

# SHEA News

## THE SOCIETY FOR HEALTHCARE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF AMERICA

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Dale N. Gerding, MD	<b>ACADEMIC COUNCILOR</b>	Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH
<b>PRESIDENT-ELECT</b>	William R. Jarvis, MD	<b>ACADEMIC COUNCILOR</b>	Trish Perl, MD
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Barry Farr, MD	<b>PRACTICE COUNCILOR</b>	Barbara Wade, MD
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	John Boyce, MD	<b>PRACTICE COUNCILOR</b>	Alan Tice, MD
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Larry J. Strausbaugh, MD	<b>INTERNATIONAL COUNCILOR</b>	Didier Pittet, MD
<b>TREASURER</b>	Loreen A. Herwaldt, MD		

## PMI Initiative Update

At present, the Project to Monitor Indicators (PMI) initiative is responding to an AHRQ priority area looking at medication errors in hospitals. PMI proposes a trial to "Reduce Antimicrobial Prophylaxis Errors" (TRAPE) in 32 to 50 hospitals. The

proposal was prepared by Steve Solomon, MD, Bryan Simmons, MD, Peter Gross, MD, John Burke, MD, Steve Kritchevsky, PhD, and Barbara Braun, who presently seek SHEA's official support of the project.

## Spotted the Site?

The HARMONY website is now live: <http://www.phls.co.uk/International/Harmony/Harmony.htm>.

Have a look at what this European group has been doing in infection control, antimicrobial prescribing, susceptibility testing, and MRSA typing during the past year.

The World Health Organization recently published the following document: Guidelines for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Healthcare Facilities in Resource-Limited Settings. For further information, check the WHO 2000 web site (<http://who.int/gtb/publications/healthcare/index.htm>).

## European Training Course

Last chance to plan your trip to Europe this summer and to see more than the mountains and lakes of Switzerland or your Swiss bank account: the European SHEA/CDC/ESGNI training course in

Hospital Epidemiology will be held August 25-29, 2000, at the Cartigny Meeting Center, Geneva, Switzerland.

For further information, please contact [eurohospepi@hcuge.ch](mailto:eurohospepi@hcuge.ch).

## Calendar

**Jul 16-19.** Second International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases. Atlanta, GA. Info: <http://www.asmsa.org/mtgsrc/iceid99main.htm>.

**Aug 2.** 20th Anniversary Educational Conference of the Nebraska Infection Control Network. Omaha, Nebraska. Info: [vhelget@nhsnet.org](mailto:vhelget@nhsnet.org).

**Aug 6-8.** Fifth Frontline Healthcare Workers Safety Conference. Washington, DC. Info: <http://www.frontlinefoundation.org>.

**Aug 25-29.** SHEA/CDC/ESGNI training course in hospital epidemiology. Geneva, Switzerland. Info: [eurohospepi@hcuge.ch](mailto:eurohospepi@hcuge.ch).

**Sep 2-5.** Medinfo 2001. London, UK. Info: [www.medinfo2001.org](http://www.medinfo2001.org).

**Sep 6-9.** Fifth International

Meeting on Bacterial Epidemiological Markers. Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. Info: [congres.care@wxs.nl](mailto:congres.care@wxs.nl).

**Sep 16.** Global Resistance Day. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Info: [meetingsinfo@asmusa.org](mailto:meetingsinfo@asmusa.org).

**Sep 17-20.** 40th International Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Info: [meetingsinfo@asmusa.org](mailto:meetingsinfo@asmusa.org).

**Sep 20-22.** 10th Annual Conference of Essentials of Infection Control. Jefferson City, MO. Info: <http://www.mhanet.com>.

**Sep 26-29.** International Conference on Legionella. Ulm, Germany. Info: <http://www.uni-ulm.de/legionella>.

**Oct 11-13.** Capitalizing on the Challenge to Infection Control. 25th

Annual Educational Conference of the American Practitioners in Infection Control. Richmond, VA. Info: Shirley Davis, 804-828-2121.

**Oct 12-13.** Sixth Annual Infectious Disease Educational Associates. Harrisburg, PA. Info: Nancy Gibson, 412-656-4065.

**Oct 17.** Sixth Annual Healthcare Facility Construction Management. Indoor Air Quality Workshop. Minneapolis, MN. Info: [cploetz@cce.umn.edu](mailto:cploetz@cce.umn.edu).

**Oct 29-Nov 2.** 49th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Houston, TX. Info: <http://www.astmh.or>