

### Batavia coast study day

As previously discussed, an infection control study day was held in Geraldton on Friday June 9th. The study day was arranged to help meet the needs of rural/remote area members of ICAWA. Three speakers from ICAWA and Dr Maria Yates, a microbiologist from St. John of God Hospital in Subiaco, made the trip to Geraldton, an hour north of Perth by plane (a very small one!) or 5 hours by car.

Sixty five people working in health care attended the study day. The day was hosted by Geraldton Regional Hospital and the staff from the staff education unit and Judy Warner, the hard working infection control nurse at the hospital. The program that was presented was diverse, with topics ranging from *Emerging pathogens including MRSA/VRE to Infection control in child care centres*.

Although the day was a long one, feedback has been very positive and plans are under way to hold another study day later in the year or beginning of 2001 to further meet the needs of our rural/remote association members.

### 18th Annual State Conference

Plans for our state conference are going very well, with Rosie Lee, conference convenor, doing a wonderful job (so wonderful that she will be asked to do it all again next

year!!!). As mentioned previously, the keynote speakers will be Ms Judith Sedgewick from the United Kingdom and Professor Marc Struelens from Belgium. Rosie has published the provisional program, which includes a wide range of topics presented by local health care professionals, plus a 40 minute session on clinical presentations.

### Dr Dennis Maki - education seminar

Due to funding provided by 3M, Becton Dickinson, Gabby Robathan, CNC Infection Control from Princess Margaret Hospital, was fortunate to be able to attend a symposium in Melbourne by Dr Dennis Maki on *Current concepts: pathogenesis, prevention and management of line sepsis*. The primary objectives of the talk were to define line sepsis, review the strategies for prevention and to discuss current concepts of the management of infected intravascular devices.

The talk was well attended with about 200 delegates who provided a range of interesting questions and comments for discussion at the end. A full report of this symposium will be published in the next issue of the ICAWA Newsletter. Gabby would like to thank 3M and Becton Dickinson for their generous sponsorship.

Alison Thrum, state representative

## Diary of events

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### \*\*\*\*\* STATE \*\*\*\*\*

**13 October 2000**

Infection Control Association of WA Inc  
Annual Conference

*Black Friday - Bright Future*

Burswood Resort Casino Convention Centre

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**2-3 November 2000**

Infection Control Association of NSW  
Annual Conference: *Diversity in Practice*  
Newcastle City Hall, NSW

For more information contact: ICANSW or

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**9-11 August 2001**

Infection Control Practitioners Association of  
Queensland (ICPAQ)

3rd Joint Conference with Queensland  
Wound Care Association

*Northern exposure - turning the tide*  
Cairns

For more information contact: ICPAQ

### \*\*\*\*\* NATIONAL \*\*\*\*\*

**10-13 September 2000**

Australian Wound Management Association Inc.

First World Wound Healing Congress

Melbourne Convention Centre, Victoria

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### \*\*\*\*\* INTERNATIONAL \*\*\*\*\*

**13-17 November 2000**

Infection Control Nurse Association (ICNA)

International Conference

Edinburgh, Scotland

Full conference program available on  
[www.icna.co.uk](http://www.icna.co.uk)

**15-18 November 2000**

Nosocomial Infections Conference

Institut Pasteur, Paris, France

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Conference web site:

<http://www.pasteur.fr/applications/euroconf>