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HICPAC/SHEA/APIC/IDSA Hand Hygiene Task Force

The HICPAC/SHEA/APIC/IDSA Hand Hygiene task force (chair: John M. Boyce) met during the recent SHEA meeting in Toronto. The members (John M. Boyce, Barry M. Farr, William R. Jarvis, Elaine L. Larson, Maryanne McGuckin, Didier Pittet, Carol O'Boyle, Jane Siegel, Marjorie Underwood, and Jolynn Zeller) reviewed the most recent hand-hygiene-guideline draft prepared by Drs. Boyce and Pittet, and discussed a number of issues regarding its content and format.

In the weeks following the SHEA meeting, members of the task force sub-

mitted a number of comments that were incorporated into the first complete draft, which was presented to HICPAC at their meeting in Atlanta on May 8. HICPAC members suggested a number of revisions that will be made in the coming weeks.

When appropriate revisions have been made to the draft, it will be sent to the CDC, where it will be submitted for publication in the *Federal Register* (SHEA members will be notified of that event). Following its publication in the *Federal Register*, the public will have 45 days to comment. At the same time the document is sent to the CDC for publication in the *Federal Register*, it will be forwarded to the Boards of SHEA, APIC, and IDSA for their input. After responding to public comments and suggestions from the sponsoring societies, a final draft will be prepared and will be presented to HICPAC in October, 2001, in hopes that it will be approved at that time and then readied for publication and dissemination.

European SHEA/ CDC/ESGNI Course

For the third time, the SHEA-CDC-ESGNI training course in hospital epidemiology will be held in Europe. This year's course will be in Brugge, Belgium, November 7-10. Trainers of the course are recruited from SHEA, the CDC, and ESCMID's (European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases) Study Group on Nosocomial Infections (ESGNI). For contact information, please see the calendar.

Calendar

Sep 19-21. Moving Mountains: ICPs positioned for change. APIC-Virginia 26th Educational Conference. Lynchburg, VA. Info: kathy.bailey@centrahealth.com.

Sep 22-25. 41st International Conference on Antimicrobial Agents & Chemotherapy. Chicago, IL. Info: www.asmsa.org.

Sep 24-25. Seventh Annual Healthcare Facility Construction Management: Indoor Air Quality Workshop. Minneapolis, MN. Info: Shirley Mueffelmann, 612-624-4754 or www.dehs.umn.edu/iaqconf.html.

Sep 27-28. Second Infection in the Immunocompromised Child. Dublin, Ireland. Info: icms@dial.pipex.com.

Oct 11-12. Seventh Annual Infectious Disease Educational Associates (IDEAS) Conference on Infectious Diseases and Infection Control. Harrisburg, PA. Info: Nancy Gibson, 412-656-4064.

Oct 14-17. Resistance to Antimicrobial Agents. Cannes, France. Info: omega@omegastudio.com.

Oct 18-20. Trends in Invasive Fungal Infections 6. Prague, Czech Republic. Info: www.tifconference.co.uk or tifi@concorde-uk.com.

Oct 24-27. Third International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control and 10th Annual Conference of the Egyptian Society of Infection Control. Cairo, Egypt. Info: ossama_rasslan@hotmail.com or rumnrtvl@link.net.

SHEA Internet Committee

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- A new "Members Only" section featuring an online member directory, access to board and committee reports, as well as other important society information;
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- Breaking news and stories of interest to healthcare epidemiologists;
- Career opportunities and announcements;
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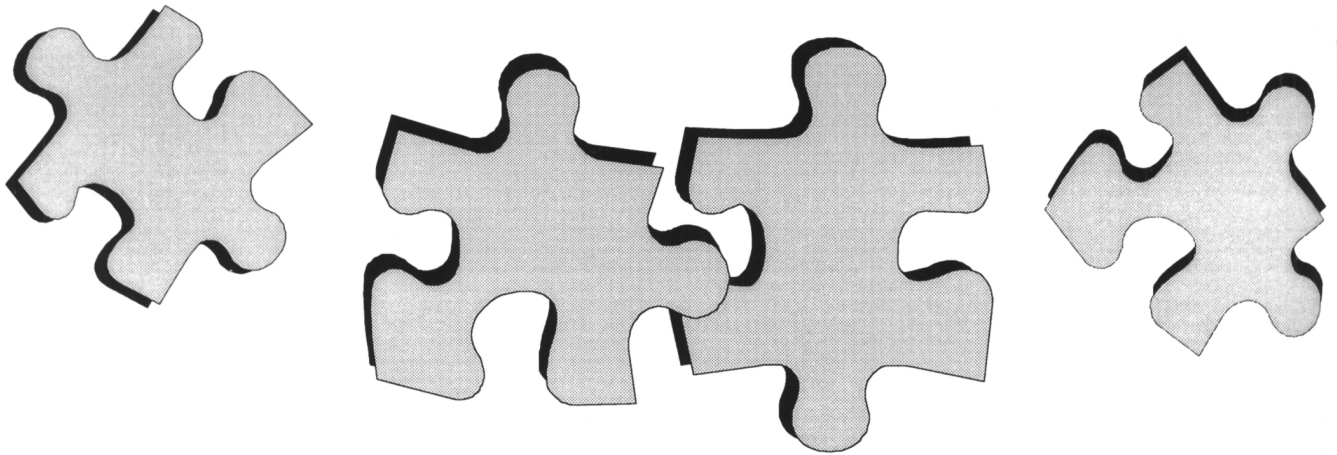
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SHEA has more than 1200 members from 29 countries that are active in SHEA and in infection control in their own countries.

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