

Postgraduate Paediatric Infectious Diseases Programme Organised in association with ESPID

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

2016-17 Newsletter

Awards

Congratulations go to our 20 students who completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases in 2016, many of whom we were delighted to see at the Award Ceremony in March 2017. This year also saw another 3 students successfully achieve the MSc in Paediatric Infectious Diseases following completion of their research projects and dissertations.



Our new intake

In September 2016, 26 new Postgraduate Diploma students started the programme. This new cohort represents our largest intake yet, bringing a wide range of experience from 17 different countries across Africa, Australasia, Europe, and the Americas. We had the pleasure of greeting many of our new students in person at the Introductory Day in October, and look forward to meeting all of our Year 1 students at the IIC course in June.



The Paediatric Infectious Diseases Programme

Drawing on world-class research and teaching in paediatric infectious diseases, the programme offers a unique opportunity to gain an understanding of the principles that underpin infection and the ways in which those principles have developed, and to translate this understanding into good clinical and research practice.



The two-year part-time Postgraduate Diploma is taught via a blend of online and residential components. It has been designed to direct students through the syllabus required in the EU for clinical training in the subspecialty, and is also appropriate for those outside the EU. Following on from the Postgraduate Diploma, the MSc programme provides an essential step forward for those interested in continuing training in the subspecialty. The MSc involves an additional year of study in the UK or overseas, during which students undertake a supervised research project and submit a 15,000 word dissertation. Further information can be found at www.conted.ox.ac.uk/pid



Applications for the PID Programme

We're looking forward to welcoming our tenth cohort to the Postgraduate Diploma in September 2017; applications for this are now closed and we are liasing with applicants as we speak. Admissions for September 2018 will open in September 2017; the Programme is usually oversubscribed, so we recommend applying early.

Applicants will have experience working in paediatrics, should hold a specialist qualification equivalent to the Membership Examination of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (MRCPCH), and will usually be registered in a national clinical training programme, where applicable.



Former and current PG Diploma students insterested in progression to the MSc are encouraged to contact us for more information.

ESPID Bursary

ESPID generously offers bursaries annually for students from lower-resourced countries within the EU and overseas to help with University fees for the Postgraduate Diploma.

IIC Course, Oxford (25 -27 June 2017)

Hot Topics in Infection and Immunity in Children (www.oxfordiic.org) is an ESPID supported annual residential training course, and provides an important part of the teaching for the Postgraduate Diploma. Now in it's fifteenth year, IIC has once again prepared an exciting programme of lectures, debates and interactive case rounds on the latest developments in the field, from leading experts across the world. This year the course will be held at The Mathematical Institute and St Anne's College, Oxford. The PID programme team will hold a short presentation followed by a drinks reception on the first evening of the course; this is a great opportunity to ask questions about the programme and to meet some of our current students and tutors- we hope to see you there!



The Postgraduate Paediatric Infectious Diseases Programme is supported by:

- European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID) www.espid.org
- Paediatric European Network for Treatment of AIDS (PENTA) www.pentatrials.org
- IIC Course: Oxford www.oxfordiic.org





