

## Infection Control Workshop Convenes in St. Petersburg

Twenty-five instructors and participants from partner hospitals in Kiev, Ukraine; Vladivostok, St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russian Federation convened in St. Petersburg this January for the first part of the train-the-trainers program for NIS regional infection control training centers.

The joint AIHA-Russian Federation Ministry of Health workshop offered ministerial representatives, hospital epidemiologists and assistant epidemiologists instruction in modern approaches to hospital infection control principles and practice, including surveillance activity, risk factors and prevention of major nosocomial infections, use of microbiology laboratory, environmental cleaning and waste. This core group of infection control educators will work in the initial Regional Infection Control Training Centers (ICTC) that will be established jointly by AIHA and the Ukrainian and Russian Federation Ministries of Health in Kiev, Moscow, St. Petersburg and Vladivostok. The ICTC's will be responsible for training hospital epidemiologists and assistant epidemiologists in their respective regions.

AIHA is working with the Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America (SHEA), the Russian and Ukrainian Ministries of Health and US/NIS partnership hospital faculty to develop an infection control curriculum that can be utilized by hospital epidemiology instructors and health care providers in the NIS. The manual, which is scheduled for completion this summer, will be an essential tool for hospital infection control educators, and will assist NIS hospitals in establishing effective infection control programs based on internationally recognized infection control principles and practice.

The second half of the program is planned for summer 1997. The workshop will be conducted jointly by SHEA/AIHA and NIS faculty.