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SHEA Membership Continues to Grow

As the premier organization of advanced-degree epidemiologists, SHEA continues toward the strategic membership goals that were outlined at the January 1996 strategic planning meeting. SHEA membership exceeded 1,200 for the first time in August, prior to the recruitment opportunity represented by the annual SHEA presence at the ICAAC/IDSA meeting in September 1996. The highest recorded degree was an MD or DO for more than 1,100 members; a PhD for more than 50; and a DVM for 1. SHEA now has 13 masters-degree members, each nominated by a SHEA member because of their particular epidemiologic accomplishments (this class of membership is limited by the bylaws to 5% of total membership). Many of our members have dual degrees, particularly MD or RN, plus PhD or MPH.

New Executive Director of SHEA

With a growing organization exceeding 1,200 members, SHEA has determined the need for a new full-time executive director. She is Stephanie Dickenson. Her background is in the association management field with professional societies and trade associations. As part of the Talley Management Group Team, she will provide business leadership to SHEA officers and committees, as well as managing the day-to-day membership, financial, and administrative functions of the Society. Keep tuned. We have solicited an article for the Fall 1996 *SHEA Newsletter* to reflect her views on SHEA's future.

SHEA Position Papers in the Literature and in the Pipeline

Lindsay Nicolle's group's position paper on "Antimicrobial Use in Long-Term–Care Facilities," and Larry Strausbaugh's group's summary of the issues of "Antimicrobial Resistance in Long-Term–Care Facilities," which were both published earlier this year in *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology,* are the 13th and 14th SHEA position papers to be published in our journal since 1988. In the pipeline, under the guidance of the indicated individual, are the following additional topics: "Selection and Interpretation of Molecular Methods for Microbial Typing for Healthcare Epidemiologists," Fred C. Tenover; "Guidelines for the Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance in Hospitals," David Shlaes; "Revision of Management of Health Care Workers Who are Infected by Bloodborne Pathogens," Michael Tapper; and "Infrastructure and Essential Activities of Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control Programs," William Scheckler.

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