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New SHEA Internet Committee

Using the Internet, especially the World Wide Web and e-mail, has become a given for many professionals. SHEA, like many organizations, has been slowly but steadily improving its web presence. Most recent examples include the complete redesign of the web site and the on-line meeting registration and abstract submission capabilities. As part of this process, the SHEA Board has approved the formation of an Internet Committee as a standing committee of the board. The overall mission of this new committee is to

assist SHEA further in using the Internet to provide useful information and services to its membership. The committee was organized last fall and has been generating ideas on how to use the Internet to meet the needs of the SHEA membership. These ideas include providing content from the Annual Meeting; posting minutes from board and committee meetings for interested members to review; and providing easier methods of communication with the SHEA officers, committee chairs, and Talley Management. One of the first projects of the committee is to organize an on-line SHEA directory for members' use.

Current members of the Internet Committee are Paul Graman, Ron Hattis, Walter Heirholzer, Belinda Ostrowsky, and Jerry Tokars. The committee is chaired by Keith Woeltje. The Internet

Committee welcomes all suggestions, ideas, and constructive criticisms from SHEA members. Please send your comments to any committee member, or send them directly to Keith at kwoeltje@mail.mcg.edu.

New Draft Federal Guidelines for Xenotransplantation

On January 19, 2001, the Food and Drug Administration issued the Public Health Service "Guideline on Infectious Disease Issues in Xenotransplantation." The guideline can be obtained from the FDA web site at <http://www.fda.gov/cber/gdlns/xenophs0101.htm>.

Calendar

Jun 24-27. International Congress on Sexually Transmitted Infections. Berlin, Germany. Info: berlin@cpb.de.

Jun 27-29. Sixth International Symposium on Modern Concepts in Endocarditis and Cardiovascular Infections. Sitges (Barcelona), Spain. Info: barcelona@geyseco.com.

Jun 30-Jul 3. 22nd International Congress of Chemotherapy. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Info: icc@eurocongres.com.

Sep 16-19. Antimicrobial resistance: a multidisciplinary approach to solutions and containment. Monte Carlo, Monaco. Info: eacsr@tin.it.

Sep 22-25. 41st International

Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. Chicago, IL. Info: <http://www.asmsa.org>.

Sep 27-28. Infection in the immunocompromised child. Dublin, Ireland. Info: icms@dial.pipex.com.

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

Oct 21-24. International Meeting on Antimicrobial Chemotherapy in Clinical Practice. Portofino, Italy. Info: mattba@tin.it.

Oct 24-27. Third International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control and the Tenth Annual Conference of the Egyptian Society of

Infection Control. Cairo, Egypt. Info: Prof. Ossama Rasslan (fax, 20-2-684-6899).

Oct 25-28. 39th Annual Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. Info: info@idsociety.org.

Nov 5-7. Conjoint National Education Conference of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association—Canada, Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, and the Canadian Infectious Diseases Society. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Info: chicacda@mb.sympatico.ca.

Dec 3-5. Resistant gram-positive infections. San Antonio, TX. Info: unit@netvision.net.il.

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