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Research and Training Fellowship Announced

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) and Marion Merrell Dow Inc. have joined forces to establish the NFID/Marion Merrell Dow Postdoctoral Fellowship in Nosocomial/Gram-Positive Infection Research and Training. The fellowship is intended to encourage and assist a qualified physician researcher to become a specialist and investigator in the field of nosocomial infections. Announcement of the fellowship was made at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC) held October 11-14, 1992, in Anaheim, California.

The fellowship, made available by an educational grant from Marion Merrell Dow, will be competitive, with selection being made by a committee of peer investigators appointed by NFID. Selection criteria will include but not be limited to: applicants record of scholarship performance and professional qualifications; scientific merit of research project proposed; validity of research rationale; and adequacy of facilities available to the applicant, host department, and host institution.

The fellowship will include a stipend of $18,000 for the year. To receive further information and application instructions, contact the NFID, 4733 Bethesda Ave., Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20814. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 15, 1993. Notification of the award will be made by April 20, 1993, with the fellowship beginning in July.

New *Journal* Editor Appointed

At its October meeting, the SHEA Board approved the Chief Editor Search Committee's recommendation that Michael D. Decker, MD, MPH, be the next Chief Editor of *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology*.

Dr. Decker has been known to ***Journal*** readers as the ***Journal's*** Section Editor for "Beyond Infection Control: The New Hospital Epidemiology." He was also recently elected to a two-year term (1993 through 1995) as a SHEA Councilor.

Dr. Decker, who was chosen from an outstanding list of candidates, begins his five-year editorial appointment January 1, 1993, at which time the editorial office will move to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

NIOSH Recommendations Contested

The SHEA News and ***SHEA Newsletter*** have carried a series of reports over the past few months covering the escalating concerns of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) about transmission of tuberculosis in hospitals and clinics. As this issue of the *Journal* goes to press, the CDC is holding an expert meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss the latest federal recommendations that are contained in a 55-page NIOSH report titled &commended ***Guidelines for Personal Respiratory Protection of Workers in Healthcare Facilities Potentially Exposed to Tuberculosis*** (dated September 14, 1992, and embargoed until September 21, 1992).

While generally accepted administrative (e.g., rapid identification and treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis) and

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