

SHEA News

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SHEA's Newsletter

In June, the SHEA Board approved the idea to move to an electronic newsletter. The summer newsletter will be the last version put out in print. The exact format of the

NosoLINE

NosoLINE is an access-based computer program that was developed for the surveillance of nosocomial infections in Turkey in 1996. It has been supported as a research project by the Turkish Scientific Research Foundation and pharmaceutical

newspaper has yet to be decided, but it probably will consist mainly of recent information and decisions from the board and news flashes, which will be released when the events happen or at least once a month. SHEA members who have ideas about what they would like to see added to the electronic newsletter are welcome to share their ideas with the editor.

companies. The objective was to finish the development of a well-functioning program by 2000. At present, 55 hospitals participate in the project. CDC definitions are used for the diagnosis of nosocomial infections in all participating centers, and almost all centers perform laboratory-based ward liaison surveillance. For more information, email yesimc@domi.com.tr.

1999 *Legionella* Outbreak in The Netherlands

Eurosurveillance Weekly has published an article on the first 48 hours of the investigation of the 1999 *Legionella* outbreak in The Netherlands. The outbreak was blamed on a whirlpool spa on display at a trade show. Of 242 people who visited the large flower show and subsequently became ill, 28 died. Legionnaires' disease was confirmed or considered probable in 192 of the cases and 21 of the deaths. The article is posted at http://www.qnet.net.au/~legion/Legionnaires_Disease_Me.htm.

Calendar

Aug 25-29. SHEA/CDC/ESGNI Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology. Geneva, Switzerland. Info: eurohospepi@hcuge.ch.

Sep 2-5. Medinfo 2001. London, UK. Info: www.medinfo2001.org.

Sep 6-9. Fifth International Meeting on Bacterial Epidemiological Markers. Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. Info: congres.care@wx.nl.

Sep 16. Global Resistance Day. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Info: meetingsinfo@asmusa.org.

Sep 17-20. 40th International Conference on Antimicrobial Agents & Chemotherapy. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Info: meetingsinfo@asmusa.org.

Sep 20-22. Essentials of Infection Control, 10th Annual Conference. 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, 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 29-Nov 2. 49th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Houston, TX. Info: <http://www.astmh.org>.

Nov 5-8. Third International Symposium of Nosocomial Infections

Today. Venice, Italy. Info: eacsrl@tin.it.

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

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

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