AAPHP News

News Items

1. AAPHP elections will be held on *** FEBRUARY 21, 2003 ***at the AAPHP Annual Meeting. This meeting is held during the ACPM's Preventive Medicine conference in San Diego. AAPHP members will select a President-Elect and a Vice President to serve in these positions for 2003-2004. Five Trustees will be elected for three-year terms, to serve for 2003-2006.

2. AAPHP's Nominating Committee is seeking additional candidates for the five Board of Trustees positions. The time commitment is about two hours per month, by conference call, plus reading and committee service. Interested members should submit a biographical sketch and statement of interest (maximum 120 words for the combined statement) to Dave Cundiff cundiff@reachone.com by January 31, 2003. These statements will be shared with members before the February 21st election.

3. Young Physicians (those who are either less than 40 years of age, or within five years of the end of their most recent residency) will select one or more members of their AMA delegation at the February 21st meeting. This selection is made by a caucus that is limited to Young Physicians only. Interested candidates may declare their interest to Dave Cundiff by E-mail, so that members may learn of their candidacy in advance; or they may wait until the meeting itself. Dave is happy to discuss this, or any other Nominating Committee issue, by E-mail cundiff@reachone.com or by phone at (360) 867-0949 or (502) 419-6132. (Remember that Dave is on Pacific Standard time -- thanks!)

4. Kim Buttery's recent Internet recommendations. See 3 below.

5. Bio and chemical terrorism training on the WEB (includes CME). See 4 below.

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AAPHP News is sent to members whenever we receive several items of potential interest. Send information for this newsletter to the editor Virginia Dato MD MPH at vmdato@pitt.edu. Please forward this newsletter to physicians who may be interested in joining. A membership application form can be found on our web page http://www.aaphp.org.

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Item 4. Recent emails from Kim Buttery have brought the following gems:

A. The Center for California Health Workforce Studies (CCHWS) has launched a new project http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/cchws/publichealth.html funded by HRSA, which will examine the unique role that health professionals play in local public health departments. The study will focus on the supply, functions, training, recruitment and retention of public health physicians, dentists and nurses, and those with a master’s degree in Public Health (MPH). The final report is expected in September 2003. The CCHWS website is http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/cchws.html


C. More important to our western states that breed more sheep. However,
Pregnant women should avoid contact with sheep
Source: Daily Mirror
Date: 08 January 2003
A snippet warns pregnant women that they should keep away from sheep during lambing because of the risks to their own health and that of their unborn child. Infections such as chlamydia, toxoplasmosis and listeriosis are common causes of abortion in ewes, and can be transferred to humans. Although the number of miscarriages resulting from contact with sheep is very small, women are advised as follows. They should not help to lamb or milk ewes, should avoid contact with aborted or new-born lambs and with the afterbirth, and should not touch clothing or boots which have been in contact with ewes or lambs. The article advises pregnant women to seek medical advice if they experience fever or influenza-like symptoms.

D. Community Acquired Pneumonia.

Immunizations.

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http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/about/advocacy?for=researchers


Item 4. A free internet course; Biological / Chemical Warfare & Terrorism Medical Issues & Response is available at http://www.swankhealth.com/civilmain.html. Free CME credits are provided for this course. After completing the chemical component consider: Nerve Agents and Sulfur Mustard Casualties at the same site.

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