

APUA Member Reception and Leadership Award Presentation

at the 45th annual Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy
December 17, 2005, Washington, D.C.

This year **Dr. Richard Besser** of U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention received the APUA Leadership Award in recognition of his national leadership of the *Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work* campaign.

As the Medical Director of the *Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work* campaign, Dr. Besser developed a broad-based multi-million dollar national program to promote appropriate antibiotic use with activities in 40 states and 70 partnerships.



Dr. Richard Besser
CDC's *Get Smart Campaign*



Dr. Stuart Levy (APUA President) presenting the APUA Leadership Award to Dr. Richard Besser

Activities:

- Developed medical curricula promoting appropriate antibiotic use.
- Developed and published in *Annals of Internal Medicine* principles of appropriate antibiotic use in adults through a collaboration between the CDC, American College of Physicians, The Infectious Diseases Society of America, and the American Academy of Family Physicians.
- Funded 28 programs in 27 states promoting appropriate antibiotic use.
- Obtained funding and developed a national advertising campaign on appropriate use.
- Working with the National Committee for Quality Assurance to develop performance measures for health plans related to appropriate antibiotic use.

The impact of these activities is reflected by a paper published in *JAMA* in June 2002. During the late 1990's, antibiotic prescriptions to children in doctors' offices declined by more than 40%. Some of this reduction may be due to CDC activities promoting appropriate antibiotic use.

Please see <http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/community/> for more information on the CDC's *Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work* campaign.

Dr. Anne Bolmström, of AB BIODISK, was also recognized for her instrumental role in advancing the use of antimicrobial resistance testing by APUA Chapters in developing countries.



Dr. Stuart Levy (APUA President)
recognizing Dr. Anne Bolmstrom

Dr. Bolmström has, on more than one occasion, demonstrated her company's social responsibility and dedication to preserving the power of antibiotics, by providing free E-Test strips to researchers in Guatemala and Nigeria. She has always been there to help our International Chapters, demonstrating her willingness and readiness to help others in need.

Please see <http://www.abbiodisk.com/> for more information on AB BIODISK.

Former APUA Leadership Award Recipients include:

2004 APUA Leadership Award

Dr. Gabriel Schmunis- The Pan American Health Organization

2003 APUA Leadership Awards

Robert L. Langer- McDonald's Corporation

Dr. Frank M. Aarestrup- Danish Veterinary Institute

Dr. Henrik C. Wegener- Danish Veterinary Institute

2002 APUA Leadership Awards

Murray Lumpkin, MD- Food and Drug Administration

David Bell, MD- U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Marissa Miller, DVM, MPH- National Institute of Allergy
& Infectious Diseases

2001 APUA Leadership Award

Dr. Rosamund Williams – World Health Organization

APUA would like to thank those who joined us for this eventful evening. We would also like to acknowledge our corporate sponsors (link to http://www.tufts.edu/med/apua/About_us/corporations.html) and project partners for their generous support and invaluable collaboration in “preserving the power of antibiotics®,” including Wyeth-Ayerst Research for their generous support of this year's reception.



Dr. Anibal Sosa (Director APUA International Program) with
Dr. Anne Bolmstrom (AB BIODISK)



CDC, APUA, Panama Chapter



Pat Cook and Todd Weber (CDC)



Dr. Anne Bolmstrom, Waleria Hryniewicz
and colleagues



Roman Kozlov, MD (Russia) & Otto Cars, MD (Sweden)



Kate Gillespie (APUA) &
Silvio Vega, MD (Panama)



APUA Member Reception 2005



Celia Alpuche, MD (Mexico), Aura Lucia Leal, MD
(Colombia) & Anibal Sosa, MD (APUA)



Gabriel Schmunis, MD (PAHO) and
colleagues from Argentina



Thomas O'Brien, MD (APUA Vice-President)
with colleagues at the Award Reception



Ken Tanaka, Stephen Projan, Louis Rice,
David Hooper, & Stuart Levy



Roman Kozlov, MD (Russia),
Stuart B. Levy, MD (APUA-President),
Stephen Lerner, MD and Mrs. L.Lerner (USA)