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 4th Berliner Dialyseseminar will be held in Berlin, Germany on December 6–7, 1991. Basic knowledge on the entire field of renal replacement therapy will be presented in invited lectures. For further information, please contact Prof. Dr. K. Schaefer, St. Joseph-Krankenhaus I—Med. Abt. II, Bäumerplan 24, DW-1000 Berlin 42, Germany. FAX: 030/7882 2669.

Forefronts in Nephrology

A Forefronts in Nephrology Symposium on Ion Channels will be held in Asilomar, California, USA, on January 28–31, 1992. The program will include invited speakers from inside and outside the field of nephrology, as well as poster sessions involving all participants. Space is limited. To apply to attend the symposium, or for further information, please contact Dr. Lawrence Palmer, Department of Physiology, Cornell University Medical College, 1300 York Avenue, New York, New York 10021, USA. FAX: (212) 746-6355.

Recent Developments in Alkaline Phosphatase Research: Clinical and Fundamental Aspects is an international symposium to be held in Antwerp, Belgium on March 13–14, 1992. Topics will include: bone mineralization, mechanisms of secretion, membrane release of alkaline phosphatase, enzyme structure and function, serum alkaline phosphatase as a disease marker, and tumoral expression-targeting. For further information please contact Dr. Marc E. De Broe, Department of Nephrology-Hypertension, Universiteit Hospital Antwerp, Wilrijkstraat 10, B-2650 Edegem/Antwerpen, Belgium. Telephone: 32/3/829.11.11 (ext. 1452); FAX:32/3/829.01.00.

Molecular Approaches to Nephrology: Prospects in Diagnosis and Management is an international meeting to be held in Bari, Italy on March 19–21, 1992. Recent developments in molecular biology in nephrology will be discussed in lectures, round tables and poster sessions. For further information, contact Prof. F. Paolo Schena, Institute of Nephrology, University of Bari, Polyclinic, 70124 Bari, Italy. Telephone: 39-80-271237.

A Symposium on Mechanisms of Hypertension will be held on March 24, 1992 in London, United Kingdom, which is the third annual symposium sponsored by the London Hypertension Society. Invited lectures and poster communications of new work will be presented. For further information, contact Ms. Mary Lawson, London Hypertension Society, c/o Clinical Pharmacology, St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, London EC1A 7BE, England, United Kingdom. FAX: 071 601 8134 (UK); 44 71 601 8134 (international).

The Seventh International Symposium on Salt will be held on April 6–9, 1992 in Kyoto, Japan. The symposium, the only international conference that deals exclusively with issues relating to sodium chloride, is open to scientists, engineers, miners, briners and physicians. Topics will include: sodium and other electrolytes in hypertension, salt and additives in nutrition, physiological role of salt, salt appetite, problems in epidemiological study and history of salt. Related topics include: geology, geochemistry, mineralogy, dissolution theory, cavern utilization, solar evaporation, seawater desalination by-products and chemistry, and soil and plant culture. For further information, please contact Secretariat, Seventh International Symposium on Salt, c/o Japan Tobacco Inc., Salt Administration Headquarters, 8th Floor, Shinkasumigaseki Building 3-2, Kasumigaseki 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan. Telephone: 03-592-8470; FAX: 03-595-2429.

The III International Conference on SLE will be held in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London, United Kingdom on April 13–15, 1992. For further information, contact Dr. Graham Hughes, Rheumatology Department, St. Thomas’ Hospital, London SE1 7EH, England, United Kingdom. Telephone and FAX number: (01) 633-9422.

The First International Congress on Transplantation in Developing Countries will be held in Singapore on April 29–May 3, 1992. The event is sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Singapore and is endorsed by the Transplantation Society. Dr. Joseph Murray, the 1990 Nobel Prize winner in Medicine/Physiology, will deliver the keynote address. For further information, please contact The National Kidney Foundation, 705 Serangoon Road, Singapore 1232. Telephone: (65) 299-0200; FAX: (65) 299-3164.

A joint scientific meeting of the Israeli Society of Nephrology and the Gesellschaft für Nephrologie will be held on May 1–2, 1992 in Weimar, Germany. The meeting will be devoted to two topics: calcium metabolism and chronic ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD). For further information please contact Prof. Dr. G. Stein, Med. Univ. Klinik, Erlanger Str. 101, 0-6902 Jena-Lobeda, Germany.

The 8th International Symposium on Radionuclides in Nephrourology will be held on May 6–8, 1992 at the Chester Grosvenor, Chester, England. For further information, contact P.H. O’Reilly, M.D., Department of Urology, Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, Cheshire, SK2 7JE England, United Kingdom. Telephone: 061-419 5484/5; FAX: 061-419 5699.

The 1992 Necker Seminars in Nephrology will be held on May 11–13, 1992 at the Necker Hospital in Paris, France. Tuesday’s symposium, entitled “Pediatric Nephrology,” will honor Dr. Renée Habib. For further information and a program, contact Doreen Broneer, Département de Néphrologie, Hôpital Necker, 161 Rue de Sèvres, 75743 Paris Cedex 15, France. Telephone: 33.1.42.73.85.63; FAX: 33.1.42.73.80.04.

The 9th Asian Colloquium in Nephrology will be held on May
The 4th International Congress of the World Apheresis Association will be held in Sapporo, Japan on June 3–5, 1992. Topics will include: replacement fluid and immunoadsorption, plasma exchange, erythrocyte collection and storage, blood banking and storage, graft vs. host disease, apheresis in bone marrow transplantation, biocompatibility, and anticoagulation for apheresis. The abstract deadline is October 31, 1991. For further information, contact the Congress Secretariat, 4th International Congress of the World Apheresis Association, c/o Sapporo Hokuyu Hospital, 6-6 Higashisapporo, Shiroishi-ku Sapporo 003, Japan. Telephone: (81) 011-862-5758; FAX: (81) 011-865-9719.

The III Latin American Congress on Pediatric Nephrology will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on June 7–11, 1992. Topics will include: present approach to glomerulopathies; renal hypertension; hemolytic-uremic syndrome; urinary tract stones; physiology, metabolism and biochemistry; medical and surgical treatment, including lithotripsy; and physicochemical aspects of stone formation. For further information, contact Dr. Rosemary L. Ryall, Department of Surgery, Flinders Medical Centre, Bedford Park, South Australia 5042.

The VII International Symposium on Urolithiasis and Related Clinical Research will be held in Cairns, Australia on August 24–27, 1992. Topics will include: epidemiology of stones; physiology, metabolism and biochemistry; medical and surgical treatment, including lithotripsy; and physicochemical aspects of stone formation. For further information, contact Dr. Rosemary L. Ryall, Department of Surgery, Flinders Medical Centre, Bedford Park, South Australia 5042.
Lamberto Oldrizzi, M.D., Department of Nephrology, Ospedale Civile Maggiore, I-37126 Verona, Italy. Telephone: 0039 45 932521; FAX: 0039 45 915176.

The Vlth 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, Vlth 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) 857–7575. FAX: (502) 858–7643.

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.

The 8th World Congress of the International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on November 8–12, 1992. State of the art lectures, symposia, seminars, workshops, oral communications and poster sessions will be included. For further information, contact Organizing Secretariat 8th World Congress on Hypertension in Pregnancy, Viamonte 494-2D, Of.8 1053 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Telephone: (541) 311–9413; FAX: (541) 953–6794.

The 1992 American Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting will be held on November 15–18, 1992 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.

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.

The 1993 American Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting will be held on November 14–17, 1993 at the Hyned Convention Center, Boston, Massachusetts. For further information contact the American Society of Nephrology, Suite 700, 1101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: (202) 857–1190.

The 1994 American Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting will be held on November 6–9, 1994 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.

Books received

The Second C.J. Hodson Symposium on Reflux Nephropathy, edited by Ross R. Bailey has just been published. Topics include: vesico-ureteric reflux in infants and children; types of lesions; effect of nephrectomy on blood pressure; prevalence and management of reflux nephropathy and organ imaging to detect vesico-ureteric reflux. For further information, contact Ross R. Bailey, M.D., Department of Nephrology, Christchurch Hospital, Private Bag, Christchurch 1, New Zealand. FAX: 643–640–941.
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.

The 19th Annual Seminar in Pediatric Nephrology: Current Concepts in Diagnosis and Management will be held February 9–13, 1992 in Key Biscayne, Florida. For further information on this course, contact Jose Strauss, M.D., University of Miami School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, P.O. Box 016960, Miami, Florida 33101, USA. Telephone (305) 549-6726.

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 permselectivity 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, Secretary General, International Society of Nephrology, 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.

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.

9. Fellows must have received sufficient training in internal medicine or other fields to pass all host country examinations that are necessary to the care of patients. Fellowships may be awarded to senior individuals who seek additional training but, in general, preference will be given to younger physicians who are at the beginning of their permanent careers.

10. Specific instructions and the necessary application forms can be obtained by writing directly to Dr. Claude Amiel, Secretary General, International Society of Nephrology, Département de Physiologie, Faculté de Médecine Xavier Bichat, 16 rue Henri Huchard, 75018-Paris, France.

1990 ISN's International Fellowship Training Awards

Honorary (no stipend)

Miriam Echevarria from Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas, Caracas, Venezuela to go to University of California, San Francisco, CA, USA with Alan S. Verkman, M.D. (Home Country support US$17,000/year.)

Luiz Antonio Ribeiro de Moura from Escola Paulista de Medicina, Sao Paulo, Brazil to go to Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA with Helmut G. Rennke, M.D. (Home Country support US$18,000/year.)

Supplemented

Remedios Dee Chan from University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines to go to Albert Einstein College of Med., NY, USA with Adrian Spitzer, M.D. (Home Country support US$12,000/year.)