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SHEA's Ninth Annual Scientific Meeting Brochure Available

A brochure describing details of the SHEA Annual Meeting, to be held April 18-20, 1999, in San Francisco, is now available. If you have not received one, it may be obtained by telephoning the SHEA meetings department, 609-423-7222. It also can be downloaded in Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) from the SHEA web site, http://www.mescape.com/shea, or a request may be sent electronically for a printed copy of the brochure.

Pre-meeting workshops, April 17, include Update on Antimicrobial Resistance, Emerging Nosocomial Fungi, DNA Typing Techniques in Infection Control, and Applied Clinical Epidemiology and Statistical Process Control Methods to Measure and Improve Quality of Care. Plenary sessions during the meeting will address emerging infectious hazards, environmental infectious hazards, and biomaterial-related infections. Concurrent symposia include pediatric infection control hot issues or cutting-edge changes in the OR; and medical-device quality issues or handwashing controversies.

Abstract submission deadline is January 8, 1999; hotel reservation deadline is March 19; and advance registration deadline is April 2.

Committee Volunteer Form Inserted With Annual SHEA Dues Statement

Membership dues alone does not allow SHEA to be able to meet the mission that is its raison d'etre. As important is voluntary membership participation in the 11 SHEA Committees (AIDS/TB, Education, Long-Term Care, Publications, Annual Meeting, Financial Advisory, Membership, State Liaison, CME, International Assistance, and Nominating). The charge of each of these committees is described on the reverse side of the insert accompanying the dues statement. If you have paid your 1999 SHEA dues but did not fill out an application to serve on one of these committees, a replacement form may be obtained from SHEA by telephoning 609-423-0087 or by e-mailing to <sheahq@shea.smarthub.com>.

New Editor for SHEA News, *SHEA Newsletter*

The SHEA board recently approved the appointment of Andreas Voss, MD, PhD, as the new editor of SHEA News and the *SHEA Newsletter.* His 3-year term will begin January 1999. Dr. Voss is currently head of Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control in the Department of Medical Microbiology at St Radbaud University Hospital in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. A more detailed biography and description of his goals for the *SHEA Newsletter* and SHEA News will be published in the winter issue of the newsletter. The quickest way to reach him with suggested articles and material will be electronically at his e-mail address: a.voss@mmb.azn.nl.

Brief items of interest for the SHEA News or Newsletter may be sent to Andreas Voss, MD, PhD, Dept. of Medical Microbiology, University of Nijmegen, Postbus 9101, 6500 HB Nijmegen, The Netherlands; fax, 31-024-354-0216; e-mail, a.voss@mmb.azn.nl.

CPQHC and the Science of Hospital Quality Improvement

In addition to *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology,* since April 1995, SHEA has sponsored a second journal, *Clinical Performance and Quality Health Care (CPQHC)*. Edited by Mary Nettleman, MD, MS, *CPQHC* is in its sixth year as a quarterly journal publishing peer-reviewed articles addressing the science of clinical quality improvement, including but not limited to the infectious diseases and infection control arena in which SHEA began.

CPQHC is sent to all 1,200 members of SHEA as a dues benefit. To help to expand the readership of *CPQHC* and SHEA's influence in the science of hospital quality-improvement activities, Dr. Nettleman would like to be sure that this journal comes to the attention of those responsible for quality improvement at your hospital. Please share your copy of *CPQHC* with the professional at your hospital responsible for quality improvement.

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