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2010 APHA National Congress – Presentations and Photos

Presentations from the 2010 APHA National Congress can be accessed from the APHA website homepage, www.apha.org.au.

Photos from the 2010 APHA/Baxter awards are available for viewing and for purchase online. Go to www.apha.org.au to view them.

Second Tier Advisory Committee Meeting

The next Second Tier Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Friday 26 November 2010. The closing date for applications is Friday 5 November 2010. Please note that applicants are required to submit 9 stapled copies of their application to:

Second Tier Advisory Committee
Secretariat

c/o Department of Health and Ageing

MDP 401 GPO Box 9848 CANBERRA ACT 2601

Information which must be included in applications is outlined in the Second Tier Default Benefit – Sample Application Guide 2010 located on APHA website at: www.apha.org.au. Select Advocacy; Resources; Second Tier Default Benefits – Sample Application Guide 2010.

New Directors for HESTA Board

This week HESTA announced the following new board directors.

Angela Emslie (nominated by VECCI) January 1 2011 – December 31 2016 (reappointment)

Richard Royle (nominated by APHA) January 1 2011 – December 31 2016 (replacing Denis Hogg)

Jay Bonnington (nominated by CHA) January 1 2011 – December 31 2015 (replacing Don Good)

Yvonne Chaperon (nominated by ANF) October 29 2010 – December 31 2011 (replacing Ged Kearney)

APHA congratulates Richard Royle, CEO of UnitingCare Health on his appointment to the HESTA board.

Report of National *Clostridium difficile* Infection Workshop

On Friday 20 August, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) sponsored a National *Clostridium difficile* Infection Workshop. The main objectives of the workshop were to provide an understanding of hypervirulent strains of CDI, an overview of the prevalence of CDI and to discuss strategic options to prevent hypervirulent CDI from gaining a foothold in Australia. The topics covered were:

- Infection Control Issues
- Notifiability
- Implications for aged care and residential care facilities
- Coordination between jurisdictions
- Definition of hospital CDI
- Laboratory testing
- Australian *Clostridium difficile* infection Point Prevalence Survey
- Priorities for action

As a result of this workshop, a report has been written by the Commission and provided for consultation. This report has now been finalised and will be available for download from the Commission website, along with other materials discussed at the workshop including presentations from key speakers. To access these materials along with other Commission publications visit:

http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/PriorityProgram-03_NatSurveillance.