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1997 SHEA Annual Meeting To Be Held in St. Louis

The meeting brochure for the 7th Annual SHEA meeting is available on the SHEA Web-Page (see box), or by request from SHEA at (609) 845-1636.

C. Glen Mayhall, MD, Chairman of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, has suggested that we highlight in this news page the Point-Counterpoint Session that is scheduled for the opening session on Sunday afternoon. Dr. V.W. Greene of Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Israel and Marimargaret Reichert of Reichert Consulting will argue the pros and cons of reuse of single use medical devices.

It is also worth nothing that there are four pre-meeting workshops scheduled on Saturday, April 26, on topics of VRE/MRSA, CDC/HICPAC Guidelines, CQI, and Pediatric Healthcare Epidemiology.

New Leaders for SHEA in 1997

Dr. Robert A. Weinstein, Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Cook County Hospital in Chicago and Chairman of the American Hospital Association's technical panel on infections within hospitals, is the new president of SHEA for 1997. Dr. Bill Martone, Executive Director of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, is the past president. President-elect for 1998 is Dr. Eli Abrutyn, Chief of Infectious Diseases at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Philadelphia and Associate Editor of the *Annals of Internal Medicine.* SHEA councilors for 1997 are Dr. Victoria Fraser, of St. Louis, Missouri, and Dr. Rebecca Wurtz, of Chicago, Illinois. A complete list of SHEA officers, committees, and committee chairs is located on the SHEA Website.

SHEA on World Wide Web

For SHEA members and others with Internet access, the address <http://www.medscape.com/SHEA> will access the SHEA Website. Sections on the site provide information on the annual meeting, membership benefits, Who's Who (in SHEA), courses that SHEA is sponsoring, as well as links to related topics. Dr. John Sellick, Jr, Chair of the SHEA Publications Committee, has been instrumental in getting this site operational.

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.

Benefits of SHEA Membership

SHEA dues are applicable for the calendar year. The criteria for membership are available in our new membership brochure, which is available on our WebPage or from SHEA headquarters by telephoning 609-845-1636. SHEA has two official journals: *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* and *Clinical Performance and Quality Healthcare.* The annual cost of these two journals bought separately is $194. The $125 membership dues for 1997, in addition to the journals, pay for the cost of the current resource-membership directory and the (usually) quarterly *SHEA Newsletter,* each of which facilitates networking with colleagues and enables discounted registration at the annual meetings and other educational programs offered by SHEA or by SHEA in collaboration with organizations such as the CDC, IDSA, and IHCI. The dues also support the work of the SHEA committees, as well as the continued production of SHEA position papers, an index of which is highlighted in the current *SHEA Newsletter.*

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