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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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