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## In Memoriam: Alexander D. Langmuir, Pioneer in the Epidemiologic Sciences

Dr. Alexander D. Langmuir died November 22, 1993 at his home in Baltimore. He was 83. Dr. Langmuir was founder of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS), where he served as director for twenty years. The organization founded by Dr. Langmuir has been responsible for the training of 2,200 epidemiologists in the past 42 years. His development, promotion, and implementation of the concept of population based surveillance with rapid response to prompt diseases reporting

"...unveiled to the slowly awakening medical community the scientific vigor and utility of the epidemiologic method in public health" (Dr. Michael Gregg, *EIS Bulletin* December 1993.)

Preceding and subsequent to his career at the CDC, Dr. Langmuir taught at Johns Hopkins University, where he remained active until shortly before his death. His family requested that donations in his memory be sent either to the fund bearing his name at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, 615 N. Wolfe St., Suite 1604-A,

Baltimore, MD 21205, or to the Atlanta International Health Fellowship at the Emory School of Public Health, 1599 Clifton Rd., Atlanta, GA 30329.

A special tribute to Dr. Langmuir is planned for the 1994 EIS Conference at the CDC on April 20, 1994, by many of his former colleagues, students, and friends from around the United States. More information on the 1994 EIS conference is available from Dr. Polly Marchbanks at (404) 639-2590.

## SHEA to Cosponsor a Seminar at the 94th General Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology May 23-27, 1994, Las Vegas, Nevada

The preliminary program of Division L (Nosocomial Infections) for the annual American Society for Microbiology meeting in Las Vegas has been announced. The Division L lecture will be delivered by Marcus Zervos on antibiotic-resistant enterococcal infections. There will be three

seminars: L1, "Epidemiologic Typing Systems-Which One to Choose," will be convened by J.M. Boyce and M.A. Pfaller; L2, "Laboratory-Acquired Infections: Protect Yourself," will be convened by J.D. Band and E.S. Wong; and L3, "Nosocomial Tuberculosis: Epidemiology, Pre-

vention, and Control," is cosponsored with The Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America and will be convened by W.R. Jarvis and J. Melius. Registration information is available from ASM at (202) 942-9356 or (202) 942-9248.