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Registration for SHEA Meeting Easier in Advance

April 4 is the closing date for advance registration for the seventh SHEA annual meeting, which will be held in St Louis, April 27-29, 1997. Registration until then is possible, using major credit cards, by faxing to 609-853-0411. Hotel registration must be done separately at the Adams Mark Hotel, telephone 314-241-7400. Registration forms are available from SHEA, 609-845-1720, or may be downloaded from SHEA's own web site at www.medscape.com/SHEA.*

SHEA Continues to Grow

SHEA welcome participation by clinicians and scientists in internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery, and microbiology. It welcomes as members all qualified individuals working in, or interested in, healthcare epidemiology. Membership brochures are available from our web site, www.medscape.com/SHEA,* or may be requested from SHEA headquarters, 609-845-1636. At its recent meeting, the SHEA board streamlined the membership application process for individuals who hold nondoctoral advanced degrees. Two letters of recommendation from any active SHEA member, and three publications related to healthcare epidemiology in peer-reviewed journals, submitted to SHEA headquarters will be acted on at the next board meeting (January, April, or September).

Web Sites of Epidemiological Interest

Internet sites dedicated to health, epidemiology, and informational systems continue to grow at an almost exponential rate. The web has become a timely source of commentaries on many subjects of interest to our members. For instance, the current issue of *Emerging Infectious Diseases* (www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/vol12no4/fidler.htm*) briefly reviews an American Bar Association program on "Law and Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases." Evidently, the legal community has developed a heightened awareness that emerging infectious diseases pose a considerable challenge to existing laws, regulations, and treaties at the local, national, and international levels. The Naval Medical Research and Development Command has developed a health sciences and epidemiology site (mac088.nhrc.navy.mil/Default.htm), which lists research studies involving Persian Gulf syndrome, HTLV I and II, respiratory diseases, and resistant microbial pathogens. The site also provides a point of contact for visitors who wish additional information on these activities.

The WHO Statistical and Information System (WHOSIS) Web site (www.who.ch/whosis/whosis.htm) provides access to statistical and epidemiological data from the World Health Organization and other electronic links. The WHOSIS site allows the user to search (by key word) the entire WHO Web site, which includes data on mortality, immunization reports, emerging diseases, and other health-related information through global linkages. Columbia University, Department of Informatics, with the New York City Bureau of Tuberculosis Control, has developed a tuberculosis resource web site (www.cpmc.columbia.edu/tbcpp/). While the site was developed as a patient resource (Spanish text option), there is an extensive electronic reference on tuberculosis prevention, detection, and care for healthcare providers. The University of Michigan School of Information and Library Studies has developed a resource for finding information on the Internet dealing with statistical computing, "A Guide to Statistical Computing Resources on the Internet" (asa.ugl.lib.umich...ics/stat_guide_home.html).

**Precede all web addresses with http://.*

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