International Society of Nephrology

**ISN Sponsorship of Meetings**

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, workshops, and conferences held independently of the International Congress of Nephrology to apply to hold these meetings under the auspices of ISN.

In general, such an arrangement does not include an offer of financial support on the part of ISN. In special cases, however, the Society may be able to offer seed money.

Organizers who wish to apply to hold their meetings under the auspices of the Society should include the following information in their applications:

1. Topic and purpose of meeting.
2. Location and date of meeting.
3. Names of members of scientific organizing committee.
4. Names of co-sponsors and sources of financial support.
5. Names and topics of invited speakers.
6. Statement regarding whether or not free communications will be sought.

Applications will not be accepted from organizers of regularly, or routinely, scheduled regional, national, or international meetings.

Applicants should be submitted to Dr. Claude Amiel, Secretary General, ISN, Département de Physiologie, 16, rue Henri-Huchard, 75018 Paris, France.

Publications and announcements of meetings held under ISN’s auspices should include the statement of acknowledgement: "...was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

**Membership**

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society’s official Journal, Kidney International. A subscription to Kidney International (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1991 is included in the annual 1991 dues of US $100.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. C. Craig Tisher, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, P.O. Box J-231, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, 1600 SW Archer Rd., University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32610, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current Fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Tisher along with a check or money order for the first year’s dues of $100.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

**Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology**

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society’s name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in Kidney International, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "...was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Dr. Roscoe R. Robinson, President, International Society of Nephrology, D-3300 Medical Center North, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, 21st Avenue South at Garland, Nashville, Tennessee 37232, USA.

**ISN Archive**

Dr. Carl Gottschalk has accepted the responsibility to establish an Archive of the International Society of Nephrology. The Archive will consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society. Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the development and evolution of the ISN will be assembled in the Archive.

Members of the ISN or other readers of Kidney International having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Gottschalk at the following address: Carl W. Gottschalk, M.D., Department of Medicine 226-H, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 USA.

**Meetings**

The Nahariya Conference on Calcium and Calcium Related Diseases has been postponed to a future date, as yet undecided.
The decision has been taken by the organizers, unfortunately, because of the present political situation prevailing in the area. The new date will be announced as soon as possible. For further information, contact Dr. Tamar Shklonik, Head of Clinical and Research Laboratories, Nahariya Regional Hospital, Nahariya 22100, Israel.

The Teaching Research Renal Workshop will be held in EreVan, Armenia, USA from September 25 to October 3, 1991. This meeting is organized by the Renal Commission of the International Union of Physiological Sciences and is co-sponsored by the International Union of Physiological Sciences and the International Society of Nephrology. Topics of discussion will include membrane transport, ion transport, patch clamp methods, electron microprobe analysis, urine concentration and dilution, renal nerves in kidney function, RBF and GFR regulation, renin-angiotensin system, and hemodynamics. The meeting is made possible by financial support from Hassle (Sweden), Merck Sharp & Dohme (USA), and Servier (France). For further information, contact Trefor Morgan, M.D., Chairman, Renal Commission of UUPS. Department of Physiology, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Victoria 3052, Australia. Telephone: (61 3) 344 7755; FAX: (61 3) 344 5818.

The Third Roma Nephrology Conference will be held in Fuiggi (Rome), Italy on September 27–28, 1991, under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology. The Italian Society of Nephrology, and the University of Rome “La Sapienza.” The primary topic will be: The Glomerular Mesangium: From Cell Biology to Clinics. Pathophysiology and treatment of renal diseases will be covered. For further information, please contact Prof. Giulio A. Cinotti, Cattedra di Nefrologia, 2a Clinica Medica, Policlinico Umberto I, Viale del Policlinico, 00161 Rome, Italy. Telephone: 39 (6) 445-7130; FAX: 39 (6) 445-7755.

The International Symposium on Acute Renal Failure will be held on October 2–4, 1991 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. This meeting will honor Dr. E.G.L. Bywaters at the 50th anniversary of the publication of his observations on crushing injuries and acute renal failure and will be part of the University’s bicentennial celebration. Topics will include post-traumatic acute renal failure (ARF), disaster assistance for ARF, prevention of ARF associated with transplantation, ischemic and nephrotoxic renal injury, recovery from renal injury, the molecular biology of renal injury and repair, and acute renal failure in glomerular disease. For further information, contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education, 231 MacNider Building, CB #7000, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599-7000, USA. Telephone: (919) 962-2118.

Forefronts in Nephrology

Newer Aspects of Renal Cell Injury, a symposium sponsored by the International Society of Nephrology, will be held in Chatham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts on October 6–9, 1991. Topics will include structural alterations in renal injury, the role of proteases and heat-shock proteins, metabolic alterations including phospholipase activation, the roles of calcium, gene activation and repair, and synergy between hypoxic and toxic injury. Poster sessions will be included. This Symposium is chaired by Drs. Franklin H. Epstein and Lazaro Mandel. Attendance is limited. For further information, please contact Dr. Franklin H. Epstein, Department of Medicine, Beth Israel Hospital, 330 Brookline Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02215, USA. Telephone (617) 735-4104.

The 31st Annual Scientific Symposium on Kidney Disease, sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Southern California, will be held on October 12, 1991 in La Jolla, California, USA. Current information about nephrology and complications of CRF will be presented. Individual sessions will be held for physicians, nurses, dietitians, social workers, and technicians. For further information, contact Sylvie Tarro, Kidney Foundation office, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 395, Los Angeles, California 90045, USA. Telephone: (213) 641-8152.

The Seventh Symposium of Nephrology at Montecatini will focus on “Kidney, Proteins and Drugs,” in Montecatini Terme, Italy on October 14–16, 1991. Topics will include: advances in protein hormones research, proteinuria (pathophysiology and management), proteins and progression of kidney disease, and nephrotoxicity of drugs. Chairmen of the Symposium are: Velio Bocci (Siena), Frank A. Carone (Chicago), Ralph Rabkin (Palo Alto), and Claudio Bianchi (Pisa). For further information, contact Claudio Bianchi, M.D., Professor of Nephrology, Unità di Nefrologia, Clinica Medica 2, University of Pisa, 56100 Pisa, Italy. Telephone: 050-592573.

The VIII Congress of the Latin American Society of Nephrology will be held at the Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana, Quito, Ecuador on October 20–24, 1991. Topics will include: renal physiology, acute renal insufficiency, chronic renal insufficiency, dialysis and transplantation, mineral metabolism and nutrition, arterial hypertension, and clinical nephrology. For further information, contact the Secretariat of the Organizing Committee, P.O. Box 11495 CCNU, Quito, Ecuador, South America. FAX: (593-2) 554947.

The Festschrift in honor of Priscilla Kincaid-Smith will be held in Melbourne, Australia on November 5–8, 1991. The scientific program will include topics in: glomerulonephritis (pathogenesis, current concepts, urinalysis); renal pathology (new techniques, renal receptors, gene expression); hypertension, pregnancy (renal hypertension, hormones, modern management); tubulo-interstitial disease (analgesic nephropathy, lithium nephrotoxicity, PKD, reflux nephropathy); and transplantation (recurrent glomerulopathy, management of rejection). For further information, contact The Festschrift Organizing Committee, c/o Department of Nephrology, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Victoria 3050, Australia.

The 1991 American Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting will be held on November 17–20, 1991 at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland. For further information contact the American Society of Nephrology, Suite 700, 1101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: (202) 857-1190; FAX: (202) 223-4579.

The 3rd International Symposium on Hypertension Associated with Diabetes Mellitus will be held in Boston, Massachusetts on November 21–23, 1991. For further information, contact Andrezzej Krolewski, Joslin Diabetes Center, Section on Epidemiology and Genetics, One Joslin Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02215, USA. Telephone: (0101) (617) 732-2574; FAX: (617) 327-7578.

The 4th Berliner Dialyseseinseminar will be held in Berlin,
The Third European Symposium on Uroradiology Imaging and Intervention will be held at Herlev Hospital, University of
Copenhagen, Denmark on August 24–27, 1992. Topics will include: ESWL and intervention in renal calculi, pediatric urology, renovascular hypertension, glomerular filtration rate, MRI in urology, lower urinary tract cancer, female genital radiology, and scrotal imaging. For further information, contact Henrik S. Thomsen, M.D., Herlev Hospital, Herlev Ringvej 75, DK-2730 Herlev, Denmark. Telephone: 45 44 53 53 00 ext. 278; FAX 45 44 53 53 32 (Herlev Hospital).

The 9th Congress of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) will be held in Jerusalem, Israel on August 30–September 4, 1992. For further information, please contact the IPNA Secretariat, c/o Ortra Ltd., 2 Kaufman St., POB 50432, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel. Telephone: 972-3-664825; FAX: 972-3-660952.

The 7th APLAR Congress of Rheumatology will be held in Bali, Indonesia on September 13–18, 1992. The Indonesian Rheumatology Association, under the auspices of the Asia Pacific League Against Rheumatism (APLAR) and the International League Against Rheumatism (ILAR) is organizing the event. For further information, please contact 7th APLAR Congress of Rheumatology, Flat L3, Kompleks BNI 1946, Jalan Let. Jen. S Parman, Slipi, Palmerah, Jakarta 11410, Indonesia. Telephone: 0062-21-330166; FAX: 0062-21-336736.

Hypertension: Cause and Consequence of Renal Disease is the primary topic of the 4th Verona Seminar on Nephrology, to be held in Verona, Italy on September 17–19, 1992. Topics will include: onset and development of renal damage in hypertension, hypertension in renal disease, and pharmacological treatment in essential hypertension and in hypertension secondary to chronic renal disease. For further information, please contact Lamberto Oldrizzi, M.D., Department of Nephrology, Ospedale Civile Maggiore, I-37126 Verona, Italy. Telephone: 0039 45 932521; FAX: 0039 45 915176.

The VIth Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis will be held on September 27–30, 1992 in Thessaloniki, Greece. For further information and abstract submission, contact Secretariat, VIth Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, 1st Department of Internal Medicine, AHEPA University Hospital, 546 36 Thessaloniki, Greece.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood Purification will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, USA, on October 7–9, 1992. The program will include invited lectures, free communications and minisymposia. Minisymposia topics will include: toxic cytokines and their neutralization, support systems as a bridge to liver transplantation, and affinity membranes in blood purification. For further information, please contact Dr. Richard A. Ward, Division of Nephrology, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky 40292, USA. Telephone: (502)588-5757. FAX: (502) 588-7643.

The Eighth International Conference on Psychonephrology—Psychonephrology 1992 will be held in New York City on October 16–18, 1992. Topics will include: understanding and caring for the psychosocial problems of patients on dialysis and recipients of renal transplants. Abstracts are due by July 1, 1992. For further information, contact Norman B. Levy, M.D., New York Medical College, Psychiatric Institute, Valhalla, New York 10595, USA. Telephone: (914) 285-8424; FAX: (914) 285-1965.

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The Fifth Asian–Pacific Congress of Nephrology will be held in New Delhi, India on December 9–13, 1992. Included will be plenary sessions, state-of-the-art lectures, symposia, free papers and poster sessions on all aspects of nephrology, dialysis and renal transplantation. For further information, contact Dr. K.S. Chugh, M.D., F.A.C.P., Department of Nephrology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh-160012, India.

XII ISN Congress

The 12th International Congress of Nephrology will be held in Jerusalem, Israel on June 13–19, 1993. The Congress president is Joseph B. Rosenfeld. For further information and to ensure that your name is on the mailing list, please contact Professor Joseph B. Rosenfeld, M.D., Head, Department of Internal Medicine 'C', Beilinson Medical Center, P.O. Box 85, Petah Tikva 49100, Israel. Telephone: 972 (3) 922 1605; FAX, c/o Mrs. Ilana Shapiro, 972 (3) 655 674.

The Symposium on Acute Renal Failure with special emphasis on sepsis will be held in Halkidiki, Greece on June 20–23, 1993 as a Satellite Symposium to the XII International Congress of Nephrology. The scientific meetings (guest lectures, symposia, free communications and poster sessions) will focus on the achievements in experimental and clinical acute renal failure and multiple organ failure. For further information, contact Dr. E. Alexopoulos, Secretary General, Hippokration General Hospital, Department of Nephrology, 50 Papanastasiou Str., Thessaloniki 546 42, Greece. Telephone: 031 837921 (1003); FAX: 0030 31 818254.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood Purification will be held on September 8–10, 1993 in Trondheim, Norway. Topics of discussion will include: all types of therapeutic blood purification, such as hemodialysis, hemofiltration and peritoneal dialysis, absorption and apheresis, calculations of dosages, immunological and metabolic response related to artificial extracorporeal treatment, blood banking, and new trends in membrane research. For further information, contact Dr. Størker Jørstad, Section of Nephrology, Medical Department, The Regional Hospital of Trondheim, N-7006 Trondheim, Norway.

A joint meeting of the IXth Congress of the International Society for Artificial Organs (ISAO) and the XXth Congress of the European Society for Artificial Organs (ESAO) will be held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on September 28–October 2, 1993. Topics will include: present status and future prospects in design, development, production and clinical use of artificial organs. For further information, contact the Center for Biomedical Technology, State University of Groningen, c/o University Hospital, Oostersingel 59, 9713 EZ Groningen, The Netherlands. Telephone: (31)-(0)50-612354; FAX: (31)-(0)50-633113.

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Continuing Education

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For further information, contact Trefor Morgan, M.D., Chairman, Renal Commission of IUPS, Department of Physiology, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Victoria 3052, Australia. Telephone: (61-3) 344 7755; FAX (61-3) 344 5818.

The 14th Annual Postgraduate Medicine Course, Renal Biopsy in Medical Diseases of the Kidneys, sponsored by Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, will be held October 16–19, 1991 in New York City. This meeting is approved for 23 Credit Hours in Category I, A.M.A.'s Physician Recognition Award. The fee is $595; Residents and Fellows in training: $395. For further information, contact Center for Continuing Education, College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University, 630 West 168th Street, New York, New York 10032, USA. Telephone: (212) 305-3682.

Nephrology Update 1991, sponsored by The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, will be held on October 23–25, 1991 in the Bunts Auditorium at The Cleveland Clinic. This program has been approved for Category I accreditation. For further information, please contact The Cleveland Clinic Educational Foundation, Department of Continuing Education, P.O. Box 94977, Cleveland, Ohio 44195-5241, USA. Telephone: (800) 762-8173; FAX: (216) 445-9406.

The 1992 Subspecialty Examination in Nephrology, sponsored by the American Board of Internal Medicine, will be offering registration from January 1, 1992–April 1, 1992, and holding the examination on November 4, 1992. For information and registration forms, please contact the Registration Section, American Board of Internal Medicine, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, USA. Telephone (800) 441-2246; FAX: (215) 243-1500.

NIH Study: Membranous Nephropathy

Patients between the ages of 12 and 65 with idiopathic or lupus membranous nephropathy who have proteinuria of more than 2 g/day are being sought for controlled therapeutic studies involving prednisone, cyclophosphamide and cyclosporine. Patients having received more than 3 months of cytotoxic drugs previously are not eligible. Detailed renal function tests, including permeselectivity studies, will be performed. Inquiries may be directed to: Howard A. Austin, M.D. (301-496-3092), James E. Balow, M.D. (301-496-4181), or Karen MacKay, M.D. (301-496-3116) at the Kidney Disease Section, NIDDK; Bldg. 10, Rm. 3N-112; Bethesda, Maryland 20892; USA.

National Societies

The Secretary General of the International Society of Nephrology is endeavoring to bring the Society's list of national societies up-to-date. Many such national societies are not affiliated with the ISN or their affiliation has lapsed. To retain their affiliated status and to vote at the General Assembly, a list of individual members is required to be sent annually. Secretaries of national societies therefore are asked to provide the Secretary General with the address to which correspondence should be sent, together with a list of their officers and individual members, and a formal application for affiliation where this has lapsed. Please send these to Dr. Claude Amiel, Département de Physiologie, Faculté de Médecine Xavier Bichat, 16 rue Henri Huchard, 75018 Paris, France.

The American Society of Nephrology announces a service to its non-American colleagues. For an annual fee of US $55, the ASN will send its mailings and announcements, including a copy of the annual abstract book (first class rates only). Checks for $55, drawn only on a US bank, along with your name and desired mailing address should be sent to the ASN National Office, Suite 700, 1101 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Awards and Grants

International Fellowship Training Awards

The International Society of Nephrology announces the establishment of an International Fellowship Training Program to provide training in clinical nephrology to physicians from developing countries. It is the objective of this program to support the growth of nephrology in developing countries through an educational program that admits qualified applicants to clinical training in recognized nephrology programs around the world, and then to return to their home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who wish basic research training may be considered if the environment in the home country will permit continued research upon the completion of training.

The guidelines for application are as follows:

1. Fellowship awards will be made only to physicians from developing countries.
2. Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance into a recognized and suitable training program before the award can be granted.
3. The Fellow must return to his or her home country upon completion of approved training.
4. The Fellow must provide evidence of a guaranteed position in a medical institution upon return to the home country.
5. Fellows will receive a stipend from the Society such that, taking into account the home country and/or the host institution support that they may have, they achieve a US$ 15,000 revenue.
6. Fellows must be able to read and speak the language of the host country. An interview may be required to assess verbal fluency.