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# SHEA News

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## More to Write Than Just Science?

If you belong to the group of SHEA members (or ICHE readers) who not only writes scientific articles but also enjoys writing fiction or nonfiction, please get

in contact with Bob Sherertz at sherertz@wfbmc.edu. Bob has been talking with several people about the possibility of having a special dinner at next year's

SHEA meeting. If there is sufficient interest, he will arrange the dinner. Also, the editor would be happy to publish parts of people's writings in the *SHEA Newsletter*.

## Healthcare Quality Special Interest Group

The SHEA Board has authorized formation of a new Healthcare Quality Special Interest Group and is exploring areas of common interest with the Health Care Division of the American Society for Quality. An inaugural meeting of this special interest group took place during the 4th Decennial International Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, and an e-mail discussion list is proposed. If you have an interest in application of healthcare epidemiology beyond infection control, please consider joining the group. For more information, contact David Birnbaum at birnbaum@interchange.ubc.ca.

## Spotted the Site?

A summary of highlights of the 4th Decennial International Conference is available from the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc, website: <http://www.apic.org/>.

## Calendar

**May 3-5.** 18th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Disease, Neonatal Infections Antimicrobial Practice. Noordwijk, The Netherlands. Info: y.beeuwkes@mmb.azn.nl.

**May 3-5.** First Biennial Conference of the Australian Infection Control Association. Adelaide International, South Australia. Info: aica2000@im.com.au.

**May 7-10.** Third European Congress of Chemotherapy. Madrid, Spain. Info: ecc@congrex.se.

**May 21-25.** 100th American Society of Microbiology General Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. Info: meetingsinfo@asmusa.org.

**May 25-26.** Health Care Workers: Their Health Risks and How to Minimise

Them. Berzelius Symposium No. 52. London, UK. Info: events@roysocmed.ac.uk.

**May 25-27.** Joint Meeting of the Surgical Infection Society Europe and the European Shock Society. Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Info: m.majoor@buro.kun.nl.

**May 28-31.** 10th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. Stockholm, Sweden. Info: eccmid@stocon.se.

**Jun 17-21.** Association for Practitioners in Infection Control meeting. Minneapolis, MN. Info: apicinfo@apic.org.

**Jun 20-24.** Tuberculosis 2000: Past, Present and Future. New York, NY. Info: meetingsinfo@asmusa.org.

**Jul 16-19.** Second International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases. Atlanta, GA. Info: <http://www.asmusa.org/mtgsrcc/iceid99main.htm>.

Have a look at icanPREVENT, where you will find the latest, most comprehensive, authoritative, and user-friendly information on infection prevention, control, and treatment: <http://www.icanprevent.com/>.

Draft outcomes of the UK "EPIC" Project (evidence-based guidelines for

infection control) will be posted for consultation on the Thames Valley University website: <http://www.epic.tvu.ac.uk/>.

The first draft guideline relates to prevention of catheter-associated urinary tract infection and is viewable at <http://www.epic.tvu.ac.uk/epic/draftuc.html>.

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