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In Memorium of Jonathan Freeman

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Jonathan Freeman, MD, ScD. Jonathan was a long-time member of SHEA, an outstanding epidemiologist, and one of the Society's leaders in critical thinking and epidemiological methods. Furthermore, he was an enthusiastic, dedicated, and essential participant in the SHEA/CDC training course in Healthcare Epidemiology. His contributions to the science of healthcare epidemiology are renowned and widely quoted. He was a dedicated teacher who continued his work at the Harvard School of Public Health despite his illness. Equally important, he was a dedicated father and hus-

band. A good friend and colleague of many SHEA members, Jonathan will be greatly missed.

SHEA/CDC Course

The SHEA/CDC Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology will be held on May 12-15, 2000, in Jacksonville, Florida. The course covers basic infection control and epidemiological methods in healthcare settings, the epidemiology of healthcare-associated infections (including dialysis), surveillance, epidemic investigation (including three problem sessions), antimicrobial resistance, and an introduction to molecular typing. All of those involved in healthcare epidemiology and infection control are invited to attend.

Federal Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance

A Federal Action Plan to combat antimicrobial resistance (www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/actionplan) was published in June 2000. The draft plan was co-chaired by the CDC; the FDA; the NIH; the AHRQ; the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, and Veterans Affairs; the HCFA; the EPA; and the Health Resources and Services Administration. The plan outlines recommendations for surveillance, prevention and control, research, and product development to improve antimicrobial use and for decreasing antimicrobial resistance.

Calendar

Oct 11-13. Capitalizing on the Challenge to Infection Control, APIC—Virginia 25th Annual Educational Conference. 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.

Oct 29-Nov 2. 49th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Houston, TX. Info: www.astmh.org.

Nov 5-8. Third International Symposium of Nosocomial Infections Today. Venice, Italy. Info: eacsr1@tin.it.

Nov 9-10. Chronic Hepatitis: Advances in Laboratory Testing, Therapy, and Prevention. Philadelphia, PA. Info: hartwig@health.state.pa.us or www.med.upenn.edu/~epaasm.

Nov 13-17. International Conference on Infection Control Meeting of the Infection Control Nurses' Association. Edinburgh, UK. Info: www.icna.co.uk.

Nov 10-14. The Third Pan-American and Seventh Brazilian Congress on Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology. Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Info: abih@mail.com.

Nov 22-24. Third International Meeting on the Therapy of Infections. Florence, Italy. Info: axfr@tin.it.

Dec 3-5. Resistant Gram-Positive Infections. San Antonio, TX. Info: unit@netvision.net.il.

Dec 11-14. Seventh Western Pacific Congress of Chemotherapy and Infectious Diseases. Hong Kong, China. Info: info@mvdmc.com.hk.

Dec 16-17. International Conference on the Analysis and Interpretation of Disease Clusters and Ecological Studies (followed on Dec 18 by a Bayesian software workshop). London, UK. Info: j.c.wakefield@ic.ac.uk.

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