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SHEA Membership Growth Report

SHEA membership growth during the 1990s was presented at the SHEA annual business meeting, during the recent seventh SHEA Annual Meeting in St Louis, Missouri (Figure). In 1996, the last year for which we have complete figures, new members outnumber nonrenewals by more than 2:1. So far in 1997, we have 14 new members in the category of active membership/master's degree, with several more waiting to be acted on at the fall board meeting in San Francisco. This newest category of SHEA membership is described in our membership brochure and on our web site at http://www.medscape.com/SHEA.

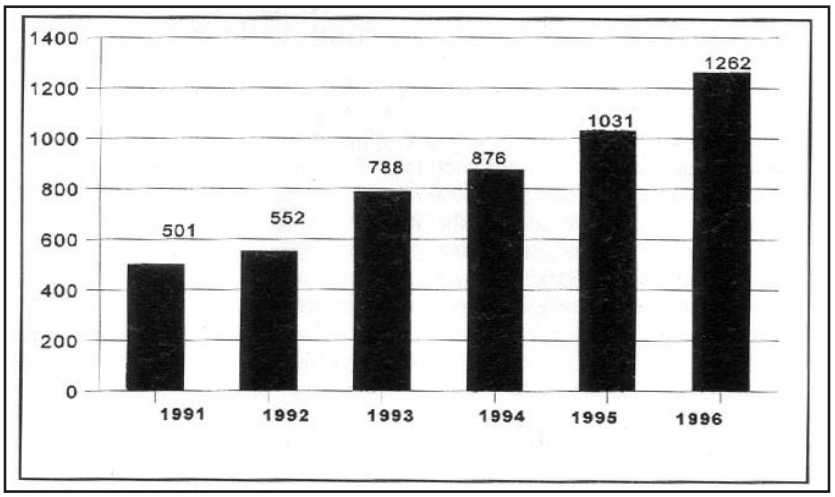


FIGURE. SHEA membership growth.

SHEA Cosponsors Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases

The International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases, March 8-11, 1998, will convene in Atlanta, Georgia, to encourage the exchange of scientific and public health information on global emerging infectious disease issues, highlight programs and activities that address emerging infectious disease threats, identify program gaps, increase emerging infectious disease awareness in the public health and scientific communities, and enhance partnerships in addressing emerging infectious diseases.

The meeting will consist of plenary sessions and symposia with invited speakers, as well as oral and poster presentations based on the submission of an accepted abstract. Major topics will include current work on surveillance, epidemiology, research, communications and training, and prevention and control of emerging infectious diseases, as well as topics related to emergency preparedness and response. Abstracts should address new, reemerging, or drug-resistant infectious diseases that affect human health, including foodborne diseases; tropical diseases; sexually transmitted diseases; infectious respiratory disease; infectious diseases transmitted by animals and arthropods; infections acquired in healthcare settings; infectious diseases of infants and children; infectious diseases in immunodeficient persons; infectious diseases in minority and other at-risk populations; blood safety; and xenotransplantation. Abstract submission deadline is October 31, 1997. Proceedings of the conference will be published in the *Emerging Infectious Diseases Journal.*

Request information on abstract submission, registration, and exhibit opportunities by e-mail to meetinginfo@asmusa.org or call 202-942-9248.

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