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SHEA Strategic Plans for 1997

At the January SHEA Board Meeting, the primary goal of SHEA was re-established to make this organization the recognized source of applied epidemiological science for healthcare quality improvement. With our growing membership of advanced degree healthcare epidemiology professionals, the quality of our publications (*Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* and *Clinical Performance and Quality Healthcare*), our annual meeting, with its increasingly international flavor, our CDC- and IHI-cosponsored courses in hospital and healthcare epidemiology, our officers believe that we are well on our way toward attaining this goal. Please send in suggestions to this news page as to additional ways that our organization can achieve its goal, and they will be brought to the attention of the SHEA Board.

Occupational Exposure to HIV: Late Breaker

Florence Lot, MD, of the Réseau National de Santé Publique, St Maurice, France, directed the investigation of a recently reported (but not yet published) case of orthopedic surgeon-to-patient transfer of HIV infection. She has been added as a speaker to the opening plenary session of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology in St Louis on April 27. That Sunday morning session, "Management of Occupational Exposure to HIV and HCV," will be moderated by David Bell, MD, of the CDC, and Michael Tapper, MD, chair of the SHEA AIDS/TB Subcommittee. Her addition should lead to some timely discussions on the several themes of the session.

Spending the Last Part of Passover in St Louis

When the seventh annual SHEA meeting date originally was set, the planning calendar that was used showed the beginning of Passover, but did not indicate that the holiday is celebrated for 7 or 8 days. By the time that this was brought to the meeting planning committee's attention, alternate dates that would not overlap the holiday were not available. As an accommodation to observant attendees at the meeting, Ann Khorey (telephone 609-845-1720) at the SHEA Meeting Department has located local (St Louis) sources of kosher for Passover dinners. Kosher for Passover box lunches can be requested in advance from Ms. Khorey to be provided to meeting attendees, and coffee breaks will have a kosher Passover area. (A new planning calendar showing the ends, as well as the beginnings, of springtime religious and secular holidays, valid through 2009, has been purchased.)

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