

STI & HIV 2019 World Congress

14-19 July, 2019, Vancouver,
Canada

Registration is now open for the 23rd ISSTD meeting which will be held as a joint meeting with the 20th IUSTI World meeting at the Vancouver Conference Centre.

SHIP will be represented at the conference and will co-host a pre-conference symposium on gonorrhoea antimicrobial resistance.

More information and registration are available [here](#).

****Early bird registration ends on 5th April****

SHIP meetings

SHIP holds approx. 3 general meetings a year.

At our last, held in March, we had presentations from Medina Johnson (IRISi) and Jeremy Horwood (CLARHC) on "Improving the healthcare response to domestic abuse in sexual health settings".

Follow-up actions are planned.

SHIP News

Newsletter of the Sexual Health Improvement Programme

Spring 2019

SHIP expands its reach!

SHIP has built collaborative links with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine's (LSHTM) STIs Research Interest Group (STIRIG); the STI Research Foundation (STIRF); and the HIV/STI Department at Public Health England.

Meetings have been held with STIRIG and jointly with STIRIG and STIRF. Actions planned for the coming year include:

- A standalone blog in the journal *Sexually Transmitted Infections*
- Co-hosted seminars with a particular focus on promoting junior researchers
- In-person meetings at conferences (e.g. BASHH, IUSTI, ISSTD) to strengthen collaborations
- STIRIG to host the AMR/STI follow-up workshop at LSHTM (see below!)

Links:

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/centres-projects-groups/stirig>
<https://stirf.org/>

Our purpose

[The purpose of SHIP](#) is to promote evidence-based sexual health improvement in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) as well as nationally. Although we do not provide funding, we can help with projects at all stages by:

- linking together academics, clinicians, patients, providers, public health, commissioners and other stakeholders
- advising on funding applications e.g. through liaising with the National Institute for Health Research HPRU (Health Protection Research Unit), CLARHC West (Centre for Learning Applied Health Research) and the RDS (Research Design Service)
- providing advice and support for the evaluation and dissemination of ongoing projects

Visit our [Google form](#) to register your interest in our themes

BASHH training courses and meetings 2019

BSIG Microscopy Course for STIs (13 April)

South West BASHH Education Meeting (7 May)

Supervising to Safeguard in Health Organisations (9 May)

BASHH STI / HIV Course 2019 (13 May)

Scientific Meeting (7 June)

Annual Conference (30 June)

More details and registration [here](#)

Save the date: HIT conference and networking event

26 June, 2019; 9:30am - 4pm
Link [here](#)

Contact us

If you want to get in touch or have anything you would like included in our next newsletter, please contact us at katy.turner@bristol.ac.uk.

We welcome new members – please email katharine.looker@bristol.ac.uk to be added to the SHIP mailing list.



Bristol sets its sights on Fast-Track City status

The [Fast-Track Cities](#) Initiative (FTCI) is a global partnership between the City of Paris, the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). Launched in 2014, its purpose is to:

1. Attain 90-90-90 targets
2. Increase utilization of combination HIV prevention services
3. Reduce to zero the negative impact of stigma and discrimination
4. Establish a common, web-based platform to allow for real-time monitoring of progress

We are exploring the option to get Bristol signed up for Fast-Track City status – watch this space!

Follow-up to STI AMR meeting

Following on from our successful meeting, “Preparing Sexual Health Services for the Challenge of Antimicrobial Resistant (AMR) bacteria” last September, we are looking to hold a follow-up meeting to build on the actions agreed at the last meeting and to discuss progress made to date. This meeting will be hosted by LSHTM’s STIs Research Interest Group (STIRIG) and will be held in the Autumn. We will shortly be putting together a speaker programme. If you are interested in giving a presentation, or have any thoughts on the content of this year’s meeting, please contact us.

In the meantime, we are aiming to influence/inform the national action plan for STI diagnostic testing, via the UK AMR diagnostics group.

See you in Vancouver!

