

one to apple cider. FoodNet has also provided the infrastructure for conducting active surveillance for new and reemerging diseases. When an association between bovine spongiform encephalopathy in cattle and variant-Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans was suspected in the United Kingdom, EIP personnel conducted surveillance for this rare human disease. EIP personnel also collaborated in the investigation of a multistate outbreak of *Cyclospora* infections associated with consumption of raspberries from Guatemala.

Future FoodNet Projects

Several projects in 1997 will focus on *Campylobacter*, including a case-control study to determine the risk factors for infection and determination of antibiotic resistance patterns among *Campylobacter* strains.

Collaborative FoodNet investigators will establish active surveillance for hemolytic uremic syndrome, a serious complication of *E. coli*O157:H7 infection.

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The meeting will consist of general and plenary sessions, symposia, and roundtables with invited speakers, presentations on emerging infections activities, oral and poster presentations based on submission of an accepted abstract, and exhibits. Conference topics will include work on surveillance, epidemiology, research, communication, training, and prevention and control of emerging infectious diseases, as well as emergency preparedness and response.

Abstracts should address new, reemerging, and drug-resistant infectious diseases that affect human health. Deadline for abstract submission is October 31, 1997. Information on later submission of abstracts for consideration as late breakers is included in the program materials. For additional information, access announcements at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/eid.htm or the National Center for Infectious Diseases (www.cdc.gov/ncidod/whatsnew.htm), send an e-mail to meetinginfo@asmusa.org, or call 202-942-9248. Proceedings of the conference will be published in the Emerging Infectious Diseases journal.