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SHEA News

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Antibiotic-Resistance Coalition

The Antibiotic Resistance Committee approved the formation of a coalition representing government, industry, and various educational societies to support research,

education, and advocacy to reduce antibiotic resistance. The SHEA Board feels it is important for the Society to take a leadership role in forming the coalition.

Contest for Hand Hygiene

To improve hand hygiene (sorry, due to a personal bias, I just cannot write "hand washing" because I do believe in "hand disinfection"), we are always on the lookout for new ideas, posters, logos, or phrases to use for such an action. Any

material aimed to booster hand hygiene can be submitted to this contest. All participants will get copies of the other presentations. The top three will be printed in a future issue of the *SHEA Newsletter*.

European Study Group on Nosocomial Infections

The European Study Group on Nosocomial Infections (ESGNI), a part of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID), just elected its first official executive committee, headed by Emilio

Bouza of Spain. At the present time, ESGNI has approximately 650 members. SHEA already collaborates with this still-growing European group by organizing a joint training course in hospital epidemiology in The Netherlands.

Spotted the Site?

PubMed (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>) is a search tool for the indexed bibliographic database MED-

LINE, with links to other works by a particular author and to other topically related indexed articles.

Calendar

June 6-10. Sixth Annual Conference of the International Society of Travel Medicine. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Info: info@eventsintl.com.

June 17-29. The War Is Not Over. Fifth Annual Symposium on HIV Infection. Toulon, France. For info, fax: 33-1-46407036.

June 20-24. APIC's 26th Annual Educational Conference and International Meeting. Baltimore, MD. Info: <http://www.apic.org>.

June 27-30. Fourth Annual World Congress on Inflammation. Paris, France. Info: chignard@pasteur.fr.

June 30-July 2. Networking for the 21st Century. Seventh Annual Conference on Distance Learning in Public Health. Bellevue, WA. Info: brnbaum@interchange.ubc.ca.

July 4-7. 21st International Congress of Chemotherapy. Birmingham, UK. Info: 21sticc@gardiner-caldwell.com.

August 2-5. APIC's Summer ICE I course. Austin, TX. Info: <http://www.apic.org>.

August 9-11. First International Congress of the Asia Pacific Society of Infection Control. Hong Kong. Info: moreview@mvdmc.com or <http://www.mvdmc.com>.

September 26-29. 39th ICAAC. San Francisco, CA. Info: meetingsinfo@asmusa.org.

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

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