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Update on Sixth Annual Meeting

Because of the large number of high-quality abstracts submitted, sessions have been scheduled to run concurrently, four each morning and three each afternoon, during the first 2 full days of the Sixth Annual Meeting of SHEA, scheduled for April 21-23, 1996, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. A deliberate decision was made by the program committee to schedule the state-of-the-art symposia for the slots distinct from those allotted to the sessions at which the 220 original scientific papers will be presented.

Of the original material, 84 papers will be given as slide presentations and the remainder as posters.

An additional feature of the meeting will be breakfast served with the morning Meet-the-Consultants programs, with the only added cost being that of the food served.

To determine the availability of late and on-site registration, contact SHEA Meetings Dept, telephone (609) 845-1720, fax (609) 853-0411.

SHEA Board and Strategic Planning Meetings

A SHEA Strategic Planning Meeting was held in conjunction with the winter meeting of the SHEA Board of Trustees. Planning issues addressed the development of action plans to augment SHEA's local and national visibility, as well as to broaden the membership base to include healthcare epidemiologists and professionals who focus on issues not limited to infectious diseases.

The board meeting, which followed the planning session, focused on means by which the financial condition of SHEA can be strengthened, as well as streamlining the structure of our organization.

The work to establish SHEA as an ACCME-accredited organization was discussed, and, following the site visit that occurred late in 1995, a decision on provisional accreditation is expected in April. SHEA will need to establish a new ACCME Committee to oversee the implementation of our CME activities.

To facilitate electronic communication, an Internet home page is planned for the near future. At present, the e-mail address for reaching the SHEA headquarters is 103021.3456@compuserv.com.

Liaison Reports: From the American Society for Quality Control

David Birnbaum, PhD, MPH, liaison to ASQC, reports that Chip Caldwell, vice-president of the Juran Institute, will be the editor of ASQC's Healthcare series, whose aim will be to present timely, practical works on quality in health care as concerned with cost reduction, rapid results, community health, and linking of quality management to an integrated healthcare delivery system. ASQC is soliciting authors for this series. For further information, contact Kelley Cardinal at ASQC, PO Box 3005, Milwaukee, WI 53201-3005, telephone (800) 248-1946, e-mail kcardinal@asqc.org.

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