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SHEA CME Umbrella Extended to IDSA Annual Meeting

An agreement recently executed by the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) and SHEA allowed SHEA to use its certification by the ACCME to provide CME credit for attendees at the annual IDSA Meeting. With many states and hospitals now requiring specialty-specific CME for re-licensure or re-appointment, this was a positive step for the attendees at the meeting, as well as for all three organizations. Robert Weinstein, MD, former President of SHEA and long-time CME Chair for SHEA, has had a long-standing understanding of the sharp lines that ACCME requires to be maintained between the promotional needs of industry and their financial support of clinical investigation. Now for the duration of this CME relationship, SHEA's chair for CME will serve as a member of the IDSA Annual Program Planning Committee, to the benefit of both organizations.

SHEA/CDC Epidemiology Training Course Wins Award

The SHEA/CDC Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology, now offered twice a year, is intended to provide infection control physicians and practitioners with the most current infection control practices and epidemiological methods in health care. It is now the source of their required training in healthcare epidemiology for virtually all infectious diseases fellows. Because of its success in meeting these needs and in helping to improve the quality of life for all Americans by preventing unnecessary disease, the course recently received the Award of Excellence in the Associations Advance America Program of the American Society of Association Executives. This award is intended to recognize outstanding efforts to make America a better place to live—through public education, economic development, business and social innovation, knowledge creation, standards, and community services. As the American Society of Association Executives pointed out, activities of organizations such as SHEA have a powerful impact on everyday life, but often go unnoticed by the general public.

SHEA Networking Reception

Wyeth Ayerst provided sponsorship that allowed SHEA to charge only a nominal cost ($10 for advance registration, $15 at the door) for a networking reception scheduled to be held at the Infectious Disease Society of America meeting on Saturday, November 14, 6 PM to 8 PM. The reception is for SHEA members and others attending the Infectious Disease Society of America meeting who are interested in SHEA and in sharing in an evening of fellowship with SHEA members.

November SHEA Board Meeting

The next SHEA Board meeting will take place preceding the IDSA meeting in Denver on November 12. Telephone our president, Elias Abrutyn, at 215-762-1028, fax at 215-762-7701, or e-mail, abrutyn@auhs.edu with any urgent issues. A full report of the SHEA Board meeting will appear in the next issue of the *SHEA NewsLetter.*

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