MEETINGS

Thai Seminars in Nephrology will be held in Pattaya, Thailand on December 3–4, 1995, just prior to the Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology (December 5–9, Hong Kong). Abstracts and invited lectures will be published in the American Journal of Nephrology as a supplement issue. For further information, please contact Prasit Futrakul, Department of Pediatrics, Chulalongkorn Hospital, Ram 4 Road, Bangkok 10330, Thailand, FAX: 662-2541931, 662-2564511.

The 6th Asian Pacific Congress will be held in Hong Kong on December 5–9, 1995. A wide range of current topics in general nephrology, dialysis and transplantation, including those of special relevance to the Asian Pacific region will be covered. Abstract deadline is July 31, and a limited number of travel grants for young investigators will be available. For further information, please contact the Congress Secretariat: Gardiner-Caldwell Communications Ltd., 2403 Tung Wai Bldg., 109-111 Gloucester Road, Wan-chai, Hong Kong. Telephone: (852) 25193083; FAX: (852) 25190872.

The 8th Berliner Dialyseminar will be held in Berlin, Germany on December 8–9, 1995. Invited lecturers will present basic knowledge on the entire field of renal replacement therapy. For further information, contact Prof. Dr. Klaus Schaefer, St. Joseph-Krankenhaus-Med. Abt. II, Bäumerplan 24, 12101 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 030.7882.2379; FAX: 030.7882.2609.

The Second European Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting will be held in Gent, Belgium on March 11–12, 1996. The scientific program will include state-of-the-art lectures on PD solutions, adequacy of PD, cardiovascular problems and the biology of the peritoneum. There will also be free communications sessions, poster presentations and CME sessions. For further information please contact the Scientific Secretariat (Mrs. J. Verdyck), Renal Division, University Hospital, De Pintelaan, 185, B-9000 Gent, Belgium. Telephone: +32-9-240 45 24; FAX: +32-9-240 45 99.

The First Latin-American Congress on Acute Renal Failure will be held at Escola Paulista de Medicina, São Paulo, Brazil, on March 27–29, 1996. Topics will include: clinical and basic aspects of ARF, tropical diseases and ARF, as well as discussions on cellular and molecular biology of ARF, immunology, nephrotoxicity, therapeutic approaches and perspectives. The Congress will be followed by a meeting of the Task Force on Acute Renal Failure in São Paulo on March 30, 1996. For further information contact the Sociedade Brasileira de Nefrologia, Rua Leandro Dupret, 487-CEP 04025-012, São Paulo, Brasil. FAX: (55-11) 573-6000; E-mail: NSCHOR.DMED@EPM.BR

The 4th International Conference on Geriatric Nephrology and Urology will be held on April 19–21, 1996 in Toronto, Ontario Canada. For further information, contact Dr. D.G. Oreopoulos, The Toronto Hospital—Western Division, 399 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 2S8. Telephone: (416) 603-7974/ FAX: (416) 603-8127.

The 1996 Necker Seminars in Nephrology will be held May 6–8, 1996 at Necker Hospital, Paris, France. “From Kidney Development to Gene Therapy” will be the seminar for Tuesday, May 7. For further information contact Doreen Bronner, 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 2nd European Kidney Research Forum (EKRF) will be held on May 24–27, 1996 in Baveno (Lago Maggiore), Italy. The EKRF was created to promote scientific interaction between European nephrologists and researchers, and to provide an informal platform to discuss research advances in various disciplines. Topics will include all aspects of kidney research, with an emphasis on physiology, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, immunology and immunopathology. Participation of young investigators is strongly encouraged through the provision of 40 scholarships for junior investigators. Attendance is limited to 400. Participants are asked to submit an abstract of the research to be presented. For further information, contact Giuseppe Remuzzi, M.D., EKRF Secretary, Negri Bergamo Laboratories, Via Gavazzeni 11, 24125 Bergamo, Italy. FAX: 39-35-319331.


The 13th International Congress/MIE 96 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark on August 19–22, 1996. The program consists of scientific plenary, parallel and poster sessions, workshops, tutorials, and demonstrations with a special emphasis on human facets in application of information technologies in health care. A call for papers and registration will be distributed in August 1995. For more information, please add your name to the mailing list at: MIE 96, c/o DIS Congress Service Copenhagen A/S, Herlev Ringvej 2c, DK-2730 Herlev, Denmark. Telephone: +45 44 92 44 92; FAX: +45 44 92 50 50; E-mail address: mie96@riseo.dk. Alternatively, subscribe to the list mie96-1 with a message to maier@riseo.dk. Include “subscribe mie96-1” in the body of the message. Web Server address is http://www.riseo.dk/mie96.html.

The 10th Congress of the Latin American Society of Nephrology and Hypertension will be held in Santiago, Chile on September 1–4, 1996. The scientific program, which will be developed in state of the art lectures, clinical and basic science symposia, includes a wide range of topics in general nephrology, dialysis, hypertension, transplantation and basic science, with emphasis on the special needs of Latin American nephrologists. Short courses on glomerulonephritis, organ procurement, and molecular biology will be introduced. Information concerning registration and deadline for abstracts will be announced in January 1996. For further information contact the Congress Secretariat, Organización Tres, Av. Kennedy 4350, Santiago, Chile. Telephone: (562) 2070613; FAX: (562) 2070637.

The 14th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood Purification (ISBP) will be held in Paris, France on September 25–27, 1996. Topics will include immunoadsorption, clinical effects of dialysis membrane compatibility, outlooks into future modes of organ replacement, as well as oral/poster presentations on all aspects of clinical, technical, immunological and metabolic blood purification methods. For further information, please contact Prof. C. Jacobs, Service de Néphrologie, Hôpital de La Pitié - 83, Boulevard de l’Hôpital, 75013 Paris, France. FAX: 331 44 23 99 84.

The 7th International Congress of Bone Morphometry will be held October 6–10, 1996 in Baia Di Conte, Alghero, Sardinia. Major topics will include: bone metabolism and its local and systemic controls; bone architecture, structure, and quality; bone diseases
and their treatment; bone substitutes and prostheses in orthopedic and oral surgery. For further information contact Hartmut H. Malluche, M.D., Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, International Society of Bone Morphometry, 1521 Shannon Run Road, Versailles, Kentucky 40383, USA. Telephone: (606) 323-5049; FAX: (606) 257-1052.

The 10th International Conference on Psychonephrology will be held in New York City, USA on October 18–20, 1996. The latest psychosocial and ethical developments in understanding and care of patients on forms of dialysis and recipients of renal transplants will be discussed in plenary sessions, small group meetings and Free Communications. Abstract deadline is August 1, 1996. Topics will include: patient's perception of care, the national political agenda and its impact on delivery of services, rationing medical care, short-term limited psychotherapy for patients with renal failure, spirituality, non-compliance for patients with renal failure, and a debate on the rationing of nephrological treatment. For further information, contact Norman B. Levy, M.D., Director, Liaison Psychiatry Division, New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York 10595, USA. Telephone: (914) 285-8424; FAX: (914) 285-1965.

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 XIVth International Congress of Nephrology will be held in Sydney, Australia on May 25–29, 1997. For further 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 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 VIIth 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

The United States Renal Data System (USRDS) 1995 Annual Data Report has been published by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases of the NIH. The format and content of this report are similar to previous reports. Reference tables and some USRDS publications are now available electronically on the Internet World Wide Web and on diskette. Copies may be purchased from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Virginia 22161, USA. Telephone: (703) 487-4600.

American Board of Internal Medicine

The ABIM announces the dates of its certification examinations for 1996. Internal Medicine: September 1–December 1, 1995 (Registration Period); August 20–21, 1996 (Examination Dates). Nephrology: January 1–April 1, 1996 (Registration Period); November 20, 1996 (Examination Date). For further information and application forms, contact the American Board of Internal Medicine, Registration Section, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104. Telephone: (800) 441-2246 or (215) 243-1500; FAX: (215) 382-5515.

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, Melbergdreef 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.
7. Fellowships will be offered primarily for clinical training of one to two years duration.
8. Clinical training programs should be practical in their orientation, and applicable to the needs and conditions of the home country. The ability of the host institution to provide such training will be an important factor in the selection process.