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Investment Policy in Tobacco

Ballots regarding SHEA's investment policy in tobacco-related funds were mailed to all SHEA members with the summer newsletter. Ballots were to be returned by November 2000. SHEA membership supported the proposed motion by a

margin of 80%. The motion approved reads as follows: SHEA's investment policy will include no mutual fund that has more than 10% of its assets in companies that derive 10% of their income from the manufacture or distribution of tobacco.

Reuse of Single-Use Devices

The FDA has just announced that all hospitals reusing single-use devices will be subjected to the same regulations as original equipment manufacturers. Some aspects of this new rule take effect within 3 months.

This is a major new initiative; for affected hospitals, the impact (in terms of policy development and compliance efforts) will be akin to the bloodborne hazards standard or the TB guidances. Key information is

Eurosurveillance

Eurosurveillance is a European Union project dedicated to the surveillance, prevention, and control of infectious and communicable disease. Eurosurveillance produces two bulletins, available from <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/>. These bulletins publish surveillance data from

national institutions and European networks, results of investigations of international outbreaks (or national if they are of European significance) and comparisons of, and developments in, European policies for the surveillance and control of communicable diseases.

Calendar

Jan 9-11. International Symposium on Mycobacterial Diseases: Pathogenesis, Protection, and Control. Calcutta, India. Info: <http://www.boseinst.ernet.in>.

Mar 26-28. 19th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases. Eilat, Israel. Info: espid2001@kenes.com.

Apr 1-4. 11th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. Istanbul, Turkey. Info: <http://www.akm.ch/eccmid>.

Apr 1-3. SHEA's 11th Annual Scientific Meeting. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Info: <http://www.shea-online.org>.

May 7-9. Directions for success: evidence-based health care. Tucson, AZ. Info: carden.asanson.m@ghc.org.

May 20-24. 101st ASM General Meeting. Orlando, FL. Info: www.asmtusa.org.

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