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Annual Meeting

SHEA's sixth annual scientific meeting will be held on April 21-23, 1996, in Washington, DC. The annual meeting planning committee, led by Glen Mayhall, MD, and Barry Farr, MD, again has crafted an excellent program mix of plenary sessions, symposia, and presentations of scientific papers, posters, and "late-breaker" abstracts. In addition, the committee has planned several Meet the Consultant breakfast sessions for Monday, April 22, as well as four pre-meeting workshops on Saturday afternoon, April 20.

Although the closing date for receipt of abstracts to be presented at the meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 1996, a limited number of late-breaker abstracts on recent investigations or studies of national importance will be accepted until February 23.

Early (and pre-) registration closes on March 29, 1996; after this date, the registration fee goes up by $25 for on-site registration. There are a series of discounted rates for SHEA members, associate members, fellows in training, and infection control practitioners. Additional copies of the registration brochure and abstract form are available from SHEA, telephone (609) 845-1720, or fax (609) 853-0411.

Changes at AHA

As it focuses on its core interest of supporting community-based healthcare delivery, the AHA has decided to end its in-house infection control program, which had been directed for the past 8 years by Gina Pugliese, RN, MS. The pioneering role of the AHA (along with the CDC) in calling attention to nosocomial infections, prior to the formation of SHEA or APIC, as well as many of AI-IA's accomplishments in infection control, were summarized in ***Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology*** in April 1994. Ms. Pugliese continues her work on infection control issues as a vice president with Sullivan Kelly and Associates, a national healthcare consulting firm in Chicago.

Additional Role for Our President

Effective August 17, 1995, the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NFID) at the CDC detailed William Mat-tone to the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. Dr. Mat-tone was appointed as the new Senior Executive Director of NFID, and, in the September 1995 ***Double Helix,*** was described as being in . . . "a unique position to serve the NFID and the CDC in their efforts to control and prevent new and reemerging infectious diseases." Certainly his role this year as president of our society will be synergistic with these goals.

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