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Meeting Hospital Epidemiology Training Needs

Dr. Bruce Hamory, SHEA member and former SHEA treasurer, and the Manpower and Training Committee of the Infectious Disease Society of America have recently published the results of their questionaire survey of infectious disease training needs (Journal ***of*** Infectious Diseases. 1992;165:218-23). Among other questions, survey respondents were asked to rank ten areas of knowledge that should be included in infectious disease training programs in terms of their current importance. The top five areas were ranked in virtually the same order by both practitioners and academicians, with hospital epidemiology and hospital antibiotic policies leading the list. Dr. Hamory and co-authors noted that when these rankings were compared with the average time spent in various areas during training, the discrepancy between perceived need for an area of knowledge and the actual time spent on that area in training is striking. They specifically pointed to training in hospital epidemiology as the best example of this discrepancy, because it ranked first in perceived need among both private practitioners and academicians, but respondents reported spending less than 2% of time during their training in this area.

One of the goals of the annual SHEA/CDC/AHA hospital epidemiology training course is to fill this void in hospital epidemiology and infection control training. Organized and taught by representatives from the most influential organizations in this country to deal with infection control, this course will be offered twice in 1992: September 17-20 in Atlanta, Georgia, and November 19-22 in Salt Lake City, Utah. These two offerings will allow more people to attend-in response to sell-out crowds at the once-a-year prior offerings of this course-without sacrificing the intimate, tutorial size of the program.

For further information, please contact Gina Pugliese at the American Hospital Association. Telephone (312) 280-6404, Fax (312) 280-6012. Because enrollment is limited, please call soon.

SHEA Election Results

The results of the SHEA election for officers and councilors for 1993 as announced on April 12, 1992, in Baltimore, Maryland, at the SHEA business session during the annual SHEA scientific meeting are: Vice President (becomes President-elect in 1994 and President in 1995), Dr. Bryan F! Simmons; Secretary, Dr. Dale N. Gerding; and Councilors, Drs. Michael D Decker and H. Gunner Deery, II.

Congratulations!

HICPAC Holds First Meeting

The Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), a 12-member group of experts formed to provide advice and guidance to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on control of nosocomial infections, held its initial meeting at the CDC March 2-3, 1992. William L. Roper, Director, CDC, James M. Hughes, Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), and William J. Mar-tone, Director, Hospital Infections Program (HIP), NCID, participated in the opening session.

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