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 Robert W. Schrier, M.D., University of Colorado School of Medicine, 4200 E. 9th Avenue, Box B178, Denver, CO 80262, USA. Tel: (303) 270-7765/Fax: (303) 270-7702.

**ISN Archives**

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., Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine CB 7155, University of North Carolina, School of Medicine at Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, USA.

**MEETINGS**

New Developments in the Pathogenesis and Treatment of NIDDM, a conference sponsored by the American Diabetes Association of Arizona and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, will be held November 1–3, 1996 in Scottsdale, Arizona. The conference will feature presentations by internationally recognized experts who will review recent advances in the epidemiology, pathogenesis and treatment of NIDDM. Highlights will include sessions on the genetics of NIDDM, the roles of insulin resistance and insulin secretory defects in the pathogenesis of NIDDM, prospects for prevention of NIDDM, and lessons learned from the UK Prospective Diabetes Study. For further information contact the American Diabetes Association, Arizona Affiliate, Inc., 2328 West Royal Palm Road, Suite D, Phoenix, Arizona 85021, USA. Telephone: (602) 995-1515; Fax: (602) 995-0004.

The National Kidney Foundation's Annual Scientific Meeting will be held November 1–3, 1996 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Program highlights include: Are you ready for xenotransplantation?; Vexing programs in dialysis patients; Glomerular disease progression? A debate of the issue; Dialysis Outcomes Quality Initiative (DOQI) recommendations. The NKF if accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, and this meeting is designated for 16 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. This meeting will offer participants a better understanding of the pathogenesis, diagnosis, cure and prevention of kidney diseases. The presentations will provide the most current information that will help participants formulate decisions in the direct care of their patients. For more information and registration contact Donna Fingerhut, The NKF, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016. Telephone: 1-800-622-9010 or (212) 889-2210; FAX: (212) 689-9261.

The National Kidney Foundation's 46th Annual Meeting (Nephrology Nurses and Technicians Program) will be held October 31–November 3, 1996 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Program topics include: Managing ESRD care in a managed care environment; Nightly home hemodialysis; Keeping patients well for transplants; Safety and quality workshops; Recommendations for the NKFDialysis Outcomes Quality Initiative (DOQI). The NKF is approved as a provider of continuing education contact hours in nursing by the New York State Nurses Association which is accredited by The American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Nursing. For registration and further information contact Francine Kaskel, The NKF, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016. Telephone: 1-800-622-9010 or (212) 889-2210; FAX: (212) 689-9261.

The National Kidney Foundation's 46th Annual Meeting (Renal Dietitians Program) will be held October 31–November 3, 1996 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Program topics include: Maximizing patient potential for success; Efficacy of music therapy programs for ESRD patients; Social work interventions, including assessment, documentation and outcomes; Recommendations of the NKF Dialysis Outcomes Quality Initiative (DOQI). Continuing education credits for social workers have been applied for through The Department of Professional Regulation, State of Maryland. For registration and further information contact Francine Kaskel, The NKF, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016. Telephone: 1-800-622-9010 or (212) 889-2210; FAX: (212) 689-9261.

The National Kidney Foundation's 46th Annual Meeting (Nephrology Social Workers Program) will be held October 31–November 3, 1996 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Program topics include: Maximizing patient potential for success; Efficacy of music therapy programs for ESRD patients; Social work interventions, including assessment, documentation and outcomes; Recommendations of the NKF Dialysis Outcomes Quality Initiative (DOQI). Continuing education credits for social workers have been applied for through The Department of Professional Regulation, State of Maryland. For registration and further information contact Francine Kaskel, The NKF, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016. Telephone: 1-800-622-9010 or (212) 889-2210; FAX: (212) 689-9261.

The 1996 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 3–6, 1996. For further information, contact the American Society of Nephrology, 1200 19th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036-2401, USA. Telephone: (202) 857-1190; FAX: (202) 223-4579.

The 1996 Advances in Basic Science Conference “Renal Developmental Biology” sponsored by the American Society of Nephrology will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 6–9, 1996. For more information contact the ASN, 1200 19th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC, 20036. Telephone: 202 857 1190. FAX: 202 223 4579.

The Symposium on Practical Issues in Organ Transplantation will be held November 13–15, 1996 in London, England, United Kingdom. For further information contact Miss D.J. Flower, Postgraduate Conference Co-ordinator, Education Centre, St. George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 OOT, England, United Kingdom. Telephone: 44 (0) 181 725 1141; FAX: 44 (0) 181 725 3730.

The 6th International Alexis Carrel Conference on Chronic Rejection and Graft Atherosclerosis will be held in Banff, Alberta, Canada on December 4–7, 1996. The meeting is aimed at...
transplant physicians, surgeons, pathologists and immunologists, as well as health care professionals with an interest in transplantation. For further information regarding registration and abstracts contact Leendert C. Paul, St. Michael’s Hospital, 30 Bond Street, Toronto, Ontario MSB 1W8, Canada. Telephone: (416) 867-3701; FAX: (416) 867-3709; E-mail: l.paul@utoronto.ca

The 9th Berliner Dialyseseminar will be held in Berlin, Germany on December 6–7, 1996. The main purpose of the meeting is to provide basic knowledge on the entire field of renal replacement therapy, and will include only invited lectures. For further information please contact Prof. Dr. Klaus Schaefer, St. Joseph-Krankenhaus-Med. Abt. II, Bäumerplan 24, 12101 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 030.7882.2379; FAX: 030.7882.2669.

The 3rd Hyron Kidney Laboratory International Symposium "Pathogenesis of Diabetic Nephropathy: Experimental Approaches, an Update" will be held January 24–25, 1997 in Seoul, Korea. Topics will include: Cytokines and growth factors in diabetic nephropathy; Hormones in diabetic nephropathy; Altered metabolism of extracellular matrix in diabetic nephropathy; Cellular events in diabetic nephropathy; Gene transfer into the kidney. The symposium will be sponsored by Soon Chun Hyang University, The Korean Society of Nephrology, Hyyon Foundation (Hanwha Group), and the ISN. For further information contact Dr. Hi Bahl Lee, Professor of Medicine and Director of the Hyyon Kidney Laboratory, Soon Chun Hyang University, 657 Hannam-dong, Yongsan-ku, Seoul, Korea. Telephone: (02) 792-6657; FAX: (02) 792-5812.

The 4th Banff Congress on Allograft Pathology will be held March 7–12, 1997 in Banff, Alberta, Canada. For further information contact: Kim Solez, M.D., Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology B64.02 WCM HSC, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2R7, Canada. Telephone: 403-492-2252; FAX: 403-492-2253; E-mail: Kim.Solez@UA.ubcal.ca or Lorraine C. Racusen, M.D., Department of Pathology, 519 Ross Research Building, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Maryland 21205, USA. Telephone: 410-955-3437; FAX: 410-955-5161; E-mail: Racusen@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu Plans and prepartions for the meeting are also discussed on the NEPHROL Internet discussion group. To subscribe to this free service send E-mail to majordomo@UA.ubcal.ca with the message "subscribe NEPHROL" (without the quotes). Information may also be found on the World Wide Web at http://synapse.uah.uab.ca/synapse/000p0035.htm or http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p0035.htm

The 6th Assisi European Meeting on Cardionephrology will be held in Assisi, Italy on April 10–12, 1997. Topics will include: Insights into coronary heart disease in uremia; Hypertrophic and dilated cardiomyopathy in dialysis patients; Regression of cardiac hypertrophy in uremic patients; PTH and uremic cardiomyopathy; Type of heart disease and type of dialysis; Endothelin, endothelin receptors and antagonists: A new direction of drug therapy for cardiorenal disease; Hypertension in pregnancy; Immunology in hypertension; Hypertensive emergencies during hemodialysis; The use of cardiovascular drugs in uremia. For general information, including deadline for abstracts and young investigator awards, contact Prof. Mario Timio, M.D., Meeting President, Department of Nephrology and Dialysis, Ospedale di Foligno, Via dell’Ospedale, 06034 Foligno, Italy. Telephone: 0039-742-339760 or 0039-742-339600; FAX: 0039-742-301555.

The 3rd International Symposium on Uremic Toxicity will be held in Nagoya, Japan on April 10–12, 1997. The topics will include uremic toxins, progression of renal failure, vitamin D and PTH, nutrition and metabolism, uremic complications, and removal patterns of therapeutic strategy (HD, CAPD, and others) as well as oral/poster presentation on all aspects of uremia. For further information, contact Toshimitsu Niwa, M.D., Nagoya University Branch Hospital, 1-1-20 Daiko-minami, Higashi-ku, Nagoya 461 Japan. Telephone: 81-52-719-1874; FAX: 81-52-722-0973; E-mail: tniwa@med.nagoya-u.ac.jp Internet Home Page Address: http://www.med.nagoya-u.ac.jp/tniwa/index.html

The Second Romanian Congress of Nephrology will be held on May 9–11, 1997 in Iaşi, România. Topics include: the kidney in systemic diseases (diseases of the cardiovascular system, hepatobiliary diseases, hematologic disorders, disorders of the connective tissue, disorders of metabolism); the kidney in pregnancy, and problems of hemodialysis patients. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Prof. Dr. Maria Covic, President of the Organizing Committee, clinicica IV Medicală-Spitalul Clinic nr. 2 Iaşi, Str. Copou nr. 50, 6600 Iaşi, România. Telephone: 650.70.96 or 650.71.65; FAX: 311.09.15.

The XIVth International Congress of Nephrology will be held in Sydney, Australia on May 25–29, 1997. The ISN will grant 120 travel scholarships at a cost of $1000 each. These scholarships are meant for physicians and scientists, 35 years of age or younger, who submit an abstract as first author. First priority will be given to past fellows of the ISN Fellowship Program. There is also some type of priority based on membership and country of origin (developing versus developed countries). Application forms for these grants can be obtained from: Dr. Jan Weening, Department of Pathology, AMC, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Telephone: 31 20 566 4100; FAX: 31 20 696 0389.

For further Congress information and abstract forms, contact The XIVth International Congress of Nephrology, ICMS Australia Pty Limited, GPO Box 2609, Sydney NSW 2001, Australia. Telephone: (612) 241-1478; FAX (612) 251-3552.

The 9th International Meeting of the Society for Minimally Invasive Therapy will be held July 14–16, 1997 in Kyoto, Japan. The scientific program will include plenary, parallel, poster and video sessions. For further information contact the Secretariat of the SMIT 9th Annual International Meeting, c/o Academic Conference Planning, 383 Murakami-cho, Fushinaka, Kyoto 612, Japan. Telephone: 81 75 611-2008; FAX: 81 75 603-3816.

The 5th Congress of the African Association of Nephrology will be held as a joint meeting with the 21st Congress of the South African Renal Society and the 19th Congress of the South African Renal Care Society in Durban, South Africa on September 7–10, 1997. For further information contact Dr. Indiran P. Naiker, South African Renal Society, Dialysis/Transplant Clinic Addington Hospital, P.O. Box 977, Durban 4000, Kwazulu-Natal, Republic of South Africa. Telephone: 27 31 322111, Extension 305; FAX: 27 31 375755.

Renal Hemodynamics, Cellular and Molecular Determinants: New Concepts and Insights for Their Role in Normal/Abnormal Renal Function and in Hypertension, an international symposium honoring Dr. Klaus Thurau, will be held at the Secon Monastery in Bavaria, Germany on September 18–21, 1997. This symposium, under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology
and the Federation of European Physiological Societies, will consist of oral presentations by invited speakers and free poster communications. For further information contact Prof. Dr. Detlef Schlöndorff, Medizinische Poliklinik/Klinikum Innenstadt, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitäts München, Pettenkoferstraße 81, D-80336 München, Germany. Telephone: 49-89-5160-3500; FAX: 49-89-5160-4439; E-mail: sdorff@nameandmail.med.uni-muenchen.de

The 1997 Annual Congress of the European Renal Association-European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA) will be held in Jerusalem, Israel on September 21–24, 1997. The ERA-EDTA is giving 60 congress Grants to young nephrologists to participate in this Congress. The American Medical Association has approved this Congress for a maximum of 26 hours of Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. For further information contact the ERA-EDTA Congress office at P.O. Box 474 Parma Sud, I-43100 Parma, Italy. Telephone: 39-521-98 90 78; FAX 39-521-291 777; E-mail: eraedta@ipruniv.cce.unipr.it

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held in San Antonio, Texas on November 2–5, 1997. For further information, contact the American Society of Nephrology, 1200 19th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036-2401, USA. Telephone: (202) 857-1190; FAX: (202) 223-4579.

The VIIIth Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD) will be held in Seoul, Korea on August 23–26, 1998. For further information, contact Dr. Hi Bahl Lee, Hyonam Kidney Laboratory, Soon Chun Hyang University, 657 Hannam Dong, Yongsan Koo, Seoul 140-743, Korea. Telephone: 82-2-709-9171; FAX: 82-2-792-5812; E-mail: hblee@korea.com; Internet: http://korea.com

Books Received

Pocket Guide to Commonly Prescribed Drugs, 2nd edition, edited by Glenn N. Levine, has been published by Appleton and Lange. For further information contact Appleton and Lange, 201 Shiloh Station Road, Fallon, Illinois 62269, USA. Telephone: (618) 628-4729.

The Kidney in Liver Disease, 4th edition, edited by Murray Epstein, has been published by Hanley & Belfus, Inc. The main topics include: clinical disorders of renal function, ascites, hemodynamic derangements, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone, hormonal and neural alterations other than renin-angiotensin-aldosterone, and therapeutics. The cost is $95US. Copies may be purchased from Hanley & Belfus, Inc., 210 South 13th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, USA.

Endocrinology of the Vasculature, edited by James R. Sowers, M.D., has been published by Humana Press. This book comprehensively and systematically explores the vasculature as an endocrine organ and clearly establishes cardiovascular physiology as a new field that is an integral part of endocrinology. Major investigators in vascular biology and medicine apply state of the art techniques from cell and molecular biology to the study of endothelial and vascular smooth muscle cells, thus contributing to the current understanding of the autocrine, paracrine, and endocrine regulation of vascular function in health, as well as in those vascular disease states that accompany diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia, and hypertension. The cost is $139US. Copies may be purchased from Humana Press, 999 Riverview Drive #208, Totowa, New Jersey 07512, USA.

Continuing Education

Advanced Nephrology: Nephrology for the Consultant, a continuing medical education conference sponsored by the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, will be held February 6–8, 1997 in San Diego, California. The registration fee will be $385 US for Physicians in Practice and $175 US for Residents/Fellows. This conference is worth 17 hours of AMA Category I Accreditation. For further information contact Shirley Kolkey, Course Coordinator, 1660 Hotel Circle North #220, San Diego, California 92108, USA. Telephone: (619) 299-6673; FAX: (619) 299-6675.

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 Jan J. Weening, M.D., Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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 $22,500 US 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.