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Catching up on Eighth, Planning Ahead for Ninth Annual SHEA Scientific Meeting

If you recently attended our annual meeting in Orlando, April 5 to 7, you profited by attending the cutting-edge poster and slide presentations, as well as the plenary sessions that addressed issues of antibiotic resistance, antibiotic control, public disclosure of process and outcome measures, and healthcare systems infection control. The five symposia covered problems that relate to identification and risk adjustment in nosocomial infection, epidemiology of errors in medicine, nosocomial fungal issues, and cost analysis as it relates to infection control.

The plenary sessions and symposia were taped by Audio Archive of La Crescenta, California, and they will fax a price list to you if you contact them at 818-957-0874.

Mark your calendars now for the ninth annual SHEA Scientific Meeting, to be held in San Francisco at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, April 18-20, 1999. (The 10th annual SHEA Scientific Meeting will be held in conjunction with the fourth decennial International Conference on Nosocomial Infection, which the CDC will cosponsor. This meeting will be in Atlanta at the Marriot Marquis, April 16-19, 2000.)

New CDC/NCID Newsletter on Antimicrobial Use Available Electronically

The next issue of the newsletter (summer 1998; "Careful Antibiotic Use to Prevent Resistance") will be dedicated to healthcare-associated infections. The theme of this issue will be that the distinction between traditional hospital and community settings is changing and that public health issues of antimicrobial resistance cannot be confined to either setting, but rather encompass both.

The newsletter will be available via the Internet (www.cdc.gov/ncid/dbmd/cause.htm), via e-mail (listserv @cdc.gov), with the following in the body of the message "subscribe NCID-CAUSE." For more information call the editors at 404-639-2215.

SHEA 1998 Membership Survey

If you are a SHEA member and have not returned your SHEA membership survey, help us to characterize our membership and its interests better by returning your completed copy today. (If you are a SHEA member and have not received or have misplaced your copy of the survey, please contact SHEA headquarters at 609-423-420 or by e-mail at sheahq@shea.smarthub.com, and they will be happy to provide you with a replacement.

SHEA Scientific Presence at Both IDSA and ICAAC Meetings in 1998

This year, as last, the annual meetings of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapeutics (ICAAC) will be held at different times and in different venues. ICAAC will meet first, in San Diego, California, September 24-27. IDSA will meet November 11-14 in Denver, Colorado. Realizing that large numbers of SHEA members are likely to attend one or the other, if not both, of these meetings, SHEA's leadership, in cooperation with each of the sponsoring organizations, has agreed to cosponsor sessions at each meeting. More details of our cosponsored sessions will be found in upcoming editions of SHEA News or the SHEA Newsletter.

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