

On behalf of the state executive and members of ICAWA, I would like to say a very big "thankyou" to Helen Cadwallader, our President for the last 4 years. Helen has worked tirelessly for the association and for infection control in general and has always been available for advice and encouragement. Helen has agreed to continue her role as the AICA representative for WA.

Very best wishes for the incoming executive committee and the new ICAWA president, Megan Reilly.

### Revised NH&MRC Guidelines

The state executive spent many hours over a 3 week period reviewing and commenting on the draft revised guidelines, Infection control in the health care setting, which were available for public comment during July/August 2000.

### Education

A priority of ICAWA this year has been to organise relevant and interesting education activities for its members. The September education session was very well attended, with a presentation given by Mary King, Clinical Nurse Consultant Continence Advisor, titled *Management of Urinary Catheters: Relevant Infection Control Protocols*. As well as being informative and interesting, the presentation generated much discussion from the attendees.

It is anticipated that the November education session will be as popular and as well attended with the subject being legal issues in infection control.

**Alison Thrum, State Representative**

## Diary of events

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

**2 March 2001**

**Seminar – Issues in Infection Control**  
Macquarie Hampson Sugerman Pathology  
Focussing on concerns related to the private sector  
and smaller facilities  
Sydney, NSW  
Contact Narelle Dean (02) 9598 5053

**9-11 August 2001**

**Northern Exposure – Turning the Tide**  
3rd Joint Conference of the Infection Control Practitioners  
Associations of Queensland and the  
Queensland Wound Care Association  
Cairns, Queensland, Australia  
Tel: (07) 3858 5538  
Fax: (07) 3858 5510  
E-mail: wic01@im.com.au

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

**2-3 April 2001**

**Communicable Diseases Control Conference 2001**  
The Communicable Diseases Network  
Australia New Zealand (CDNANZ)  
Harnessing New Technologies  
Hyatt Hotel, Canberra, Australia

To register your interest or intent to attend, e-mail Consec with your name, company, address, phone and fax details: [diseases@consec.com.au](mailto:diseases@consec.com.au).

(This conference will be held in conjunction with the Master of Applied Epidemiology Conference titled **Charting New Directions** to be held on 1-2 April 2001).

**7-11 April 2001**

**Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases - Annual Scientific Meeting**

Sheraton Towers, Southgate, Melbourne, Vic  
Topics include: opportunistic infection, prosthetic joint infection and osteomyelitis, *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, mycosis and vaccine development.

Conference organisers: Dart Associates  
Tel: (02) 9418 9396

E-mail: [dartconv@mpx.com.au](mailto:dartconv@mpx.com.au)

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

**10-14 June 2001**

**Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology: 28th Annual Educational Conference and International Meeting**

Seattle, Washington

Tel: (1) 202 789 1890

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Website: [www.apic.org](http://www.apic.org)

**15-18 September 2001**

**Fifth International Conference of the Hospital Infection Society**

Edinburgh, Scotland

Conference Secretariat: Concorde Services

HIS 2002, Glasgow, Scotland

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