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## APUA Highlights

Updates on APUA Action

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### APUA authors *Microbe* Article about Antimicrobials in Food Animals

An article written by APUA staffer Carol Cogliani and coauthors Hermann Goossens and Christina Greko concerning the EU ban on antibiotic use for growth promotion in food animals was published in the June issue of *Microbe*. [Read the article.](#)

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### APUA Presents at 38th Global Health Council

On June 14, 2011, Dr. Anibal Sosa and Dr. Susan Foster of APUA took part in a panel presentation with Hellen Gelband from the Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy. Dr. Sosa and Dr. Foster's research, which was funded by the Gates Foundation, revealed that resistance levels of *S. pneumoniae* to cotrimoxazole (the most common drug for treating respiratory disorders) has reached almost 100% in Uganda and Zambia. They also reported a serious lack of laboratory funding and antibiotic resistance surveillance systems in the hospitals of both countries. [Learn more.](#)

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### APUA Joins FDA Petition for Ban on Cephalosporins in Food Animals

On June 9, 2011, APUA signed onto a letter submitted by the Pew Charitable Trusts to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding a pending rule to ban the extralabel use of Cephalosporins in food animal production. [Read the letter to the FDA.](#)

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### New Expert Postings on APUA Blog "Superbugs and Drugs"

Dr. Lance Price, Senior Science Advisor at the Pew Charitable Trusts, discusses his study on Multidrug-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in U.S. meat and poultry. Dr. Sabiha Essack, President of APUA-South Africa, emphasizes the importance of hygiene and sanitation in communities and infection control in hospitals for containing antibiotic resistance. [Leave questions, comments, and insights.](#) Daily coverage of news items concerning antibiotic resistance can also be found in the [News Archives.](#)

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### APUA Announces 2011 Leadership Awardee: ESCMID

On September 18 at ICAAC (6-8 PM) APUA will hold its members' reception and present its leadership award to Dr. Giuseppe Cornaglia, who will be representing the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. The award recognizes ESCMID for establishing effective expert study groups and educational initiatives in developing countries to control antibiotic resistance and improve antibiotic treatment. RSVP to members' reception by contacting [laura.odenthal@tufts.edu](mailto:laura.odenthal@tufts.edu).

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## APUA Condolences to the Friends and Family of Dr. James Rahal

Infectious disease specialist Dr. James Rahal passed away on June 11, 2011 at the age of 77. Dr. Rahal was an expert in the rise of drug-resistant bacteria as well as a leader in the treatment of West Nile virus. [Read full obituary.](#)

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## Latest APUA Newsletter

APUA Newsletter Volume 29 No. 1 ("Antibiotic Stewardship Gaining Traction - Recommended Models and Resources") was distributed via email on June 14, 2011. [Access PDF here.](#)

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## About Us

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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