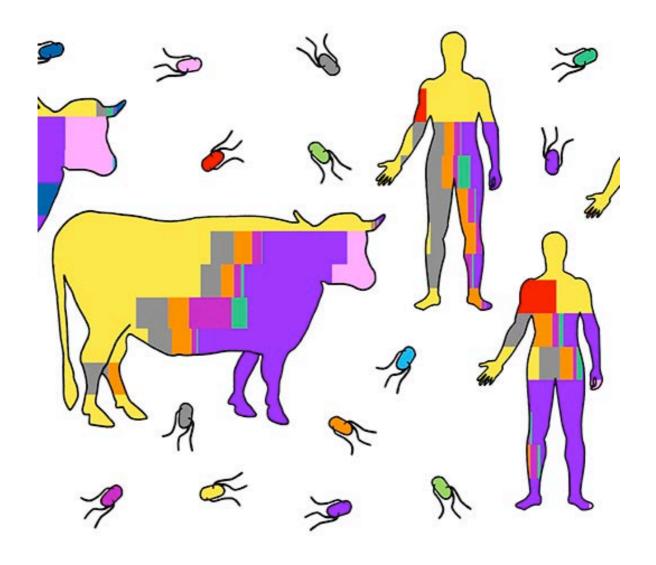
# Edinburgh Infectious Diseases

Leading infectious disease research and training



Annual Report 2017/18

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COVER ARTWORK: SALMONELLA INFECTION IN CATTLE AND HUMAN

COURTESY OF DR PRERNA VOHRA, ROSLIN INSTITUTE

# **Executive summary**

## What is Edinburgh Infectious Diseases

We are the Network of researchers across the University of Edinburgh and neighbouring organisations with an interest in infectious diseases.

# The aims of Edinburgh Infectious Diseases

- 1. Represent the strengths of infectious disease science in Edinburgh through our symposia, workshops, outreach activity and internet profile;
- 2. Maintain a strategic overview of infectious disease research in Edinburgh, to maximise synergy between established activities and promote new avenues for investigation;
- 3. Foster infectious disease teaching and training at all levels within the University, including the development of new postgraduate initiatives.

### Our major activities and achievements in 2017/18

- We have launched a new website and newsletter to ensure we are effectively connected to both our members within Edinburgh, and to our global audience.
- We have seen continued expansion of membership of *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* to over 180 principal investigators.
- Our members were awarded over £85.5M supporting infectious disease research in FY 2016/17, including £50.3M of the Roslin Institute Strategic Programme.
- We have published over 400 research papers in 2017.
- Edinburgh Infectious Diseases has led the development and coordination of major funding applications, including as Fleming Fund Fellowship Host Institution for African Fellows, and a new doctoral training programme linking Artificial Intelligence and Infection Biology.
- We have supported the continued development of the Wellcome Trust Four Year PhD Programme in Hosts, Pathogens and Global Health.
- We continue to facilitate increased communication and collaboration between social scientists and basic and clinical researchers, contributing to other University Initiatives such as Edinburgh Acute Care.
- We have facilitated productive discussions between the Biology and Biomedical Teaching Organisations to help coordinate infectious diseases teaching and improve the experience of our students.

### Director's statement

## Building an effective network

We have had another busy year through our various events and activities supporting our expanding community of infectious disease (ID) scientists in Edinburgh. Our membership has continued to increase and we must now rank among the largest communities of infectious disease scientists and clinicians in the UK and Europe. It is most encouraging to see the increased engagement with *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* activities. This has certainly been enhanced by our newly developed website which provides a more intuitive and well laid out framework to communicate our various research and training activities to the world. In addition, we have developed an improved weekly newsletter template and structure that provides a clear overview of weekly ID-related activities for the Edinburgh community to select from and Hilary Snaith deserves much of the credit for making this happen.

#### Selected activities

Over the last year, a particular emphasis has been on encouraging research and training in big data and infection medicine/biology with several workshops held to promote activities in this area. *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases*-led discussions have led to the development of a doctoral training program concept in the area of Artificial intelligence (AI) involving application of AI in infection medicine. We are continuing to develop another DTP concept on One Health Models of Infectious Diseases and plan to hold a workshop in the Autumn to engage the current expertise in this area across colleges, before defining the programme in detail. In undergraduate teaching we are pleased to have facilitated talks between teaching organisations in different Colleges toward improved accessibility for Honours students on different Infectious Disease-related degree courses.

### New funding sources

Edinburgh Infectious Diseases has also applied to the Fleming Fund to establish the University of Edinburgh as a host institute for Fleming fellowships (outcome unknown as yet). These fellowships are designed to provide training for scientists in low and middle income countries in AMR surveillance and will involve training visits and collaborative research projects. If successful, we can compete for up to 30 such fellowships. With its cross-College structure, Edinburgh Infectious Diseases is extremely well placed to lead on the application and delivery of multi-disciplinary initiatives such as this and the NIHR-funded TIBA project that we helped with successful application. We would anticipate taking a leading role in other such initiatives in the future. In addition, we are keen to seek additional external funding to support Edinburgh Infectious Diseases activities. For

example, we will charge a small registration fee for our annual symposium for the first time this year to support costs. In addition, we are seeking external funds to support the continuation of our summer placement scheme with Leiden University Medical Centre.

## Looking forward

In the next year we are excited about the potential in Edinburgh to build on existing research expertise in genomics, genome-editing and informatics, bolstered by the City Deal investment to help establish world-leading research and training initiatives. In particular, we are well placed to utilize the clear One Health strengths in Edinburgh, and we seek to further develop our research strengths in Infection Medicine and AMR. Of note, we welcome the establishment of a new Acute Care Unit led by Tim Walsh and Alasdair Gray and we look forward to providing input relevant to the opportunities for collaboration with EID scientists and clinicians.

Overall, there is much to be excited about over the coming months and we look forward to continuing to drive Edinburgh's development as a world-leading centre for infectious disease science.

**Professor Ross Fitzgerald** 

Chair of Molecular Bacteriology, Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh

April 2018

# Organisation and membership of *Edinburgh Infectious*Diseases

## Edinburgh Infectious Diseases executive committee

Edinburgh Infectious Diseases is coordinated by Director (Professor Ross Fitzgerald) and Executive Manager (Dr. Hilary Snaith), and supported by an administrative assistant (Jennifer Hurst). The Network has regular input from an Executive Committee, which meets once a month.

Table 1: Current mem	bers of the Edinburgh Infectious Diseases executive committee
Member	Affiliation
Dr Till Bachmann	Division of Infection and Pathway Medicine, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Little France
Dr Amy Buck	Institute of Immunology & Infection Research, Ashworth Laboratories, King's Buildings
Mrs Catherine Burns	University of Edinburgh Research Support Office
Prof Harry Campbell	Usher Institute of Population Health Sciences and Informatics, Teviot Place
Prof David Dockrell	Centre for Inflammation Research, Queen's Medical Research Institute, Little France
Prof Bernadette Dutia	The Roslin Institute, Easter Bush
Prof Gary Entrican	The Moredun Research Institute
Prof Ross Fitzgerald	The Roslin Institute, Easter Bush
Dr Denise Hodge	Edinburgh Innovations, Kings Buildings
Prof Clifford Leen	Department of Infectious Diseases, Western General Hospital
Prof Keith Matthews	Institute of Immunology & Infection Research, Ashworth Laboratories, King's Buildings
Prof Harish Nair	Usher Institute of Population Health Sciences and Informatics, Teviot Place
Prof Jürgen Schwarze	Centre for Inflammation Research, Queen's Medical Research Institute, Little France
Dr Hilary Snaith	Edinburgh Infectious Diseases, Ashworth Laboratories, King's Buildings
Prof Mark Stevens	.The Roslin Institute, Easter Bush
Dr Alice Street	School of Social and Political Science, George Square
Dr Kate Templeton	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Little France
Prof Sue Welburn	Division of Infection and Pathway Medicine, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Little France
Prof Mark Woolhouse	Usher Institute of Population Health Sciences and Informatics, Teviot Place

## Expanding membership

Over the past year membership of *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* has grown to over 840 members including 191 academics, >300 postdocs and research assistants, and over 200 PhD students, and other technologists drawn from the University of Edinburgh, Heriot Watt and Edinburgh Napier Universities, NHS Lothian and associated Institutes, including the Moredun Research Institute and

Scotland's Rural College. The Roslin Institute and the School of Biological Studies continue to have the highest numbers of infectious disease researchers, but there are significant concentrations located at the Little France site, both in the Queen's Medical Research Institute and in the Chancellor's Building (see graph below right).

Among our new members, we were very pleased to welcome immunologists Nisha Philip and Jenny Regan to the School of Biological Sciences, alongside Calum Bain who was awarded a Chancellor's Fellowship in the Centre for Inflammation Research. We have also expanded our membership at the Moredun Research Institute, engaging with Nuno Silva, Francesca Chianini, Mara Rocchi and Philip Skuce. We are also pleased to be engaging with more members of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and reaching further into the Schools of Informatics and Physics & Astronomy as part of our aim to foster interdisciplinary approaches in infectious disease research.

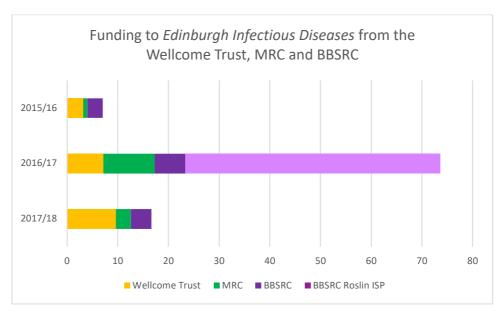
Another significant development has been the arrival of Professor Eleanor Riley as Director of the Roslin Institute. Her previous role was as Professor of Immunology and Head of the Department of Immunology and Infection at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London. Eleanor has a long-standing interest in anti-malarial immunity, genetic susceptibility to infection, the biology of natural killer cells and immunological evaluation of vaccines. She is a member of MRC council and previously as deputy chair of MRC Infections and Immunity Board. And as Committee and Strategy Panel chair at BBSRC. A full listing of our members is on our website<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-infectious-diseases/about/members

# Funding awards

Members of Edinburgh Infectious Disease have been highly successful in funding awards over the past 18 months. Analysis of figures produced by the University's Research Support Office<sup>2</sup> shows a total of £85.3M was awarded to Edinburgh Infectious Diseases members at the University of Edinburgh in FY2016/17 and a further £20.3 in first six months of 2017/18. The total for FY2016/7 includes £56.3M awarded by the BBSRC: £50.3M was part of the quinquennial Roslin Institute Strategic Funding, supporting research in the Control of Infectious Diseases Programme. Significant funding has also been received from the Wellcome Trust (£7.1M) and the Medical Research Council (£11.1M).



The annual total for FY2016/17 compares with a total of £364.5M to the University of Edinburgh overall. These numbers compare favourably with data from previous years (see graph above). A summary of all grants over £0.5M is presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Grants over £500K awarded in FY2016/17			
PI Name	Sponsor	Project Title	Award
David Gally	BBSRC	Machine-learning to predict and understand the zoonotic threat of E. coli 0157 isolates	£535,103
Ann Bruce	ESRC	Diagnostic innovation and livestock (DIAL): towards more effective and sustainable applications of antibiotics in livestock farming	£550,836
David Dockrell	MRC	Optimising Innate Host Defence to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance	£597,265
Harish Nair	Sanofi Pasteur MSD Limited	Nasopharyngeal pneumococcal carriage study in South Asian infants	£655,128

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.edweb.ed.ac.uk/research-support-office/key-performance-stats

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Christine Tait- Burkard	BBSRC	Understanding the CD163 - PRRS virus interaction to improve genetic engineering for resistance	£664,039
Robert Dalziel	BBSRC	Host cell determinants of BoHV-1 pathogenesis: a genome wide analysis.	£682,857
Juergen Haas	MRC	Control of type III interferon expression and Herpes simplex virus type 1 replication by miR-200	£690,239
David Hume	BBSRC	The role of interleukin-10 (IL-10) in the regulation of innate immunity in the domestic chicken.	£801,119
Alice Street	European Commission	Investigating the Design and Use of Diagnostic Devices in Global Health (DiaDev)	£830,288
David Hume	BBSRC	Research support diseases	£843,045
David Hume	BBSRC	Global Challenges Research Fund: Data and Resources opportunity for BBSRC Institutes	£946,340
Meriem El Karoui	Wellcome Trust	DNA repair and genetic stability: elucidating the effects of cell physiology in Escherichia coli	£955,487
Mark Stevens	BBSRC	Glycoengineering of Veterinary Vaccines	£1,372,834
Sarah Reece	Wellcome Trust	Parasite offence or host defence? The roles of biological rhythms in malaria infection	£1,527,986
Harish Nair	European Commission	REspiratory Syncytial virus Consortium in EUrope	£1,770,250
Tim Connelley	MRC	International Veterinary Vaccinology Network	£2,113,339
Rose Zamoyska	Wellcome Trust	Mechanisms and consequences of T cell antigen receptor signalling for normal immune homeostasis and the development of autoimmune disease	£2,348,453
Mark Woolhouse	NIHR	Tackling Infections to Benefit Africa, the TIBA Centre	£6,602,629

Several major collaborative awards are of particular note including the University of Edinburgh-led NIHR Global Health Unit Tackling Infection to Benefit Africa (TIBA), to Mark Woolhouse in the Centre for Global Health Research; the International Veterinary Vaccinology Network funded by the MRC and led by Tim Connelley of the Roslin Institute; and the DiaDev network Investigating the Design and Use of Diagnostic Devices in Global Health, led by Alice Street in the School of Social and Political Science and funded by the EU Commission.

Already in FY2017/18 several major grants have been awarded: £674K to Christine Tait-Burkard (Roslin Institute) for work to combat Porcine Reproductive and Syndrome Virus; £1.7M to Andrew Rambaut (School of Biological Sciences) for genomic surveillance of viral epidemics and £2.4M to Sander Granneman (School of Biological Sciences) to study of post-transcriptional regulatory networks in pathogenic *S. aureus* (Table 3).

Table 3: Grants over £500K awarded in first half FY2017/18			
PI Name	Sponsor	Project Title	Award
Ross Houston	BBSRC	Improving resistance to infectious salmon anaemia using genome editing: Novel approaches to tackling viral disease in aquaculture	£566,191
Adam Balic	BBSRC	Exploitation of new technologies to advance understanding of avian dendritic cell biology	£589,932
Eleanor Riley	MRC	The relationship between malarial anaemia, neutrophil function and susceptibility to invasive bacterial disease	£595,737

Jean Manson	Department of Health	Strain typing of vCJD cases	£631,126
Christine Tait- Burkard	BBSRC	Understanding the CD163 - PRRS virus interaction to improve genetic engineering for resistance	£674,353
Christine Tait- Burkard	BBSRC	A strategic approach to identifying and combating porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus outbreaks and other porcine viral diseases	£983,771
Keith Matthews	Wellcome Trust	Wellcome Trust PhD Programme Hosts, Pathogens & Global health – Main award	£1,685,740
Andrew Rambaut	Wellcome Trust	Putting genomic surveillance at the heart of viral epidemic response.	£1,721,712
Keith Matthews	Wellcome Trust	Challenging trypanosome antigenic variation paradigms using natural systems	£2,021,766
Sander Granneman	MRC	Unravelling post-transcriptional regulatory networks in pathogenic S. aureus	£2,366,064
Moira Whyte	Wellcome Trust	The Edinburgh Clinical Academic Track (ECAT)-Plus Programme	£5,135,377

A list of grants awarded to University of Edinburgh members in 2016/17 and the first half of FY2017/18 is given in Appendices 1 and 2.

## **Publications**

A key output of research is publication in respected peer-reviewed journals. In 2017 *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* members published more than **460 papers**, demonstrating continued extensive research output. Of these, there were four papers in *Nature*; one paper in *Science*; two in the *Lancet* and *Lancet Global Health*; eight in *Proc. National Academy of Sciences* and 26 in PLoS journals, including nine papers in *PLoS Pathogens* and three in *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*. Highlights of these papers are listed below, and a list of all publications is given in Appendix 3

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Silvester E, Young J, Ivens A, Matthews KR: Interspecies quorum sensing in co-infections can manipulate trypanosome transmission potential. Nat Microbiol 2017, 2:1471-1479.



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# **Building connections**

#### Network events

One of the key aims of *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* is to maximise the synergy between researchers across disciplines in infectious disease. We have undertaken a variety of activities over the past year to help build and cement connections within the network.

#### 2017 Annual Symposium

Our annual symposium remains a highlight of our activities during the year. As such it is greatly valued by our members as an excellent opportunity to reflect upon the enormous diversity of research within our community and the potential it presents for the development of multidisciplinary collaborations.

The 2017 Symposium was held in June at the John McIntyre Conference Centre at Pollock Halls. We welcomed over 200 attendees to a full day of talks covering the full range of infectious disease research from the social traits of bacteria to the roles of biological rhythms in malaria infection.



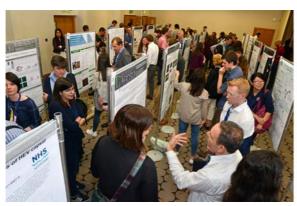




Left: Clifford Leen and Ross Fitzgerald presenting Eleanor Silvester with the 2017 Ker Memorial Prize. Centre: Ker Memorial lecturer Prof Peter Openshaw, Right: Poster prize winners Maria Contreras (L) and Laura McCulloch (R).

The 2017 Ker Memorial Prize for the Best PhD Thesis in Infectious Diseases was won by Dr Eleanor Silvester from Keith Matthew's lab who presented her thesis work on *Conservation of quorum-sensing signal responses and cross-species interactions between T. brucei and T. congolense.* We were delighted to host Prof Peter Openshaw from Imperial College London as the Ker Memorial Lecturer, and he closed the symposium with an excellent discussion of the pathogenesis of viral lung disease.

We also attracted over 40 poster presentations – many congratulations went to Laura McCulloch from the Roslin Institute, whose poster "Stroke increases infection risk via dysregulation of innate-like marginal zone B cell function" was the worthy winner of the Postdoc Poster Prize, and to Maria Contreras (left) from the Roslin and Moredun Research Institutes, whose poster "The role of microRNAs in ovine pulmonary adenocarcinoma" won the prize for the best student poster.





The annual symposium 2017 enjoyed lively and well attended poster sessions

#### Topic-focused events

Of the course of the year we have run a number of events, aimed at fostering effective interactions across the network in research topics of strategic importance or timeliness. In March 2017 we launched our **Strategy to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance**; we hosted a **Showcase of Social Science and Infectious Disease workshop** in April, **Quantitative Approaches to Infectious Disease** in mid-November and the **Big Data and Infection** workshop in at the end of November. All of these events brought together between 40-60 researchers and clinicians and provided excellent opportunities for information sharing, open-discussion, networking and development of future collaborations.

There have been a number of positive outcomes from these events. These include a new initiative to develop an EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in the Applications and Implications of Artificial Intelligence and a joint funding application to the Fleming Fund as a Host Institution for Fellows in Antimicrobial Resistance, with colleagues across the University.

Upcoming workshops are focussed on **Vesicles, Extracellular RNA and Infectious Disease**, **Diagnostics for Respiratory Tract Infections**, and **One Health approaches in Diagnostics** (see Table below).

When	Event
2017	
9 Feb	Workshop: Metabolic modelling and data science for infectious disease
7 Mar	Infectious Diseases Honours students lecture by David Dockrell
22 Mar	Symposium: Launch of Edinburgh Strategy to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance
24 Apr	Symposium: Global Challenges in Infectious Disease – Showcasing Social Science in Edinburgh
2 Jun	Edinburgh Infectious Diseases 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium
15 Nov	Workshop: Quantitative Approaches to Infectious Disease
21 Nov	Winter Lecture: Prof Neil Gow, FRS, University of Aberdeen – Killer Fungi
29 Nov	Workshop: Big Data and Infection
2018	
9 May	Workshop: Vesicles, Extracellular RNA and Infectious Disease
23 May	Edinburgh Infectious Diseases 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium

12 Sep	Workshop: Diagnostics for Lower Respiratory Tract Infections
13 Nov	Winter Lecture: Prof Tom Kariuki, Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa
14 Nov	Workshop: One Health Approaches in Diagnostics

#### Public winter lecture

Our annual public winter lecture continues to be a popular event, attracting a broad range of attendees from the University of Edinburgh and the wider community. In On 21 November 2017 we were pleased to host Professor Neil Gow FRS, from the University of Aberdeen for a fascinating insight into Killer Fungi.

In November 2018 will be hosting Prof Tom Kariuki, Director of the Alliance for Accelerating



Excellence in Science in Africa to give the 2018 Winter lecture. Prof Kariuki's visit will be co-hosted by the NIHR Global Health Unit Tackling Infection to Benefit Africa (TIBA) and will provide further opportunity to build key relationships between Edinburgh and institutions in Africa.

#### Communications

We have continued to develop ways of communication with both our internal and external audiences.

An important aspect of our communication strategy it to provide information about all our activities via our website. The website serves both our audience here in Edinburgh, providing them with ready access to information about events, facilities and researcher details, and also act as a portal to showcase our research outputs to a global audience.

In 2017 our pages had over 78000 views: analytics data show our visitors came from almost every country in the world demonstrating the truly global audience for our work (see map).

With much of our research having impact in developing countries, it is encouraging that eight out of the top 20 nations with the highest visitor numbers are Low and Middle-Income Countries, including Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana and India.



Following a review carried out in 2016, we initiated a project during 2017 to redevelop our website and bring it into the University of Edinburgh EdWeb programme. The EdWeb platform presents advantages in presentation and page management over the previous site, and provides a better

browsing experience for visitors. The new website<sup>3</sup> launched in February 2018 and has been very well received. During the first 6 weeks the pages had already been viewed over 12000 times, with information about our research and events being accessed the most frequently. We are continuing to monitor visitor hits on the site and will update and amend our pages to improve reader navigation in the coming months.



We are also continuing to expand our social media communications and have built up a world-wide following of ~2800 followers on Twitter<sup>4</sup>. In particular this year We have sought to generate increased profile for recently-published papers and news with regular features highlighting achievements within the network. We also initiated a #BornOnThisDay tag marking the birth of notable scientists and clinicians in infectious disease. Details of the news covered is presented in Appendix 4.

One of the activities our members have told us they value the most is the weekly newsletter that is sent every Monday morning to over 700 recipients each week. We provide details of recent news from across the network, all relevant seminars and lectures, and other events both in Edinburgh and further afield. During the year we have redeveloped the newsletter into a more professional format<sup>5</sup> that is more easily accessed on different online platforms. The new format also provides detailed tracking of reader visits to links in the newsletter, which will us to better tune content to our audience.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-infectious-diseases

<sup>4</sup> http://www.twitter.com/edin\_eid

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# Teaching and training in infectious diseases

## Supporting postgraduate training

Wellcome Trust 4-year PhD programme in Hosts, Pathogens and Global Health



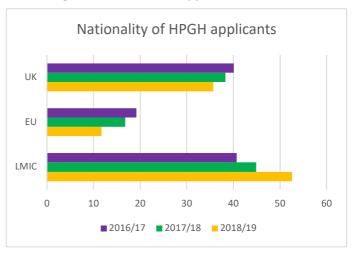
# Four year PhD Programme

Edinburgh Infectious Diseases continues to support existing programmes for postgraduate training. The Wellcome Trust 4-year PhD programme in Hosts, Pathogens and Global Health<sup>6</sup> has just recruited its third cohort of students who will start their studies here in October 2018.

The total number of students applying to the Programme in 2017/18 was reduced in comparison with previous years: 156 in 2017/18 in comparisons with 200 in 2016/17. In particular there was a marked reduction in the number of applicants from EU-member nations, 12% in 2017/18, down from 16% in 2016/17 and 19% in 2015/16. Alongside the fall in EU applicants there has been a

steady increase in students applying from Low and Middle-Income Countries. It will be of interest to follow this trend in future years, as the impact of Brexit becomes more widely felt.

The second cohort of students began in Edinburgh in October 2017 and have made robust starts to their studies. We were very pleased that four out of the six students in the first cohort were awarded an MSc by



Research in Hosts, Pathogens and Global Health with Distinction after their first year, and the final two received their degrees with Merit. These students are now well-established on their PhD projects, working with supervisors in the School of Biological Sciences and the Roslin Institute.

A key aspect of the Hosts, Pathogens and Global Health PhD programme is the connections made amongst students in each annual cohort, between cohorts and also with students on other Wellcome Trust-funded programmes at the University of Edinburgh.

In June 2017 the students organised a two-day retreat for members of the programme's supervisory team and the Centre for Immunity, Infection and Evolution, at the Dunkeld House Hotel. This event provided a relaxed opportunity to build connections between programme

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 6}\ http://www.ed.ac.uk/biology/hosts-pathogens-global-health$ 

members, with presentations from programme supervisors and first year students, as well as from two external speakers, Eva Frickel (Crick Institute) and Michael Worobey (University of Arizona).

In October 2017, *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* also facilitated co-development of a workshop at the Midlothian Science Festival run by students from cohort one alongside colleagues on the Translational Neuroscience and Tissue Repair programmes.

#### Development of new doctoral training programmes

Edinburgh Infectious Diseases is supporting the developing concepts for novel doctoral training schemes.

#### One Health Models of Infectious Diseases

One Health is a key area in which Edinburgh has considerable depth of expertise and we are now investigating how best we can further support world-leading multidisciplinary research in this area through targeted doctoral training. In Edinburgh, we have cutting-edge expertise in genome editing of large animals eg sheep, goats, and genome-wide editing of human, bovine, porcine and chicken primary and secondary cell lines for understanding host-pathogen interactions. In addition, there is expertise in comparative immunology and pathology and leading medical, and vet schools and world class animal sciences institute working closely together within same College structure. Accordingly, we are well placed to establish a DTP in the area to support the training of PG students in cutting edge technologies applied to the application of infection models relevant for both human and animal health.

During the first three months of 2018 we carried out a review of all biomedicine PhD projects currently underway across the University of Edinburgh to identify those projects with a focus on developing One Health animal models of infectious disease. This investigation highlighted students (n=~40) and Pls (n=~25) working on research projects related to the DTP theme. We are planning to bring this group of students together as a cohort to help augment their existing training and enhance cross-University networks. We are also exploring how a new One Health doctoral training programme can align with the opportunities coming online in the Large Animal Imaging Facility at Easter Bush to train the next generation of researchers with specific skills that fill current knowledge gaps. Currently, we are awaiting the outcome of the Wellcome Trust review into postgraduate training before deciding on the best approach for funding the DTP scheme.

#### Data science and infection

There are a wealth of new research opportunities opening up through interaction of data science with infection biology and medicine. The University of Edinburgh is benefitting from new funding streams made available through the Scottish Government-funded City Deal. The £1.1bn investment should establish Edinburgh and the South-East Scotland City region as the data capital of Europe, attracting investment, fueling entrepreneurship and delivering inclusive growth<sup>7</sup>. The two workshops we ran in November 2017 – Quantitative Approaches to Tackling Infection, and Big Data & Infection – addressed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.ed.ac.uk/local/city-region-deal

some of the relevant issues, and brought colleagues together to discuss possible responses to these opportunities.

One clear output of these initial workshops has been the development and submission of a bid to the EPSRC call for Centres of Doctoral Training addressing the Applications and Implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI). This is a collaboration led by Guido Sanguinetti (School of Informatics) and EID member Meriem El Karoui (School of Biological Sciences) involving over 60 group leaders from the Schools of Biology and Informatics, and the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. AI techniques hold huge promise to provide an integrative framework for extracting knowledge from data, with a high potential for fundamental and clinical breakthroughs with significant impact on public health.

The aim of this proposal is to train a cohort of highly skilled interdisciplinary scientists who will spearhead the development and deployment of AI techniques in the biomedical sector, including infection control. The new programme will not only train students in the key methodological skills required, but also provide them with a keen awareness of the societal, legal and ethical dimension of their research to allow them to anticipate and engage with the potential issues arising from deploying AI technology in the biomedical sector.

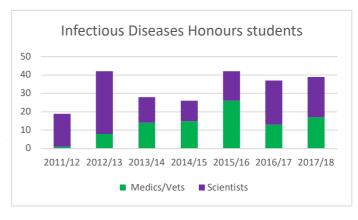
## Adding value to undergraduate teaching and training

#### Undergraduate studying infectious diseases

The numbers of students choosing the Infectious Diseases Honours programme continues to hold steady. Approximately half of the 2017/18 class are scientists, and the other half are medical or veterinary students taking an intercalated B.MedSci or B.VetSci degree. The number of medical

students will rise further over coming years as all MBChB students in Edinburgh are required to take an academic year of full-time, research-based study in Year 3.

Undergraduate Infectious Diseases Honours students are kept informed of activities within *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* through a number of channels. The Executive Manager of



Edinburgh Infectious Diseases gave an introduction to the network and its activities during the programme induction sessions at the start of the academic year, the students receive the weekly newsletter with details of seminars and events. They are also encouraged to engage with public engagement opportunities facilitated by Edinburgh Infectious Diseases and to attend relevant

workshops. In March 2017 the Infectious Diseases students hosted a seminar given by Prof David Dockrell, gaining valuable experience in fielding questions and facilitating discussion.

#### Coordination of undergraduate teaching in infectious diseases

The cross-College structure of *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* means it is well placed to provide oversight on the breadth and accessibility of Infectious Diseases undergraduate teaching. The bulk of Infectious Diseases-related material is taught as major components of two undergraduate programmes at Honours level – Infectious Diseases, and Immunology, respectively.

Responsibility for these Programmes is split between Biomedical Teaching Organisation (BMTO) – Infectious Diseases – and the Biology Teaching Organisation (BTO) – Immunology – in the Deanery of Biomedical Sciences and the School of Biological Sciences respectively.

The credit structures of the Honours year for the Infectious Diseases and Immunology programmes differ and current timetabling is such that there is limited scope for final year students on either programme to mix courses across the programmes. This impacts on student choice and *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* has been keen to find ways to integrate the programmes more closely.

Over the past two years discussions initiated by *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases*, led by *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* executive committee member Bernadette Dutia between the two Teaching

Organisations have led to considerable progress. Before the end of the current academic year (2017/18), final year students on both programmes will be surveyed to find out if there are courses that they would have liked to take but could not due to the timetabling and credit issues. The resulting information will be used in planning changes.

The respective teaching organisations have also made a number of suggestions as to how the



student choice could be increased. Options include adjusting timetables to allow more flexibility as well as more substantive changes such as offering BTO students the option of taking the second semester BMTO core course or changing BTO requirements so that Immunology students can take 20 credit courses from the Infectious Diseases programme.

These possibilities should provide opportunities for greater integration of the programmes and more flexibility for students.

#### Undergraduate summer placements

Over the past four years *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* has built strong links with colleagues at Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC) in the Netherlands. This has enabled us to support two

undergraduates who are moving into their Honours year to undertake eight-week summer placements in labs at the LUMC.

This year Lora Downes from the Infectious Diseases Programme, studied the mechanisms by which soluble egg antigens from *Schistosoma mansoni* helminths increase glucose uptake in skeletal muscle, and Andrew McIntyre from the Immunology Programme, studied the tertiary structure of the GBV-B *Pegivirus*.

"Thank you for this amazing opportunity – it was not only a fun experience but really has helped me with determining the kind of direction I would like my career to go in after university". Andrew McIntyre

"I can't thank Edinburgh Infectious Diseases enough for such a great opportunity. It was a fantastic to spend my summer in the Netherlands, being able to combine invaluable lab experience with exploring a new country". Lora Downes

Year on year this exchange programme has had transformational effects on students, inspiring and equipping them to continue on to careers in research. Due to funding constraints it has not been possible to run the exchanges this year. However we are currently exploring alternative funding options which will allow development of this, and similar schemes, to promote the mobility and interaction of talented researchers across the EU.

# Appendix 1

# Table of all grants awarded to *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* members at the University of Edinburgh in FY2016/17

PI Name	Sponsor	Project Title	Award
Bruce Whitelaw	BBSRC	CCG 2017/22-Core Capability Grant	£15,456,563
Helen Sang	BBSRC	Control of development and reproductive traits	£9,120,699
David Gally	BBSRC	Innate immunity and endemic diseases in livestock species	£7,835,516
Mark Woolhouse	NIHR	Tackling Infections to Benefit Africa, the TIBA Centre	£6,602,629
David Gally	BBSRC	ISP 2017/22-Salaries-Programme 2	£5,613,249
Bruce Whitelaw	BBSRC	CAP 2017/22-IAE Capital Grant	£4,533,893
Paul Digard	BBSRC	Pathogenesis and resistance in viral diseases of livestock	£3,513,343
David Dockrell	MRC	Optimising Innate Host Defence to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance	£2,631,981
Rose Zamoyska	Wellcome Trust	Mechanisms and consequences of T cell antigen receptor signalling for normal immune homeostasis and the development of autoimmune disease	£2,348,453
Tim Connelley	MRC	International Veterinary Vaccinology Network	£2,113,339
Harish Nair	European Commission	REspiratory Syncytial virus Consortium in EUrope	£1,770,250
Sarah Reece	Wellcome Trust	Parasite offence or host defence? The roles of biological rhythms in malaria infection	£1,527,986
Mark Stevens	BBSRC	Glycoengineering of Veterinary Vaccines	£1,372,834
Moira Whyte	MRC	The role of HMGB1 in liver injury and repair - mechanisms and therapeutic interventions	£1,313,221
Calum Bain	Royal Society, Wellcome Trust	Investigating the role of TGFî <sup>2</sup> in the functional imprinting of pulmonary macrophages in health and disease	£1,061,297
Meriem El Karoui	Wellcome Trust	DNA repair and genetic stability: elucidating the effects of cell physiology in Escherichia coli	£955,487
David Hume	BBSRC	Global Challenges research Fund: Data and Resources opportunity for BBSRC Institutes	£946,340
David Hume	BBSRC	Research support diseases	£843,045
Alice Street	European Commission	Investigating the Design and Use of Diagnostic Devices in Global Health	£830,288
David Hume	BBSRC	The role of interleukin-10 (IL-10) in the regulation of innate immunity in the domestic chicken.	£801,119
Julia Dorin	MRC	Beta-defensins in the prevention of obesity	£797,172
Anura Rambukkana	MRC	Role of Mycobacterium leprae proteins and RNAs in initiating neuropathy	£790,762
Christopher Lucas	Wellcome Trust	Macrophage-epithelial communication promotes lung repair after injury	£770,023
Juergen Haas	MRC	Control of type III interferon expression and Herpes simplex virus type 1 replication by miR-200	£690,239
Robert Dalziel	BBSRC	Host cell determinants of BoHV-1 pathogenesis: a genome wide analysis.	£682,857

Christine Tait- Burkard	BBSRC	Understanding the CD163 - PRRS virus interaction to improve genetic engineering for resistance	£664,039
Emily Gwyer Findlay	Royal Society	Cathelicidin is Critical for Pathogenic T cell Development in Multiple Sclerosis	£662,276
Harish Nair	Sanofi Pasteur MSD Limited	Nasopharyngeal pneumococcal carriage study in South Asian infants	£655,128
David Dockrell	MRC	Optimising Innate Host Defence to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance	£597,265
David Gally	BBSRC	Machine-learning to predict and understand the zoonotic threat of E. coli 0157 isolates	£535,103
Helen Sang	BBSRC	Control of development and reproductive traits	£483,112
Mark Blaxter	BBSRC	Blobtoolkit: Identification and analysis of non-target organisms in all Eukaryotic genome projects	£442,660
Bruce Whitelaw	BBSRC	OAG 2017/22-Open Access Grant	£437,500
Adrian Muwonge	BBSRC	The dynamics of antimicrobial resistance genes of the pig and human gut microbiome in Uganda	£381,107
Mark Woolhouse	MRC	Selection and Transmission of Antimicrobial Resistance in Complex Systems	£381,035
David Dockrell	MRC	Optimising Innate Host Defence to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance	£363,430
Francisca Mutapi	Oak Foundation	Novel intervention for African patients suffering from pathogen-induced immune disorders	£349,997
Keith Matthews	Innovate-UK	A novel livestock vaccination platform to prevent zoonotic emerging infections	£327,239
Jurgen Schwarze	Wellcome Trust	Pulmonary epithelial barrier and immunological functions at birth and in early life â€" key determinants of the development of asthma	£297,097
David Gally	BBSRC	Innate immunity and endemic diseases in livestock species	£295,792
Mark Stevens	European Commission	REVeterinary biocontained facility network for excellence in animal infectiology research and experimentation	£282,513
Clare Blackburn	European Commission	THYMISTEM: Development of Stem Cell Based Therapy for Thymic Regeneration	£262,090
Rose Zamoyska	Cancer Research UK	Genetic manipulation of Human T cells for use in adoptive T cell therapy	£260,894
Ross Houston	NERC	Application of genetic markers to improve resistance to herpes virus in commercial oyster populations	£252,816
Devi Sridhar	Wellcome Trust	The Economic Gaze. The World Banks Influence on Global Public Health	£246,964
Thamarai Dorai- Schneiders	MRC	An integrated approach to understand the emergence and spread of extensively resistant Gram-negative bacteria in China	£235,747
Andrew Rambaut	European Commission	The evolutionary dynamics of pathogen emergence and establishment: from Reservoir Detection to Outbreak Control	£233,465
David Hume	BBSRC	Research support immunity programme 12 - unfunded element	£232,572
Adam Hill	Chief Scientist Office	Immunoglobulin replacement therapy for immunoglobulin G subclass 2 deficient patients with bronchiectasis	£221,851
Andrew Horne	Wellbeing of Women	Novel repurposing of anticancer drugs to treat endometriosis	£198,864
Susan Welburn	BBSRC	BBSRC Global Challenge Research Fund Impact Acceleration Account Award	£187,500

		Global threats from Phytophthora spp.; understanding	
Paul Sharp	BBSRC	drivers of emergence and opportunities for mitigation through nursery best practice	£183,304
Gary Loake	Biological Process Science and Technology Co., LTD	Transformation and gene editing of Hirsutella sinensis	£180,000
Elizabeth Grant	Commonwealth Scholarships	Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships 2016/17	£158,577
Amy Buck	Human Frontier Science Program Organization	An Extracellular RNAi pathway as a mechanism of parasite- host communication	£155,607
Malcolm Walkinshaw	Wellcome Trust	Optimisation of series of hits against trypanosome phosphofructokinase to give a lead for treatment of the neglected disease Human African Trypanosomiasis	£150,500
Andrew Free	Scottish Funding Council	Smart carbon additive CreChar® to support bioprocesses	£145,260
Liam Morrison	Wellcome Trust	A trypanosome small RNA as a diagnostic for Human and Animal African Trypanosomiasis	£129,709
Mark Blaxter	NERC	544MBXNBAF Budget 16-17	£125,000
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Bruce Whitelaw	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	Generation of zoonotic influenza resistant pigs via site- directed technology	£120,000
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Elizabeth Grant	Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET)	Zambia UK Health Workforce Alliance - Situational Analysi	£111,890
Anura Rambukkana	MRC	Role of Mycobacterium leprae proteins and RNAs in initiating neuropathy	£111,043
Rosalind Allen	Royal Society	DNA-coated colloids as a novel, cheap and robust approach to AMR diagnostics	£106,323
Ross Houston	Hendrix Genetics	Genome editing for resistance to IPNV in salmon	£100,892
Garry Blakely	Hyaltech Ltd	A Synthetic Biology Strategy to Enhance Precursor Flux and Improve Production of Hyaluronic Acid	£100,000
Kevin Dhaliwal	CARB-X	Proteus Participation in CARB-X	£96,907
Tanja Opriessnig	BBSRC	Understanding the impact of Lawsonia intracellularis infection and vaccination on gut health integrity and the microbiome	£96,696
Ross Houston	Royal Society	Identification of genes underpinning resistance to amoebic gill disease in Atlantic salmon	£96,501
Andrea Wilson	US Department of Agriculture	Genetic and biological determinants of avian tumor virus pathogenicity transmission and evolution	£95,272

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	Paul Digard	BBSRC	Control of development and reproductive traits	£52,386

Jurgen Schwarze	Wellcome Trust	Pulmonary epithelial barrier and immunological functions at birth and in early life – key determinants of the	£51,646
J		development of asthma	,
Bruce Whitelaw	Genus plc	Genus Master Agreement: Genus Chair Funds	£50,000
Till Bachmann	MRC	AMR RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TESTS - AMR-RDT	£45,206
Daniel Nussey	BBSRC	Measurements of telomere length at different life stages as predictive biomarkers of health, reproduction and longevity in dairy cattle	£42,109
Liam Morrison	GALVmed	A new drug discovery pipeline for animal African trypanosomiasis	£41,502
Mark Woolhouse	NIHR	Tackling Infections to Benefit Africa, the TIBA Centre	£37,718
Amy Buck	Wellcome Trust	Tipping the balance: pathogen manipulation of microRNA regulatory pathways	£37,482
Mark Woolhouse	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	A novel approach to protect cattle against East Coast fever through immunization with a related parasite species	£34,483
Clare Blackburn	Daphne Jackson Trust	Fellowship for Dominique Meunier	£34,446
Harish Nair	Sanofi Pasteur MSD Limited	Global review of meningococcal surveillance systems	£32,290
Tahar Ait-Ali	Merck Inc	Evaluation of the impact of Porcilis Ileitis vaccine on mucosal integrity in pigs	£28,576
Ann Bruce	University of Alberta	GE3LS University of Alberta lead	£27,500
Elizabeth Glass	BBSRC	USDA Collaboration: Reassembly of cattle immue gene complexes for quantative analysis	£27,346
A. Leigh-Brown	NIHR	Modelling Epidemic Infectious Diseases Using Sequence Analysis	£26,247
Rose Zamoyska	Wellcome Trust	Mechanisms that regulate T cell responses and their failure in autoimmunity	£23,915
Julia Dorin	MRC	Beta-defensins in the prevention of obesity	£23,746
Till Bachmann	Chief Scientist Office	Towards liquid biopsies to monitor kidney diseases at point of care	£23,542
Alex Rowe	European Commission	Development of Effective Vaccines against Multiple Lifecycle Stages of Plasmodium vivax malaria	£23,077
Andrea Wilson	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Development and testing of Operational Models of Bovine Tuberculosis in British Cattle and Badgers	£22,454
Tanja Opriessnig	Boehringer Ingelheim GmbH	Characterizing and contrasting the humoral responses against PCV2a and PCV2d	£20,652
Teuta Pilizota	INEOS Manufacturing Scotland	Engineering bacterial hosts cells for robust growth at high external osmolarities	£20,000
Meghan Perry	Academy of Medical Sciences	The use of metagenomics of hospital sewage as an AMR surveillance tool	£18,743
Tim Connelley	BBSRC	ISP 2017/22-Connelley Tim-Zambia	£18,000
Susan Welburn	British Council	Newton Fund Researcher Links: Workshop (Mitigating Emerging Infection Challenges for Public Security and Justice)	£16,900

Andrew Free	US Army Research Laboratory	Nutrient-cycling microbial ecosystems: assembly, function and targeted design	£15,919
Andrea Wilson	Genome Alberta	Improving Canadian pork industry profits and export potential by developing genomic tools to enhance health, performance and disease resilience in wean to finish pigs	£15,789
Deborah Hoyle	Wellcome Trust	Prevalence and diversity of Shiga-toxin and non-O157 Escherichia coli carriage in cattle	£15,372
Moira Whyte	Wellcome Trust	PhD Training Fellowship for Clinicians, The Edinburgh Clinical Academic Track (ECAT) programme	£14,500
Alex Nading	National Science Foundation	A political Ecology of Value- The Environmentalization of Urban Social Policy in Nicaragua	£14,203
Maurice Gallagher	International Paint Ltd	Biofilm Bead Assay	£13,544
Andrea Wilson	BBSRC	ISP 2017/22-Doeschl-Wilson Andrea	£12,500
Samantha Lycett	BBSRC	ISP 2017/22-Lycett Sam	£12,500
Adam Hill	MRC	BRONCH-UK a multicentre and multidisciplinary partnership grant tackling unmet needs in bronchiectasis	£12,439
Pip Beard	BBSRC	ISP 2017/22-Beard Pip	£12,000
Emily Gwyer Findlay	Tenovus Scotland	Determination of T cell signalling pathway alterations induced by the neutrophil peptide LL-37	£11,800
Ann Bruce	NERC	KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP: ENGAGING WITH THE AGRI-FOOD BUSINESS SECTOR	£10,977
Andrew Horne	NIHR	MifeMiso: A randomised placebo-controlled trial of mifepristone and misoprostol versus misoprostol alone in the medical management of missed miscarriage	£10,077
Harish Nair	WHO	Optimal use of clinical signs for diagnosis and prognosis of childhood pneumonia	£10,000
Christopher Lucas	Welsh Thoracic Society	Scadding Morriston-Davies Fellowship	£10,000
Kenneth Amaeshi	University of Strathclyde	PC Reuse at the University of Edinburgh	£9,988
Anne Astier	British Skin Foundation	Characterization of the immune population after phototherapy in AD patients	£9,600
Richard Sloan	Royal Society	IFITM dependent control of retroviral infection in vivo	£8,312
Harish Nair	Johns Hopkins University	Investigating Validity of Maternal Recall of Care-seeking Location (India)	£8,203
Adriano Rossi	NC3R	Developing Alternative Models to Evaluate the Impact of Nanomaterials on Neutrophils during the Stimulation and Resolution of Inflammation	£6,334
Mark Bradley	Novartis Foundation	240Knotted Peptides for Inhibiting Protein-Protein Interactions	£5,600
Adam Hill	European Commission	Inhaled Antibiotics in Bronchiectasis and Cystic Fibrosis	£4,615
Gavin Paterson	SfAM	Investigating the emergence and epidemiology of mecC MRSA in Great Britain	£3,408
Gavin Paterson	Royal Society	Investigation of a novel iron uptake system in the human pathogen, Streptococcus pneumoniae	£3,057
Achim Schnaufer	Medical Research Scotland	Identification of genes are required for kDNA maintenance and function in trypanosomastid parasites	£3,000

Neil Mabbott	BBSRC	UK-Japan partnership to explore the role of subepithelial mesenchymal stromal cells in M cell-development and homeostasis	£2,340
Adam Hill	Medical Research Scotland	Role of Lipoxin A4 in Bronchiectasis	£2,000
Keith Matthews	Wellcome Trust	Interspecies competition in coinfections of African trypanosome parasites	£2,000
Paul Digard	Wellcome Trust	Mechanisms of antiviral drug resistance in influenza A virus	£2,000
Sarah Reece	Medical Research Scotland	Do Malaria Parasites alter their sequestration behaviour during host anaemia	£1,750
Andrew Horne	Medical Research Scotland	Inhibition of macrophage colony-stimulating factor- 1 (CSF-1) and CSF-1 receptor signalling as a novel medical treatment for tubal ectopic pregnancy	£1,500
Till Bachmann	British Council	Developing a novel, target amplification-free biosensor for sensitive miRNA detection	£830

# Appendix 2

# Table of all grants awarded to *Edinburgh Infectious Diseases* members at the University of Edinburgh in first 6 months FY2017/18

PI Name	Sponsor	Project Title	Award
Moira Whyte	Wellcome Trust	The Edinburgh Clinical Academic Track (ECAT)-Plus Programme	£5,135,377
Sander Granneman	MRC	Unravelling post-transcriptional regulatory networks in pathogenic S. aureus	£2,366,064
Keith Matthews	Wellcome Trust	Challenging trypanosome antigenic variation paradigms using natural systems	£2,021,766
Andrew Rambaut	Wellcome Trust	Putting genomic surveillance at the heart of viral epidemic response.	£1,721,712
Keith Matthews	Wellcome Trust	Wellcome Trust PhD Programme Hosts, Pathogens & Global health - MAIN AWARD	£1,685,740
Christine Tait-Burkard	BBSRC	A strategic approach to identifying and combating porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus outbreaks and other porcine viral diseases	£983,771
Christine Tait-Burkard	BBSRC	Understanding the CD163 - PRRS virus interaction to improve genetic engineering for resistance	£674,353
Jean Manson	Department of Health	Strain typing of vCJD cases	£631,126
Eleanor Riley	MRC	The relationship between malarial anaemia, neutrophil function and susceptibility to invasive bacterial disease	£595,737
Adam Balic	BBSRC	Exploitation of new technologies to advance understanding of avian dendritic cell biology	£589,932
Ross Houston	BBSRC	Improving resistance to infectious salmon anaemia using genome editing: Novel approaches to tackling viral disease in aquaculture	£566,191
Ann Bruce	ESRC	Diagnostic innovation and livestock (DIAL): towards more effective and sustainable applications of antibiotics in livestock farming	£550,836
Mark Woolhouse	Novo Nordisk Foundation, The	Antibiotic resistance and alternative antibiotics	£476,584
Ann Bruce	BBSRC	The role of livestock in food system resilience in remote, upland regions	£476,404
Mark Bronsvoort	Scottish Government	Centre of Expertise in Exotic Diseases	£341,240
Francisca Mutapi	British Academy	Providing the evidence base and tools for prioritising and implementing paediatric schistosomiasis control to enhance early childhood development	£319,754
Ross Houston	Scottish Funding Council	Genomic breeding for gill health and lice resistance in salmon: Towards a step improvement in accuracy and affordability	£314,771
Rowland Kao	BBSRC	Joint estimation of epidemiological and genetic processes for Mycobacterium bovis transmission dynamics in cattle and badgers	£302,174
Mark Stevens	Scottish Government	A systems-wide approach to the control of Campylobacter in the food chain: exploiting genetic variation	£148,744
Keith Matthews	Wellcome Trust	Wellcome Trust PhD Programme Hosts, Pathogens & Global Health - STUDENTSHIP 2	£145,852
Keith Matthews	Wellcome Trust	Wellcome Trust PhD Programme Hosts, Pathogens & Global Health - STUDENTSHIP 4	£145,852
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Keith Matthews	Wellcome Trust	Wellcome Trust PhD Programme Hosts, Pathogens & Global Health - STUDENTSHIP 1	£145,852
Keith Matthews	Wellcome Trust	Wellcome Trust PhD Programme Hosts, Pathogens & Global Health - STUDENTSHIP 3	£145,852
Rowland Kao	BBSRC	US-UK Collab: Mycobacterial Transmission Dynamics in Agricultural Systems: Integrating Phylogenetics, Epidemiology, Ecology and Economics	£137,328
Henry McSorley	Lung Foundation Netherlands	A World Without Asthma:Nature's approach to prevent Asthma by Targeting barrier, immUnity and micRobEs	£123,077
Elizabeth Grant	Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET)	Development of Palliative Care Leaders in Uganda	£119,910
Jayne Hope	BBSRC	SAVE: Single-Administration Vaccine Enhancement	£112,963
Emily Gwyer Findlay	Royal Society	Cathelicidin is critical for pathogenic T cell development in Multiple Sclerosis	£108,626
Andrea Wilson	Scottish Government	Inferring genetic and other individual variation in population and dynamic models	£108,000
Eleanor Riley	BBSRC	RILEY UKRI Innovation Fellowships: BBSRC RFLEXIBLE TALENT MOBILITY ACCOUNTS	£101,000
Paul Digard	Roslin Foundation Ltd	17/18 studentship award	£100,000
Appolinaire Djikeng	BBSRC	Increasing research skills and capacity to support the implementation of national livestock development plans in sub-Saharan Africa	£100,000
Teuta Pilizota	Human Frontier Science Program Organization	Revealing bacterial free energy dynamics during loss of viability	£90,623
Susan Welburn	BBSRC	Invited extension to 3681866: BBSRC Global Challenge Research Fund Impact Acceleration Account Award	£80,000
Tim Connelley	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	Role of the T cell receptor in interacting with WC1 for bovine gamma delta T cell activation	£75,612
Andrew Rambaut	Royal Society	A phylo-epidemic analysis of a rural hyper-epidemic HIV setting in South Africa in an era of widespread use of antiretroviral therapy	£73,434
Debby Bogaert	Wellcome Trust	Immunogenicity Of Intranasal Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccination (LAIV) And Bidirectional Interactions With The Host Microbiome	£60,000
Debby Bogaert	Wellcome Trust	Immunogenicity Of Intranasal Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccination (LAIV) And Bidirectional Interactions With The Host Microbiome	£59,998
Andrew Leigh-Brown	National Institutes of Health	Modelling Epidemic Infectious Diseases Using Sequence Analysis	£57,813
Christine Tait-Burkard	Genus plc	PRRSV study at Moredun	£48,812
Anna Molesworth	Department of Health	Enhanced Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Surveillance in the Older Population	£39,181
Steve Jenkins	Trust	Tissue Repair PhD Programme	£36,000
Amy Buck	Wellcome Trust	Tipping the balance: pathogen manipulation of microRNA regulatory pathways	£34,144
Baojun Wang	Microsoft Research Ltd	Programmable single-cell biocomputers with scalable signal processing capacity	£30,450
Baojun Wang	Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	A New Approach to Nanoscale Engineering of Anti-Glint Materials using Synthetic Biology and Protein Design	£27,800
Bob Will	European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control	Framework Agreement ECDC/2017/011	£27,034

Ross Houston	NERC	Vaccines for chronic viral pathogens in salmon- generation of interferon attenuated cell lines	£26,843
Lonneke Vervelde	Intervet International BV	Chicken Intestinal Organoids: A Novel In Vitro System To Study Mucosal Vaccine Targeting	£24,000
Ann Bruce	BBSRC	The role of livestock in food system resilience in remote, upland regions	£22,559
Harish Nair	World Health Organisation	Influenza Disease burden Estimation in Children with the comparison to RSV Burden	£22,440
Bruce Whitelaw	Genus plc	Preparation of reagents for vectorisation of RNA decoy vector into lentivirus vector	£22,126
Susan Welburn	BBSRC	Invited extension to 3681866: Additional funding for sharing good practice	£20,000
Liam Morrison	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	Exploring the capacity of a novel subset of bovine antibodies to recognise conserved antigens on the surface of pathogenic African trypanosomes	£18,750
Alex Nading	National Science Foundation	A political Ecology of Value- The Environmentalization of Urban Social Policy in Nicaragua	£12,206
Sinead Collins	Royal Society	Mapping allowable trait space for evolution in high carbon dioxide environments	£10,000
Donald Davidson	Beltane Public Engagement Network	Beltane Fellowship	£1,000

# Appendix 3

## Publications from Edinburgh Infectious Diseases members in 2017

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## Appendix 4

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- DNA study of cow stomachs could aid meat and dairy production
- New insight into how the body 'gobbles up' asthma-inducing cells
- Surgical infections linked to drug-resistant bugs, study suggests

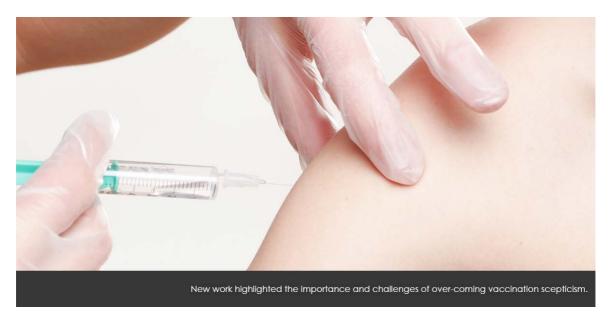


- Novel sequencing approach to study Salmonella survival in cattle
- Breeding quirks of head lice offer insight into effective treatments
- New funding to help detect redworm parasites in horses
- Flu study seeks volunteers in hunt for genes linked to severe cases
- Pesticide poisoning focus for \$1.3m bid to cut rural suicides
- £3.8m investment brings pioneering lung imaging devices closer to clinic
- Gene experts set to tackle pest control
- A roadmap to revitalise research and innovation in Zimbabwe

- Many congratulations to winners of the 2017 University of Edinburgh Chancellor's Awards
- New approaches for breeding resistance to Infectious Salmon Anaemia virus
- New immune defence mechanism could pave new way to treat allergies
- Edinburgh researchers lead quest in worms to find asthma therapies
- Launch of new Africa-led research unit Tackling Infection to Benefit Africa TIBA
- UK-China alliance with University of Edinburgh creates \$1bn biomedical campus
- The first ever global Zoonotic TB roadmap launched with input from Edinburgh researcher
- Parasite study paves way for therapies to tackle deadly infections
- Researchers in Edinburgh part of £2 million award to tackle widespread African cattle disease
- Study shows sleeping sickness parasite 'social behaviour' may affect disease spread
- £5.5m initiative bids to boost farm livestock health in Africa
- New immune study points to new ways of treating inflammatory lung disease
- Researchers at Edinburgh Napier University have found pollution can make you prone to infection
- Psychologists shows pro-vaccine messages can boost belief in MMR myths
- New study shows babies' colds can be prevented by 'friendly' bacteria
- Garfield Weston Foundation to support researching tackling antibiotic resistance



- Large study of Bovine tuberculosis reveals extensive disease diversity in Cameroon
- Experts at Edinburgh University urge action to cut child deaths from Respiratory Syncytial Virus
- Impact of protective bacteria linked to infection route, finds new study from the University of Edinburgh
- Oyster farming to benefit from new genetic screening tool developed at the Roslin Institute
- New study points to new therapies for life-threatening lung disease ARD
- £10m investment in Roslin Technologies set to boost impact of animal science innovations
- Members of Moredun Research Institute help launch the SEFARI Centre for Knowledge Exchange & Impact



- Work from the Roslin Institute shows gut macrophage dysregulation key to Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- New musical theatre show to spread message about antimicrobial resistance in schools
- Meriem El Karoui wins £955K from The Wellcome Trust to study how antibiotic resistance emerges
- Gene-edited pigs produced at the Roslin Institute show signs of resistance to major viral disease