

Frequently Asked Questions

SHEA Meetings in 2012

Q. How many in-person meetings does SHEA offer per year?

A. SHEA sponsors three major meetings each year:

- SHEA Spring Training and Leadership Conference (www.shea2012.org)
- Fellows Course in Healthcare Epidemiology and Infection Control
- IDWeek (www.idweek.org)

Q. What is the SHEA Spring 2012 Conference?

A. This year, SHEA has updated its traditional Training Course to include a broader audience. Registration just opened for our [SHEA Spring 2012: Advancing Healthcare Epidemiology and Antimicrobial Stewardship](#). The training has three tracks:

- Basic Healthcare Epidemiology
- Advanced Methods in Epidemiology
- Antimicrobial Stewardship Leadership Forum

Q. What happened to the SHEA/CDC Training Course?

A. SHEA has updated its traditional training course to include two additional tracks and more programming options.

Q. What other new programming will SHEA Spring 2012 include?

A. The program will also include:

- [The SHEA Epi Project: Advancing Young Investigators in Healthcare Epi Research](#)
- [SHEA Research & Operations Troubleshooting Sessions \(ROoTS\)](#) which includes Opportunities for registrants to submit troubleshooting questions prior to the meeting

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Q. Will there be an exhibit hall at SHEA Spring 2012?

A. There will NOT be a traditional exhibit hall at this meeting. However, we will have satellite symposia, presentation theaters, and open educational galleries. For an [affiliated events guide](#), contact Erica Malik at emalik@shea-online.org

Q. Will SHEA Spring 2012 accept abstract submissions?

A. No. The Spring Conference is a training and networking opportunity, but is not SHEA's traditional scientific meeting. This year, SHEA has partnered with IDSA, PIDS, and HIVMA to hold **IDWeek**. Abstract submissions for **IDWeek** will open in the Fall 2011.

Q. Will SHEA Spring 2012 have any scholarships?

A. SHEA will award up to 16 scholarships for young investigators and infection preventionists and is accepting applications and nominations until November 30, 2011. For more information, go to: <http://www.shea2012.org/scholarships>.

Q. What happened to SHEA's Annual Scientific Meeting and what is IDWeek?

A. This year, SHEA is excited to announce that it will join forces with IDSA, HIVMA, and PIDS to offer a joint annual scientific meeting. **The inaugural IDWeek will take place October 17-21, 2012, in San Diego.**

IDWeek 2012TM is an exciting new venture. With the theme—Advancing Science, Improving Care—**IDWeek** will feature the latest science and bench-to-bedside approaches in prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and epidemiology of infectious diseases, including HIV, across the lifespan.

Q. How will the the four organizations be incorporated into the program?

A. The four organizations have established a joint program planning committee and intend to insure representation of their respective organizations' interests and specialties throughout the conference. Some of the sessions will incorporate all four organizations' perspectives, and each timeslot will hold at least one session representing healthcare epidemiology/infection prevention.

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Q. Will SHEA have its own space?

A. SHEA will have its own conference hotel and will hold SHEA receptions and meet the consultant sessions within its hotel. Further, SHEA members will have their own designation on nametags so they can recognize one another. You can also request a SHEA pin from the membership booth at the meeting, or at the SHEA Spring 2012 meeting.

Q. What will happen to the SHEA awards?

A. SHEA will grant its traditional Scientific Meeting awards at **IDWeek**. SHEA members can apply for four of the awards through the abstract submissions process (see www.idweek.org), and will also be able to apply for the non-abstract related awards through the **IDWeek** website. Nomination forms will be available in early 2012.

Q. Does SHEA offer online educational programs?

A. Yes! You can see SHEA's EPI-Online program on our website under Education. Currently, we offer two courses, with more coming in 2012:

- Fundamentals of Healthcare Epidemiology
- Antimicrobial Stewardship in Practice

Q. I would like to see a digital copy of SHEA's 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting. Where can I get a copy?

A. www.shea2011.com

We also want to note that you can now purchase part of the SHEA meeting rather than the entire conference, or you can purchase a single session.