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### New Co-editor for SHEA News

When I placed a request for co-editorial assistance in the February issue of SHEA News, I did not imagine that a very prominent member of our society, who, at that time, must have been tremendously active organizing the 4th Decennial Conference, would offer his help. I am very pleased to announce that Dr. William R. Jarvis, Chief, Investigation and Prevention Branch, Hospital Infections Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, offered to help. Having someone like Bill, who is physically in touch with what is happening in the United States, certainly will help to find a healthy equilibrium between US and European news.

The work and ideas of Sigrifido Rangel-Frausto and Jan Kluytmans were of great value, and I would like to thank them for their efforts.

### Early Assessment of Health Technologies

The Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology Assessment and the European Network, Euroscan, will co-host a symposium entitled "Early Assessment of Health Technologies: Do the Risks Justify the Benefits?" on October 12-13, 2000, in Ottawa, Canada.

The purpose of this symposium is to act as a catalyst to initiate debate

on issues surrounding the early assessment of health technologies. What are the risks and the benefits? How should early assessments be done? Where do we go from here?

### SHEA/CDC/ESGNI Training Course

After last year's success, the European SHEA/CDC/ESGNI Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology will be repeated in Geneva, Switzerland (August 25-29, 2000. Info: Nadia Colaizzi: eurohospepi@hcuge.ch). Since approximately 50% of the participants from last year's course came from the organizing country, the idea is to rotate this course among northern and southern European countries.

tric Infectious Disease, Neonatal Infections Antimicrobial Practice. Noordwijk, The Netherlands. Info: Y.Beeukkes@mmb.azn.nl.

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

**May 7-10.** Third European Congress of Chemotherapy. Madrid, Spain. Info: ecc@congrx.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: eccmid@stocon.se or apicinfo@apic.org.

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

### Calendar

**Apr 10-13.** Ninth International Congress on Infectious Diseases. Buenos Aires, Argentina. Info: isidbos@aol.com.

**Apr 17-19.** Central Sterilising Club meeting. Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, UK. Info: robertcspencer@bristolphl.freeserve.co.uk.

**May 3-5.** 18th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paedia-