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.

XIV International Congress of Nephrology, Sydney, 1997
program update

The XIVth International Congress of Nephrology will be held at the Sydney Convention Centre from May 25—29, 1997. The following information includes highlights and more recently planned features of the meeting and is additional to that provided in the official registration document (posted July 1996). If you have not received this brochure, it is available from the Congress organizers (see address below).

Prior to the main meeting, there will be an International Scholarship Course for trainee nephrologists from developing countries within the Asian Pacific region. This will be held on May 22nd and 23rd and will address both clinical and basic aspects of nephrology. The major sponsor is Takeda. Commencing on Saturday May 24th there will be a series of Symposia dealing with specific aspects of renal therapy. These Symposia, each of 3 to 4 hours duration, have been financed by nine of our major sponsors and their details are listed below:

Saturday May 24th
Afternoon: “Nephroprotective properties of ACE inhibitors in diabetic and non-diabetic proteinuric nephropathy” (Hoechst Marion Roussel).

Sunday May 25th
Morning: “Advances in prescription management to optimize dialysis outcomes” (Baxter).

Afternoon: “Future challenges in optimizing the use of r-HuEPO in chronic renal failure” (Janssen-Cilag).

Monday May 26th

Afternoon: “Angiotensin II antagonism—An emerging option for patients with progressive renal disease” (Merck & Co.).

“Hypertension and progressive renal disease.” (Pfizer).

Tuesday May 27th

Afternoon: “Calcium antagonists in kidney protection—Time for a reappraisal” (Bayer).

“Innovations in dialysis technology and treatment” (Fresenius).

Main Scientific Program

Seven major themes will run concurrently on all four days of the meeting, and within each theme there will be a fairly even balance of basic and clinical sessions. Every effort has been made to match room size and the anticipated audience. There will be 8 to 10 sessions within each theme, and two or three of these will consist of a State-of-the-Art lecture and two shorter related talks. These sessions have been staggered so that there will be one or two at all times through the meeting. State-of-the-Art sessions will be recorded and a CD-ROM made available soon after the meeting. The remaining sessions will be Symposia (3 to 4 speakers) and will provide ample time for audience participation.

Apart from the main themes, there will also be sessions on reflux nephropathy, bone disease, registries, international trials and an ISN Video Legacy. The Congress will also bring together National Kidney Foundations to discuss areas of interest to delegates who work with, or serve on committees of non-government, not-for-profit organizations involved in fund raising for medical research, education and public awareness programs. Three 1½ hour sessions will be held to consider fund raising and education (including target groups, resources, media and patient support) and will end with a discussion of ideas for an information exchange.

Plenary Sessions will be held each day prior to lunch. They are listed in the table and will also be recorded onto CD-ROM. The
Latest Advances. A small number of abstracts have been selected for oral presentation. There will be a single “Latest Advances” session, comprising approximately six free communications, within each theme. These sessions will be staggered throughout the meeting.

Posters. More than 2000 abstracts have been accepted for poster presentation. They have been received from 67 countries and will be displayed for a single day with authors present for discussion during a two-hour lunch break. Posters will be organized according to the seven themes of the meeting and, within each theme, will be organized according to topic, and will complement the day’s thematic sessions. Two chairpersons will be selected to lead the discussion on a selected number of posters in a way that will be stimulating to authors and audience alike.

Perspectives and Advances in Clinical Nephrology (PACN)

The continuing medical education program has been designed to assist registrants to place recent advances in a clinical context and to allow maximum opportunity for participation. It has been accredited by Vanderbilt University.

There will be three components. Each day, from Monday to Thursday, will begin with three parallel, 90-minute breakfast sessions. Two or three internationally renowned authorities will discuss relevant “hot” topics. In one room, key pads will be used to enhance audience involvement. These sessions will emphasize clinical relevance of recent developments as well as present consensus in controversial areas. During the afternoons there will be smaller group interactive sessions in four rooms holding up to 200 delegates. In these sessions selected authoritative teachers will introduce the topics and interact with the audience answering questions and stimulating discussion. A syllabus will be available for all delegates and will contain resumes of all PACN presentations. A CD-ROM of the breakfast sessions will be available soon after the meeting.

The third component is the role of the computer in nephrological practice. This will be covered in a breakfast session on Nephrology in Cyberspace, and a designated room will allow access to the latest in computer technology for the clinician.

Satellite Meetings

Six Satellite meetings will be held after the main Congress. We wish to highlight some details that were not available at the time of printing of the registration document:

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1. ANCA (May 30th-June 1st, Melbourne). There will be sessions on laboratory detection of ANCA, novel target antigens, mechanisms of disease and treatment. Invited speakers include R. Falk, A. Wiik, C. Jennette, C. Savage, D. Davies.
2. Hypertension associated with diabetes mellitus (May 30th-June 1st, Maroochydoore, Queensland). Syndrome X, pathogenesis of nephropathy and treatment of hypertension in diabetes. There will be conjoint sessions with Satellite 6 below.
3. History of Dialysis (May 30th, Sydney). A faculty of pioneers of dialysis therapy will review early contributions to dialysis technology. The development of concepts of uremia, membranes, dialyzers, ethics and registries will be discussed.
4. Renal Disease in Indigenous Populations (May 31st-June 1st, Ayers Rock). The role of screening, treatment and prevention, cost benefits, etc., will be discussed. There will be a demonstration of renal telemedicine.
5. Acute Renal Failure (June 1st-3rd, Cairns). There will be sessions on diagnosis and imaging, new anti-rejection agents, signaling and cell injury, hypoxic injury, nephrotoxins, new strategies in dialysis and clinical trials in ARF.
6. Progression of Renal Disease—What We Have Learned From Clinical Trials (June 1st-3rd, Coolum, Queensland). There will be keynote lectures, a plenary session and six other sessions devoted to clinical trials in IDDM, NIDDM and non-diabetic renal disease. Methodological issues in clinical trials will also be discussed.

Further information about all aspects of the Congress, including registration requirements, is available on the Internet: www.nephrology.edu.au/~congress; or can be obtained from the Congress organizers: ICMS Australasia Pty. Limited, P.O. Box 2609, Sydney. Facsimile No: 61 2 9251 3552, Phone: 61 2 9241 1478.

Progression of Renal Disease: Clinical Patterns, Therapeutic Options and What We Have Learned from Clinical Trials, a Satellite Symposium of the XIVth International Congress of Nephrology, will be held May 31-June 3, 1997 in Coolum, Australia. The program will discuss insights gained from clinical trials, evaluating risk factors, outcomes, and therapeutic interventions in diabetic and nondiabetic progressive renal disease. Emphasis will be on variability in disease progression and our understanding of this in light of the pathophysiology of progressive renal disease. In addition, there will be discussions aimed at developing a consensus pertaining to appropriate endpoints for future clinical trials and future research directions. A maximum of 50 abstracts will be accepted for poster presentation. Deadline for submission of abstracts is March 1, 1997. The registration fee for physicians is $150, with attendance limited to 200 participants. The registration deadline is March 1, 1997. For additional information contact the office of Dr. William F. Keane, attention Deanna Gunderson, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415, USA. Telephone: 612-437-4322; FAX: 612-347-3231; or ICMS Australasia Pty Ltd, GPO Box 2609, Sydney 2001, Australia. Telephone: 61 2 9241 1478; FAX: 61 2 9251 3552.

Report to the ISN Commission for Global Advancement of Nephrology

Eberhard Ritz, on behalf of the Central and Eastern Europe Subcommittee

As discussed at the ISN Congress in Madrid in 1995, the subcommittee for Central and Eastern Europe has approached the European Renal Association (EDTA/ERA) and Kuratorium der Gesellschaft für Nephrologie to form the “Joint Action Nephrology in Eastern Europe.” The program of the intended activities of such “Joint Action” were simultaneously published in

In addition, benefits provided by the ISN, the two bodies, as well as industry have contributed a total of 56,000 DM thus far to support the activities of the “Joint Action.”

In 1996, the following events were organized. From May 17–19, a Nephrology Summer School was organized in Kaunas (Lithuania) that was attended primarily by participants from the three Baltic countries. The faculty included nephrologists from Europe and the USA. A similar event took place May 31–June 1 in the Semmelweis University Budapest (Hungary), with participants from Hungary and the surrounding countries. A report on these events will be published in Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation. Both events were highly successful and the response of, and interaction with, the audience was truly remarkable.

This type of activity is continued with two Nephrology Summer Schools earmarked for 1997, one in temporal association with the annual meeting of the Polish Society in Krakow and one in temporal relation to the annual meeting of the Turkish Society in Antalya. In 1998, a Nephrology Winter School is scheduled in Prague. The “Joint Action” will organize a symposium on “Calcium metabolism in renal failure” on the occasion of the “Donausymposium” in Krakow on September 20–22.

A second activity consists of topic-oriented workshops. A first workshop on renal biopsies by Professor Weening (Amsterdam) in the Baltic countries has been delayed until 1997, but Professor Goldman (Brussels) organized a one day workshop on serological diagnosis in renal disease in Pecs (Hungary) on September 13th (in collaboration with Professor Nagy, President of the Hungarian Society).

Two similar workshops on the use of Doppler ultrasonography in renal patients will be organized by Dr. Rampf (Freiburg) in Prague and Katowice, respectively, in 1997. Furthermore, Dr. Schmidt (Heidelberg) will organize a one week workshop on “Molecular biology for the nephrologist” in Prague in collaboration with Professor Teplan (President, Czech Society Nephrology).

A third line of activity concerns support for annual conventions of national societies of nephrology. This year, sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry, Professor Boylis as the Koranyi lecturer will give an invited lecture at the annual meeting of the Hungarian Society of Nephrology. The “Joint Action” will invite speakers for the annual meeting of the Rumanian Society Nephrology in Iasi, May 1997, and further requests from national societies have been received but not yet finalized.

Recognizing that there is a dearth of information on nephrology in Albania, Professor Zucchelli (Bologna) was sent on a fact-finding mission to report on the state of affairs and the need for support in that country. His report appeared in Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation (11:1974–1975, 1996).

Training scholarships have been offered to the national societies in Eastern Europe. So far one training (Dr. Sungur from Turkey in Sheffield) has started and two (Dr. Rychlik from Prague in Milano and Dr. Florea from Iasi in Amiens) will follow.

For the library enhancement program, selected University librarians in Eastern Europe have been provided free copies of Journal of the American Society of Nephrology and the American Journal of Kidney Disease after a generous decision of the ASN and NKF, respectively. A limited number of textbooks have been sent to Eastern Europe and industry has promised to support this activity. Furthermore, upon request individual nephrologists received a large number of copies of educational material such as books (nephrology for the house officer, urinary sediment, renal ultrasonography) and manuals with slide series (Gambro, Fresenius, Hoechst).

The “Joint Action” has received a great number of letters from nephrologists who were either interested in or had participated in the above programs. It is obvious that these activities are well perceived and well appreciated by our colleagues in Eastern Europe.

Nominating Committee for Sydney Congress Elections

Michael Dunn (Milwaukee) chairs the Nominating Committee for the 1997 ISN elections in Sydney. According to the revised ISN Constitution each continent has a representative on the Nominating Committee: Michael Dunn (North America), Nestor Schorr (Latin America), Michele Goldman (Europe), Rashad Barsoum (Africa) and Hai-Yan Wang (Asia). The Committee will recommend to the ISN Council and membership names for the President-elect, Vice President, Treasurer, four departing European Councilors, one departing North American Councillor and two departing Asian Councilors. No Councilors from Latin America are leaving the Council in Sydney. Councillors, the Treasurer, and the Secretary General serve three two-year terms; other officers serve one two-year term. The membership is asked to submit names to Dr. Dunn, University Hospitals, 2074 Abington Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 for consideration for these positions.

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 1994 is included in the annual 1994 dues of US $120.00. 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. Hills 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 $120.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

ISN World Wide Web Page

The ISN Computerized Information Committee co-chaired by Drs. Kim Solez (Edmonton) and Zal Agus (Philadelphia) is maintaining and updating the ISN Home Page on the World Wide Web. This Home Page describes ISN programs, lists officers, councilors and members of the Commission for Developing Countries, and supplies general information regarding ISN membership and subscription to Kidney International. The uniform resource locators (URLs) for the Web Page are: Europe: http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p0035.htm North America: http://synapse.uah.ualberta.ca/synapse/000p0035.htm. Material from the Madrid International Congress is available using the URL http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p049x.htm
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.

Applications should be submitted to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Secretary General, Academic Medical Ctr., Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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.”

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 names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, 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 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

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: 039-742-339760 or 039-742-339760; FAX: 039-742-301555.

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 1997 Necker Seminars in Nephrology will be held May 5–7, 1997 at Necker Hospital in Paris, France. For further information contact Doreen Broneer, Département de Néphrologie, Hôpital Necker, 161 Rue de Sèvres, 75743 Paris Cedex 15, France. Telephone: 33 1 44 49 54 13; FAX: 33 1 44 49 54 50.

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, hepato-biliary 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, clínica 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 6th International Course on Peritoneal Dialysis will be held in Vicenza, Italy on May 20–23, 1997. For further information and