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Newsletter

Skin Integrity and Infection Prevention (SIIaIP)

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Welcome to the first ISlaIP newsletter of 2024.

Sarah Jarvis PhD

Diabetes is an increasing global problem, which impacts on patient Quality of Life and requires significant resource management from healthcare systems. In 2023 we were delighted to advertise the Sarah Jarvis PhD scholarship. The scholarship will explore if risk assessment can be improved in patients with diabetic foot complications.

Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics

Dr Mamoon AlDeyab, Senior Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy & Practice has been invited and joined the Board of the Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics (APUA). Their aim to strengthen global defenses against infectious disease by ensuring access to effective treatment and promoting appropriate antibiotic use to contain drug resistance. With a network of affiliated chapters in 19 countries. APUA provides field consultations and lend specialised expertise to guide policy makers, provider organisations, and other stakeholders seeking to improve antimicrobial supply, use, and management decisions. For further information please see: [ALLIANCE FOR THE PRUDENT USE OF ANTIBIOTICS \(apua.org\)](https://apua.org)

UNESCO Chair

Improving the health of children and young people through creative collaborations between health and education professionals will be a major focus of the University of Huddersfield's input into the UNESCO Chair 'Global Health and Education' for the period 2022-2026. The university is co-chair holder together with the University of Clermont Auvergne in France.

The University's co-chair holder of the second four-year mandate of the UNESCO Chair is Dr Nicola Gray, Reader in Pharmacy Practice. A Trustee of the UK Association for Young People's Health and a Fellow of the US Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, Dr Gray has worked closely with UNESCO and its partner institution, the University of Clermont Auvergne.

Wounds Week

The 7th International Wounds Week was hosted in December in association with the ISlaIP and the Journal of Wound Care. Participants attending represented 56 different countries. If you were unable to attend live, all sessions have been recorded and are available to watch free of charge on demand from: [Wounds Week Webinars](#)

MRC Research Grant

We are delighted that a recent application to the Medical Research Council Innovation Acceleration account (MRC IAA) has been funded.

Professor Charmaine Childs from Sheffield Hallam University, Health Research Institute, and project team are delighted with the good news. The team will be continuing their existing collaboration in skin and wound complications to work towards innovation in skin perfusion mapping in patients with critical limb-threatening ischaemia using hand-held real-time infrared thermography. The project is yet another step in the research programme between Sheffield Hallam and University of Huddersfield (Prof Karen Ousey) but widens the academic and research partnership to the NHS via links with Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Mid-Yorks NHS Trust, University of Sheffield and commercial partner PyrOptik Instruments UK.

The study will be 'ready to go' on 22nd January and will run for 12 months. We are looking forward to welcoming our new researcher, Kevin Doyle, senior podiatrist, Dr Natasha Levy and Dr Mark Collins to the team as well as our new academic and NHS Trust partners.

If you would like to work with us or want to explore research projects please contact Professor Karen Ousey - k.i.ousey@hud.ac.uk

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