From the Associate Editor

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The Hawaii Medical Association’s (HMA) 147th Annual Meeting and Scientific Convention, Medical Updates in Paradise 2003, this year will be at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa in Honolulu from Friday, September 26 through Sunday, September 28. Attendees can earn up to 20.25 hours of Category 1 Continuing Medical Education credits by participation in scientific sessions and breakout topics addressing New Diagnostic Modalities and Surgical and Medical Treatments, Preventive Medicine, and Treatment Updates.

Sherrel L. Hammar MD, formerly Interim Dean, John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) of the University of Hawaii, will become HMA’s new President at the Inaugural Dinner on Saturday, September 27 in the Coral Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village. He succeeds Calvin Wong MD whose dynamic leadership has made this past year one of prodigious productivity. General Eric Shinseki, former Army Chief of Staff, will be keynote speaker and Donald Palmisano MD, American Medical Association President, will be guest speaker at this gala emceed by Paula Akana, KITV News4Anchor. John Hardman MD, Pathology Chair at JABSOM will do the honors as Toastmaster.

The Carnival of Fun opening reception will include clowns, face painting and balloon art for the keiki. Exhibits will round out this outstanding professional and social weekend for physicians and their families.

It’s not too late to register for the meeting and make your hotel reservations! Sign up online at www.hmaonline.net or write, phone or Fax the HMA at Hawaii Medical Association, 1360 South Beretania Street, Suite 200, Honolulu HI 96814-1520, call (808) 536-7702 Extension 104, or Fax (808) 528-2376.

We’ll have a report on the meeting in an upcoming issue. See you there!