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British International Doctors' Association

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Dear Members,

Hope you and your family are well. We wish to update you on recent events and proposals.

1. BIDA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 6th Feb 2021

It is very great pleasure to say that our National Conference was a huge success. The Organising Committee, led by Prof Sanjay Arya ably supported by the Central Office Secretary, Alison Sherratt and technical support by Stevie Robinson and expertise from Quilter's hosting team lead, Graham Crossley deserve all the credit. There were around 450 delegates registered with almost 300 target audience during the conference. The feedback we have received have been very encouraging and positive.

BIDA wishes to thank all the guest speakers and all the delegates who attended the conference.

The summary of the Conference is now uploaded onto the website: www.bidaonline.co.uk

2. ARM / AGM 22 – 24 October 2021, Stoke-on-Trent

Please save the dates. We are looking forward to the first venture following the pandemic for a face-to-face meeting provided the pandemic is safely controlled and government regulations permit.

3. BIDA Oncology National Conference 19 June 2021

This one-day conference is aimed at providing general practitioners and practicing hospital clinicians with an educational update on current trends in cancers and Covid-19 impact. The wide spectrum of topics covered will provide the attendee with a sound understanding of the advances in the management of common adult cancers pertinent to their practice. There will be a session for oral and poster presentations for medical students and junior clinicians. There will also be updates on the current issues in the NHS and discussion on training issues for international healthcare graduates.

Please visit <https://www.bidaonline.co.uk/bida-oncology-conference> for information and instructions for submission of abstracts for Junior doctors and medical students.

The details of the programme are being formulated. Information about registration and instructions will be posted soon.



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4. Overseas NHS Workers' Day 5th March 2021

BIDA joined the DAUK in celebrating this day. BIDA made the following statement:

“The International medical healthcare workers are truly the architects of the NHS. However, their stories in Britain have not always been one of celebration. It’s the opportune time now to recognise their dedication and selfless love for the NHS highlighted by the tremendous contributions these doctors, nurses and numerous others coming from countries all over the world have made during this horrendous pandemic. We pay our respects to those who have lost their lives and honour and value those who continue to stand as pillars of the NHS.”

You will be pleased to know this day would now be celebrated each year, as a mark of recognition and acknowledgement of the sacrifices made by all our colleagues from the International community working in the NHS.

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/overseas-nhs-workers-day/> This will help promote it to the public each year!

5. National Forum of Health & Well Being (NFHW – www.nfhw.org.uk)

Professor Romesh Gupta, OBE, Founder Chair of NFHW set the scene for, “*Coping with COVID 19*”, the latest seminar organised by the NFHW, which was presented live on the web on Saturday, 27 February. It has attracted almost 2700 viewers. You could watch the event on YouTube using the following link:

<https://youtu.be/UWDIdJCBX7g>

The seminar is likely to be of great interest to those personally or professionally concerned with the wider effects of the coronavirus outbreak. The proceedings offer a wealth of information on the effects of COVID 19 on the mental health of individuals and communities. We look forward to future events. Your participation would be very appreciated.

6. BIDA’s current activities

- Mentorship Programme: Prof Romesh Gupta OBE had led the programme in 1998 with strategic initiatives in Leadership and Mentorship. BIDA is reviving these initiatives again with Anirudh Bhandare and Gautam Nigam leading the team.
- Campaigning for National Care Service.
- Representing to the Immigration office for relaxation of ADR regulations.
- Representing to the Dept of Health against the 1% pay rise of nurses. Demanding a higher pay rise.
- Raising concerns to the HCI, London about recent changes in the OCI rules by the Indian government

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