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APUA Highlights

Updates on APUA Action

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GAIN Act Introduced in U.S. Senate

The Generating Antibiotics Incentives Now (GAIN) Act was introduced to the U.S. Senate this week by Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), after being introduced to the House of Representatives in June by Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) and receiving bipartisan support. The legislation, if passed, will grant newly developed antibiotics priority review by the FDA, as well as five additional years of data exclusivity and market protection after such a drug is commercialized. Read more [here](#).

APUA to Partner on CDC HAI Research

APUA was recently elected a subcontractor with Abt Associates in the CDC multi-year IDIQ contract for Healthcare Epidemiology and Infection Control Research on the prevention of drug resistant healthcare-associated infections.

APUA Poster and Petition at IDSA Meeting

APUA exhibited at the [49th Meeting of the IDSA](#) in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Thomas O'Brien (APUA Vice President) presented a poster prepared by Dr. Anibal Sosa and APUA staffers Susan Foster and Dorothy Ochieng on APUA's situation analysis in Uganda and Zambia, funded by the Gates Foundation. APUA representatives Jennie Choe, Samantha Graham, and Alison Moore networked with health care professionals and canvassed support for its [joint letter to Congress](#).

APUA Article "Food Animals and Antimicrobials" in *Clinical Microbiology Reviews*

A comprehensive review article by Bonnie Marshall (APUA Staff Scientist) and Dr. Stuart Levy (APUA Chairman & President) entitled "Food Animals and Antimicrobials: Impacts on Human Health" was published in the October issue of *Clinical Microbiology Reviews*. The article compiled the evidence indicating that nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in food animals promotes antibiotic resistance and can spread resistance to humans. Read the [full article](#).

APUA Named a National Strategic Partner for CDC's "Get Smart About Antibiotics" Week

[Get Smart About Antibiotics Week](#) is a national campaign designed to highlight the coordinated efforts of CDC, state and local health departments, and non-profit and for-profit partners in an effort to educate people about the importance of using antibiotics wisely in both community and healthcare settings. From November 14-20, CDC and its partners will promote appropriate antibiotic use in inpatient and outpatient settings. CDC's [Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work](#) and [Get Smart for Healthcare](#) programs are designed to educate consumers and healthcare providers about appropriate use of antibiotics.

Transatlantic Report on Strategies for Fighting Antimicrobial Resistance

On September 22, 2011, the Transatlantic Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance released a report recommending 17 opportunities for collaboration between the US and the E.U. on three major topics: 1) appropriate therapeutic use of antimicrobial drugs in the medical and veterinary communities, 2) prevention of healthcare and community-associated drug-resistant infections, and 3) strategies for improving the pipeline of new antimicrobial drugs. Read the [full report](#).

30th Anniversary and Leadership Awards Posted on APUA website

On September 18, 2011 at ICAAC, APUA presented a symposium entitled "Novel Approaches to the Containment of Antibiotic Resistance in Industrial and Developing Countries: Celebrating 30 Years of APUA." The APUA Leadership Award and the Chapter Leadership Award were presented to Dr. Giuseppe Cornaglia and ESCMID, and Dr. Kumud K. Kafle and APUA-Nepal.

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APUA is the leading, independent non-governmental organization with an extensive global field network dedicated to preserving the power of existing antibiotics and increasing access to needed agents.

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