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SHEA Members Invited to Participate in Joint Conference

Dear SHEA Member:

We invite you to participate in an exciting conference that will help you discover how you can participate in reducing medical errors and improving patient safety at your own healthcare institution.

SHEA, IDSA, Hackensack (New Jersey) University Medical Center (UMCNJ), the CDC, and other organizations are pleased to present "Effective Strategies for Improving Patient Safety and Preventing Medical Errors in Infectious Diseases," to be held June 28-30, 2001, at

The Fairmont-Chicago. The meeting is sponsored jointly by the UMCNJ Center for Continuing Education in the Health Professions, IDSA, SHEA, and others.

Leaders at the IOM, IDSA, CDC, AHRQ, HCFA, JCAHO, and the FDA, and in industry will tell us how their organizations promote patient safety. The concern is not about bad doctors; it is about good doctors who need better designed healthcare systems in which to work. Large, complex problems require not simple answers but multifaceted solutions. Infectious dis-

ease clinicians, healthcare epidemiologists, infection control practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, administrators, and performance-improvement and quality-improvement staff all will benefit from this valuable conference.

For more information about the conference or to register, please visit IDSA's meetings page at <http://www.idsociety.org/ME/toc.htm>.

We look forward to a truly outstanding conference, and we hope to include you in that experience.

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: j.c.wakefield@ic.ac.uk and 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 & Chemotherapy. Chicago, IL. Info: www.asmsa.org.

Sep 27-28. Second International Conference on Infection in the Immuno-

compromised 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 10th 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. San Francisco, CA. Info: info@idsociety.org.

Nov 5-7. Conjoint National Education Conference of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association-

Canada, the 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.

Links for More Information on Meetings

ASM News
www.asmsa.org

APIC
www.apic.org/html/educ/calendar.html

Emerging Infectious Diseases
www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/announc.htm

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www.isid.org

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