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SHEA News

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Clinical Performance and Quality Health Care

Clinical Performance and Quality Health Care will cease publication with the next issue. The journal was successful in many ways and was an important venue for the dissemination of research results. It had a loyal audience and an outstanding

editorial board. The journal became fully indexed in MEDLINE this year. Unfortunately, it was not profitable. The publisher and the Society supported the journal, but eventually found themselves unable to continue to underwrite the cost.

SHEA Course in Hospital Epidemiology

Last chance (this year) to sign up for SHEA's intensive training programs in hospital epidemiology.

The SHEA-CDC course will be held on October 16-19, 1999, in

Dallas, Texas. The SHEA-ESGNI course will start on October 29, in Julianadorp, The Netherlands. For contact information, see the "Calendar" section.

Spotted the Site?

Have a look at the Canadian Infectious Disease Society web site: <http://cids.medical.org>. By choosing "Links" from the home page, you get access to things such as the *Canadian Journal of Infectious Disease* or the home page of the Canadian Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the United States, there has been a tidal wave of interest in safe needle devices. Ed Krisiunas from Burlington, Connecticut, advises those with interest in safe needle devices to have a look at the California Department of Health Services, Occupational Health Division, and the University of California School of

Nursing web site (<http://www.ohb.org/sharps.htm>), which provides many interesting links.

If you wondered where some people got the funny pictures for their slides, have a look at <http://www.cobbaut.be/funpics.html>. At "miscellaneous—didn't wash hands," you will find a "classic" used by a lot of colleagues for their talks on hand hygiene.

By the way, have you created your entries for the hand-hygiene contest? All participants will get copies of the other presentations. The top three will be printed in a future issue of the *SHEA Newsletter*.

Calendar

Oct 11-15. 14th Annual Lancefield International Symposium on Streptococci and Streptococcal Diseases. Auckland, New Zealand. Info: <http://www.cmsl.co.nz/liss>.

Oct 14-16. Trends in Invasive Fungal Infections. Valetta, Malta. Info: tifi@concorde-uk.com.

Oct 16-19. SHEA-CDC course. Dallas, TX. Info: 856-423-7222, ext 350.

Oct 18-21. APIC's Fall ICE I course. Savannah, GA. Info: <http://www.apic.org>.

Oct 23-27. Fifth International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Info: <http://www.icaap99.org.my>.

Oct 27-30. International Meeting on Antimicrobial Chemotherapy in Clinical Practice. Genoa, Italy. Info: congress_studio@multimedia.it.

Oct 29-Nov 2. European SHEA/ESGNI Training Course. Ooghduyne, The Netherlands. Info: a.voss@mmb.azn.nl.

Nov 2-6. Second World Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases. Manila, Philippines. Info: 1161170@compuserve.com.

Nov 10. APIC's software course. Ft Lauderdale, FL. Info: <http://www.apic.org>.

Nov 18-21. 37th Annual Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. Philadelphia, PA. Info: <http://www.idsociety.org>.

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