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# SHEA News

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## Renewed Management Contract for SHEA

The SHEA Board of Directors, after a detailed and exhaustive evaluation process, has chosen to renew its relationship with Talley Management, to manage the affairs of SHEA. Stephanie Dickinson, who has an extensive background with both professional societies and trade associations, is the new Executive Director for SHEA. Her role will be to provide business leadership to SHEA Officers and Committees, as well as day-to-day management of our membership, financial, and administrative functions. She can be reached at 609-845-1636.

Details from our elected officers concerning the process by which SHEA has chosen Talley to continue to manage our organization, as well as more information from our executive director, will appear in the Winter SHEA Newsletter.

## SHEA-CDC Epidemiology Training Course

The popular "Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology," cosponsored by SHEA and the CDC, will be held May 17-20, 1997, at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel in Atlanta. The course is a comprehensive introduction to epidemiologic methods and is designed for practicing hospital epidemiologists. It also is particularly useful for fellows in infectious diseases training programs who wish to have an opportunity to solve real-life hospital problems using hands-on exercises. The cost of tuition for the three and one-half day program is still $350 for physicians who are fellows in infectious disease training programs and $495 for others. Please contact SHEA, at 609-845-1636, for the course brochure and registration materials. Contact the hotel directly, at 404-892-6000, for room reservations at the SHEA conference rate of $130 per night.

*Brief items of interest for the SHEA News or Newsletter may be sent to Murray D. Batt, MD, SHEA News Editor, Washoe Medical Center, 77 Pringle Way, Reno NV 89520; fax (702) 328-4797.*

## SHEA's Handbook for Epidemiologists Available Soon

Drs. Loreen Herwaldt and Michael Decker are co-editing this source of practical advice on hospital epidemiology. In addition to the basics of infection control and surveillance, there will be chapters on noninfectious outcomes, quality assessment, and legal matters that need to be considered when designing an epidemiology program or contracting with a hospital. The expected price for this softback book will be $39.95, when the book is published in Spring 1997. Further material on the book is available from SLACK, Inc. To obtain a descriptive brochure or for prepublication orders, call 800-257-8290 or 609-848-1000, fax 609-853-5991, or e-mail <orders@slackinc.com>.

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