. BHIVA members can take advantage of the discounted registration rates along with those applying for BHIVA membership at the time of registering. All industry and commercial employees will need to register at the industry rate regardless of whether or not they are BHIVA members.

It remains the responsibility of the delegate to ensure that payment by any trust or department is received by the Conference Organisers by the due date. Please note that it is the policy of the Conference Organisers not to invoice delegates for individual registrations. Confirmations of registration, including receipt of payment will be sent after registrations have been fully processed and payment has been received.

Group registration

Sponsors and agencies that would like to register a group of delegates (more than 10) may do so using the group registration form which can be downloaded from the conference information page of the conference section of the BHIVA website. Please carefully read the terms and conditions of group registration that are available on the website.

Press registration

Reporters wishing to attend the conference must apply for Press Registration in advance of conference. An application form for all mainstream, community-based and other media organisations can be downloaded from the conference information page of the conference section of the BHIVA website.

Terms and conditions of individual registration

Whilst all endeavours will be made to present the programme as advertised, the British HIV Association reserves the right to make modifications to the programme and administrative arrangements in the event of special circumstances. If the conference cannot be held for any reason, liability will be limited to a refund of 75% of the pre-paid registration fee. The British HIV Association will not be liable for any loss or inconvenience caused as a result of such alterations or in the event that the conference is cancelled. Delegates are advised to take out their own insurance to cover their losses in such an eventuality.

Processing of your personal data

Information provided by you on the registration form will be processed by Mediscript Ltd and used for the purposes of providing the goods and services ordered by you, and for billing and accounts. In addition, it may be used for sending you information about future conferences and events along with other services and offers. We may also allow limited third-party mailings from organisations where we believe their services may be of interest to you. Please notify us at: conferences@bhiva.org if you do not wish your information to be used in this way.

Replacements/cancellation

Replacements of confirmed registrations are subject to a 10% administrative charge. Providing that written notice of cancellation is received by 6 March 2015, 75% of your total payment will be returned. No refunds will be made for any cancellations after this date. Refunds by credit card will be made after the conference.
CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
Medical staff in career grade posts who are enrolled with one of the Royal Medical Colleges for Continuing Professional Development will be entitled to receive CPD credits at the rate of one CPD credit per conference hour (exclusive of travel, refreshments, social events and satellite symposia). The conference will be allocated a maximum of 6 CPD credits per conference day.

BHIVA New Consultants Forum
The BHIVA New Consultants Forum aims to bring together new UK consultants (first 5 years of substantive consultant post, to include those in early locum post and those within 6 months of completion of clinical training) to discuss topics of mutual interest, to raise issues of concern and to provide feedback on these matters to the BHIVA Executive Committee. The Forum will run as an afternoon session and an evening dinner. To register for the New Consultant Forum, please complete the relevant section of the Registration Form and pay the appropriate fee. In addition, please be sure to identify whether you wish to attend dinner following the course. Places are limited and in principle will be available on a first-come, first-served basis

BHIVA Lunchtime workshops
Places are limited and will be restricted to 80 delegates per workshop. Places will be available onsite, on a first-come, first-served basis, at the door of the lunchtime workshop. Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of each workshop. Each workshop will begin promptly and lunch packs will be provided for delegates attending these sessions. Please note that BHIVA is inviting case submissions for the following workshops: ( Clinico-pathological / Difficult Pharmacology / Pregnancy and Breastfeeding ). Please refer to the BHIVA website to download an application form. Submission deadline: 6 February 2015.

BHIVA Invited Lectures and Sessions supported by sponsorship, bursaries and grants
BHIVA Invited Lectures and Sessions are supported by means of sponsorship, bursaries and grants, kindly donated by sponsors. In the organisation of these sessions, all correspondence and liaison with the speakers invited to participate in these sessions has been administered by BHIVA and the speakers are under no obligation to the sponsoring company. Donated bursaries will go towards supporting the honorarium, travel and accommodation of BHIVA speakers. The slots are educational in content and form part of the BHIVA plenary programme, and thus qualify for CPD accreditation

Social events
There are two social events: a Welcome Reception (Wednesday) to be held at The Brighton Centre, and a Gala Dinner (Thursday). A contribution of £45 will be required if you wish to attend the Gala Dinner – to try and ensure a full turnout, and that funds are not wasted.

Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to attend any of these social events. If later you find you cannot attend, please let the Conference Organisers know at your earliest convenience. If written notice is received by 6 March 2015, 75% of your payment will be returned.

Accompanying persons
Accompanying person’s fees include attendance at the Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. Each event is individually priced and details can be found on the Registration Form. Please note that these rates do not allow guests to attend conference sessions

Abstracts
Please refer to pages 11–13. Delegates who wish to present abstracts at conference must also be registered – please note that registration rates increase after the abstract deadline. The deadline for abstract submission is 16 January 2015. Abstract presenters will be informed whether their submissions have been successful during the week commencing 9 February 2015.

Awards and Scholarships
A number of scholarships and awards are available at this conference. Please refer to pages 14–15 for further details.

Accommodation
The registration fee does not include accommodation. Please refer to the conference website for further details. It is very important to book accommodation early as rates will increase significantly nearer the time of conference.

Exhibition
Exhibition represents an essential and integral element of the conference, providing participants with an excellent platform for networking as well as an opportunity to gain further insight into cutting-edge technology, latest healthcare solutions and services within the field of HIV and GU medicine. Entrance to the exhibition hall is free for all registered delegates. If you are interested in exhibiting at the conference, then please visit the conference information section of the website via www.bhiva.org for further details.
STANDARD REGISTRATION FORM
21st Annual Conference of BHIVA

Please read the following sections carefully and complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Prof / Dr / Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms
Family name: __________________________
First name: ___________________________ Position: ___________________________
Institution: __________________________ Town/city: __________________________

The above information will be used on your name badge.

Postcode: __________________________ Email: __________________________
Telephone: __________________________ Fax: __________________________

Are you a BHIVA member? Yes ☐ No ☐

SECTION A
21st Annual Conference of BHIVA, 21–24 April 2015

Discounted rates for BHIVA members Rates for non-BHIVA members

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Non BHIVA members may register for the meeting at the reduced rate applying to members if their registration forms are accompanied by completed BHIVA membership forms and the appropriate payment. (See www.bhiva.org)

Non-medic rates are intended for delegates who do not hold a medical degree and may be relevant for medical students, nurses, pharmacists, statisticians and some scientists, as well as others.

All registrants from industry must pay industry rates even if they are BHIVA members.

To apply for the discounted member rates you must be a BHIVA member for 2015. If you do not renew your membership for 2015, the non-member registration fees will be applied

SECTION B
BHIVA New Consultants Forum 1730–2000 Tuesday 21 April 2015

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SECTION C
SOCIAL EVENTS
Please tick box if you wish to reserve a ticket for any of the following:

Welcome Reception The Brighton Centre Wednesday 22 April ☐
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NOTES FOR PREPARING YOUR ABSTRACT

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BHIVA invites research papers of high quality in areas of HIV, GUM and sexual health research. Abstract submissions are peer reviewed for quality of research, scientific content and logical presentation. Accepted abstracts are scheduled as oral or poster abstract presentations.

It is essential that your abstract conforms to the preparation guidelines.

General guidelines

• All abstracts must be submitted in English.
• All abstracts must be submitted via www.bhiva.org as a Microsoft Word® document (97–2003 version [.doc]) using the BHIVA abstract template.
• Abstract content will be reproduced as submitted, therefore proofreading beforehand is essential.
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Authors:

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• Presenting author: Presenting authors need to register for the conference for presentation and publication of their abstract. You may wish to note that registration rates increase after the abstract deadline. Please note that each presenting author may present a maximum of one (consultant grade) or two (sub-consultant grade or consultants in post for less than 1 year at the time of abstract submission) oral abstracts at the conference.

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Multiple abstracts reporting results from the same study and overlapping abstracts from the same group of investigators are strongly discouraged. Multiple abstracts considered to be the result of excessive splitting of data will be evaluated and scored accordingly. To accommodate additional submissions, the Abstract Review Committee may request that multiple submissions be combined and a revised abstract be provided.

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You may be eligible for an award or scholarship. Please check the Scholarships and Awards (pages 14, 15) for further details.

Abstract format

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- Please do not use a full stop at the end of the title.
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Affiliations: Each author should be listed by institution, city and country. Do not include department, division, laboratory etc.

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Please define abbreviations in full at first mention, including names of clinical trials or studies. Please avoid citing references in the abstract.

Submission guidelines

You will need to register with the Abstract submission system, and submit a username and password. Once registered, you will need to download the abstract template. This is a Microsoft Word® file designed to ensure that your abstract is prepared in the right way for publication. Please save this template file to your PC’s hard drive and use it when you prepare your abstract.

The body of your abstract must be submitted as a Microsoft Word® document (97–2003 version [.doc]) utilising the abstract template. Open the template file and enter/paste your abstract into it. It is vital that the body of your abstract does not exceed 2,500 characters including spaces and table. You will not be able to submit an abstract which exceeds this specification. Save your abstract and make a note of its saved location. You will be required to upload your document to the website when prompted.

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For further details regarding how to submit your abstract, a step-by-step guide can be downloaded from the conference website.

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Withdrawing an abstract:

If you want to withdraw an abstract, please contact the Conference Organiser at: conferences@bhiva.org
How abstracts are reviewed and selected

Abstract submissions will be peer-reviewed by the BHIVA-appointed Abstract Review Committee and will be allocated to be presented orally, or as a poster. To minimise subjectivity in the scoring process, abstracts will be reviewed anonymously and any reviewer with a conflict of interest that could affect objectivity of scoring (e.g., co-authorship, financial interest, or scientific/personal conflict with the authors) will be excluded from scoring or discussing the abstract in question. In the final rankings, mean score and standard deviation will be calculated. Abstract acceptance is based upon abstract quality, the potential significance of the observations, and the rigour with which the scientific methods were applied. Furthermore, the Review Committee considers thematic balance in determining which abstracts will be presented orally.

All corresponding authors will be contacted during the week commencing 9 February 2015 to confirm which format their abstract is to take. Oral presentations will be allocated a maximum of 10 minutes, which is to include time for questions. Delegates submitting successful poster abstracts will be given details of the required poster format.

Published abstracts

Accepted abstracts will be published in *HIV Medicine*. Abstracts will be reproduced from the Microsoft Word® document submitted online. Abstracts need not be exclusive to this conference and may be presented elsewhere. It is the responsibility of the author to obtain permission, where necessary, for publication of the abstract in *HIV Medicine*. In addition, all abstracts will be posted on the BHIVA website.

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- The epidemiology of HIV and viral hepatitis in Europe  
  Amanda Mocroft, UK  
- Treatment of HCV in mono-infected patients  
  Jean-Michel Pawlotsky, France  
- Treatment of HCV in co-infected patients  
  Douglas Dieterich, USA  
- Extra hepatic manifestations of HCV: from immune- to inflammation-related manifestations  
  Patrice Cacoub, France  
- Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)  
  Maud Lemoine, UK  
- Hepatocellular carcinoma  
  Nicholas Merchant, Spain  
- Liver transplantation in the HIV-infected population  
  Massimo Puddu, Italy  
- What’s new in hepatitis B/HIV co-infection?  
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  Heiner Wedemeyer, Germany  
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The BHIVA Margaret Johnson Best Oral Research Presentation
This prize will be awarded to the presenter of the best oral research presentation during the conference. All oral research presentations will be judged by a BHIVA-appointed oral research judging panel, and to be eligible for this prize the presenter must be of junior grade (sub-consultant or equivalent). The prize will be presented at the Prizes and Awards Ceremony on Friday 24 April.

The BHIVA Ian Williams Best Poster Presentation
This prize will be awarded to the presenter of the best poster research presentation during the conference. All poster research presentations will be judged by a BHIVA-appointed poster research judging panel, and to be eligible for this prize the presenter must be of junior grade (sub-consultant or equivalent). The prize will be presented at the Prizes and Awards Ceremony on Friday 24 April.

The BHIVA Best Case Presentation
A prize will be awarded to the presenter of the best case presentation as part of the BHIVA Lunchtime Clinico-Pathological, Difficult Pharmacology and Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Case Presentations Workshops. Applications must be received by 6 February 2015 (download a form from the BHIVA website). The prizes will be presented at the Prizes and Awards Ceremony on Friday 24 April.

Commended Oral Presentations
Up to three awards will be presented in recognition of the best oral research presentations during the conference. To be eligible for these prizes the presenter must be of junior grade (sub-consultant or equivalent). All oral presentations will be judged by a BHIVA-appointed oral research judging panel. The awards will be acknowledged during the Prizes and Awards Ceremony on Friday 24 April.

Commended Poster Presentations
Up to 15 awards will be presented in recognition of the best poster research presentations during the conference. All poster research presentations will be judged by a BHIVA-appointed poster research judging panel. The prizes will be awarded at the end of Thursday 23 April. The awards will be acknowledged during the Prizes and Awards Ceremony on Friday 24 April.

Mediscript Awards in collaboration with BHIVA
Two prizes will be awarded for the best oral or poster research presentation during the conference in the field of social sciences and community-based work. The awards will be presented at the Prizes and Awards Ceremony on Friday 24 April.

BHIVA Science Scholarships
Science Scholarships are available for researchers and scientists wishing to attend the conference who submit an abstract that is accepted for oral or poster presentation. Up to 10 awards will be available to medical students undertaking research or to those studying for a PhD, MD or similar postgraduate qualification. The scholarship will cover the registration fee, a contribution of a maximum of £100 towards travel expenses, and accommodation will be provided for a maximum of three nights (21–23 April). To apply, please tick the appropriate box when submitting your abstract online, indicating that you wish to apply for a Science Scholarship. In addition, written confirmation is required of your student status and this should be outlined when submitting your abstract. All applications must be received by 16 January 2015. All applicants will be notified during the week commencing 9 February 2015 as to whether their application has been successful.
CONFERENCE AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

BHIVA Community Registration Support

Community registration places are open to application by representatives of UK-based community organisations who are registered charities or who are under the umbrella of UK-CAB (UK Community Advisory Board). If an organisation meets neither of these criteria then they can put forward representation for consideration by BHIVA. If your organisation has not registered for BHIVA conferences previously, then a representative’s registration form needs to be accompanied by a brief résumé of the aims and objectives of your organisation on headed paper.

Community registration places are limited and will be allocated as fairly as possible, in principle on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of two registrations per community organisation. The award covers registration for the conference only. The deadline to receive applications is 16 January 2015. Please note: it is essential that applications are received by this date in order to be considered for support. To apply for a community registration place please register online via the conference section of the website, selecting the category ‘Community’, or alternatively, download a Community Registration form from the website and fax or post this to the Conference Organiser. Please note that it is necessary for community registrants to purchase a Gala Dinner ticket if they wish to attend this event.

BHIVA Community Scholarships

Community Scholarships will be awarded to UK-based community workers to attend the conference. Up to 10 awards will be available to applicants who are affiliated with an HIV treatment, research, vaccine information or educational organisation and who are actively involved in community treatment and prevention, education or training. In addition, successful applicants need to have a viable plan to share what was learned at the conference, particularly with other treatment and research educators. Only one award per organisation will be granted. The scholarship will cover the conference registration fee, a contribution of a maximum of £100 towards travel expenses, and accommodation will be provided for a maximum of three nights (21–23 April).

Please apply online, selecting the category ‘Scholarships’, and provide a written statement of how you will meet the above criteria. Alternatively, download a Community Registration form from the website and apply in writing, submitting a covering letter along with your registration form, either by post or fax. Applications must be received by 16 January 2015. Successful applicants will be notified during the week commencing 9 February 2015. Please note that it is necessary for community scholarship applicants to purchase a Gala Dinner ticket if they wish to attend this event.

BHIVA Registration Scholarships

Registration Scholarships have been made available to assist delegates to attend the conference. Up to 10 awards will be available to healthcare professionals who are retired, not working, or employed in a part-time (half-time or less [20 hours]) or equivalent capacity. In addition, students involved in full-time undergraduate or postgraduate work will also qualify for these awards. The scholarship will cover the conference registration fee. Please apply online, selecting the category ‘Scholarships’ and provide a written statement of your current status. In addition, please supply a written statement as to how attending the forthcoming BHIVA conference will be of benefit to you. Alternatively, download a Registration Scholarship form from the website and apply in writing to the Conference Organiser when submitting your registration form by post or by fax. All applications must be received by 16 January 2015. Successful applicants will be notified during the week commencing 9 February 2015. Please note that it is necessary for registration scholarship applicants to purchase a Gala Dinner ticket if they wish to attend this event.
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BHIVA General Medicine for HIV Physicians Course 2014
Thursday 20 November 2014
(NCVO), London

BHIVA Multidisciplinary Event to mark World AIDS Day 2014
1300–1830 Thursday 27 November 2014
Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, UK

Five Nations Conference on HIV and Hepatitis
8–9 December 2014
Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, UK

Joint BASHH/BHIVA Diploma in HIV Medicine One-Day Revision Course
Monday 9 February 2015
Manchester Royal Infirmary

BHIVA ‘Best of CROI’ Feedback Meetings
9 March 2015 – London
10 March 2015 – Cardiff
11 March 2015 – Wakefield
12 March 2015 – Edinburgh
17 March 2015 – Birmingham
18 March 2015 – Haydock
19 March 2015 – Newcastle

9th Annual Conference of the Children’s HIV Association (CHIVA)
Friday 22 May 2015
Leicester University

17th Annual Conference of the National HIV Nurses Association (NHIVNA)
17–19 June 2015
Royal Armouries, Leeds

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