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British Hospital Infection Society Meeting

The advance program for the Second International Conference of the British Hospital Infection Society is now available. This meeting will be held September 2-6, 1990, in Kensington, London, England. Abstract submission and registration forms and copies of the advance program can be obtained from the Conference Secretariat, c/o Conference Associates Limited, 55 New Cavandish St., London W1M 7RE, England. Telephone (01) 486 0531; FAX (01) 935 7559.

Third Decennial CDC Conference

On this side of the Atlantic, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is offering its Third Decennial International Conference on Nosocomial Infections, July 31 through August 3, 1990, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia. This once-a-decade conference is sponsored by the CDC and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases in cooperation with the American Society for Microbiology (ASM). It is intended for infection control practitioners, hospital epidemiologists, surgeons, critical care specialists, microbiologists, pathologists, researchers, others interested in the etiology, modes of transmission, prevention and control of nosocomial infections, and anyone who enjoys momentous events.

The conference aims to update and review the state of nosocomial infections since the First and Second Conferences, held one and two decades ago. There will be an exchange of information on the AIDS epidemic. The influence of prospective payment systems on nosocomial infections will be discussed. The year 2000 national health objectives will be reviewed. Nosocomial infection control strategies in regions with limited resources will be presented. Finally, areas for future research will be identified.

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations are invited. For more information contact ASM Meetings, 1325 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005 Telephone (202) 737-3600.

Job Market

The Hospital Infections Program, Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC, announces an opening for Chief, Epidemiologic Studies Unit, AIDS Activity. This unit has broad responsibilities for investigating issues related to HIV in hospitals and other healthcare settings. The incumbent will supervise EIS officers and other staff in designing, implementing, analyzing and presenting results of epidemiologic studies and will also be involved in the development of CDC guidelines. Some domestic and international travel will be required. Interested physicians with training and experience in conducting epidemiologic studies and analyzing data should send their curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Mr. William Nelson, Office of Personnel Management, Mail Code D-01, CDC, Atlanta, GA 30333. Additional information about the position may be obtained by contacting David M. Bell, M.D. at (404) 639-1644.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Scientific Systems Section, Information Systems Branch, is seeking an epidemiologist to help develop public health service-wide computerized information systems. The incumbent will join a team that collaborates in the design of mainframe and microcomputer-based systems including, most prominently, WONDER (Wide-ranging On-line Data for Epidemiologic Research), that provides menu-driven access to on-line computerized public health data. The encumbent will take a lead role in selecting new data sets for inclusion in WONDER and will be part of a team that envisions and decides new functions for

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WONDER as well as totally new information systerns (and acronyms). Qualifications include an MD or a PhD in epidemiology or biostatistics, at least two years of work experience, experience with analysis of large data sets and a knack for acronym development. Because this is a nontraditional position, interested applicants are encouraged to discuss it in more detail with Andrew Friede, MD, MPH, Chief, Scientific Systems Section, Information Systems Branch, (Mailstop E-19), Information Management Resources Office, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA 30333.

Definition of SHEA Membership Classes

Two classes of membership exist in SHEA: active membership and associate membership. Associate members do not vote except on such matters that, pursuant to law, require the vote of all classes of membership. Associate membership applicants must hold a doctoral degree and be participating in an appropriate training program in the field of hospital epidemiology.

Applicants for active membership must hold a doctoral degree and should either be the head of a hospital epidemiology program or engaged on a full-time basis as a hospital epidemiologist, or employed by a federal, state or local governmental health agency that has a direct interest in hospital epidemiology. Applicants holding a doctoral degree but not meeting either of the above qualifications may be considered for membership, providing they work in the field of hospital epidemiology.

All applications for membership shall be initiated in writing by the candidate for membership and once reviewed by the SHEA secretary, shall be submitted for consideration to the board of trustees. The majority of the vote of the board of trustees is required for acceptance of all applicants.

Items of interest for the SHEA Newsletter should be sent to Robert A. Weinstein, MD, SHEA Newsletter Editor, Division of Infectious Diseases, Michael Reese Hospital, Lake Shore Drive at 31st St., Chicago. IL 60616. Copy must be typed, double-spaced and may not exceed five pages.

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