Kjellstrand (Canada), Norbert Lameire (Belgium), and Fernando Liano (Spain).

Disaster Relief Task Force. Dr. Lameire has established a system for responding to post-earthquake dialysis needs from Europe with support and cooperation from The Baxter Healthcare Corporation, the Belgian Air Force, Doctors Without Borders (Belgian Branch), and the European Union. In the event of a disaster potentially requiring dialysis aid a nephrologist from Dr. Lameire’s unit would travel to the site with the first Doctors Without Borders plane to assess renal medicine needs. Deployment of dialysis teams would be coordinated with Dr. Collins, who has organized a similar disaster relief system in the U.S., and Dr. Solez, Chair of the ARF Commission. (See Invited Contribution in the September, 1993 issue of Kidney International, Vol. 44, pp. 479–483.)

Video Legacy Project. As an initiative loosely tied to the ARF Commission but encompassing all of Nephrology, a project has been undertaken to interview senior figures in renal medicine and related disciplines as a means of recording the living history of the discipline. Segments of the interviews will also be packaged to create programs which can be used to promote nephrology and to educate young people about the history of our discipline and its promise for the future. This project is currently being funded from discretionary funds available to the Commission but we are seeking dedicated corporate support.

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 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 dates 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 Stewart Cameron, M.D., President, International Society of Nephrology, Clinical Science Laboratories, Guy’s Tower (17th & 18th Floors) Guy’s Hospital, London Bridge, England SE1 9RT, United Kingdom.

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.

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The Third International Workshop on Alport Syndrome will be held in Erlangen, Germany on September 11–13, 1994. Topics will include: type IV collagen biochemistry and genes, mutation reports in X-linked and autosomal Alport syndrome, cell-matrix interactions and its possible role in human disease, and animal models for type IV collagen diseases. For further information, please contact Manfred Weber, M.D., Ph.D., Medizinische Klinik IV, Krankenhausstrasse 12, 91054 Erlangen, Germany. Telephone: (49) 9131-859002; FAX: (49) 9131-859209.

The Fourth European Symposium on Uroradiology Imaging and Intervention, sponsored by the European Society of Uroradiology, will be held in Florence, Italy on September 12–15, 1994. Topics will include: state of the art; pitfalls in kidney imaging; urogenital infections; traumas of the urinary tract; benign tumors of the urinary tract; early cancer; urinary incontinence; fetal uroradiology; and interventional uroradiology. For further information,

The 34th Annual Scientific Symposium on Kidney Disease to Highlight Health Care Reform will be held in La Jolla, California on September 17, 1994. Continuing education credits are available. Topics will include: impact of health care reform on nephrology, current therapeutic approaches to glomerular nephritis, and standards for peritoneal dialysis. For information and registration forms, contact Andrew Weisser, National Kidney Foundation of Southern California, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 395, Los Angeles, California 90045-7404, USA. Telephone: (310) 641-8152; FAX: (310) 641-5246.

The International Symposium on Interaction in the Practice of Internal Medicine and Endocrinology will be held in Anacapri, Italy on September 22–24, 1994. Topics on endocrine aspects of nephrology, gastroenterology and cardiology will be covered. For further information, contact Prof. V. Santieenna, Istituto Clinica Medica V, Policlinico Umberto I, “La Sapienza” University, 061 Rome, Italy. Telephone: 06/82611350; FAX: 82611369.

The International Symposium on Mechanisms in Nephrotoxicity will be held in Leiden, The Netherlands, on September 22–25, 1994. Topics will cover various aspects of nephrotoxicity, including: mechanisms of chemically induced nephrotoxicity, immunologically induced nephrotoxicity, toxicity after ischemia, wound repair, and nephrocarcinogenesis. For further information contact Mrs. F.J. Velthorst, Symposium Secretariat, LACDR, P.O. Box 9502, 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands. Telephone: 31 71 274341; FAX: 31 71 274277.

This symposium, which is sponsored by the International Society of Nephrology, will be held in “Tsumagoi” (2000 Tamari, Kakegawa, Shizuoka 436, Japan) on September 25–28, 1994. Recent advances in research on the roles of cytoskeletons and related proteins in the dynamic regulation of cell compartment functions in renal and non-renal tissues will be discussed. Special attention will be on cellular and molecular mechanisms. The major topics will include: State-of-the-art lecture; cytoskeletons as bases of cell morphogenesis; membrane protein dynamics in polarized cells; molecular mechanisms of membrane dynamics (exocytosis and/or endocytosis); and cell polarity and the dynamic regulation of transporters in the kidney. Leading investigators on these subjects are invited. A limited number of travel funds will be available to young investigators who will present posters on related topics. For further information, contact Masashi Imai, M.D., Department of Pharmacology, Jichi Medical School, Minamikawachi, Kawachi, Tochigi 329-04, Japan. Telephone: 81 (285) 44-2111 ext. 3134; FAX: 81 (285) 44-5541.

Issues in Metabolism, Nutrition, and Psychonephrology Update will be held in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA on September 27–29, 1994. For further information, contact Nephrology Symposium, Department of Medical Affairs, St. Luke's Hospital, 801 Ostrum Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015, USA. Telephone: (610) 954-4892.

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Symposium of the Regulation of Cell Compartments and Cytoskeletons

Lipids, Hypertension, Nutrition and Other Markers for Longevity in Renal Failure Management is an international symposium to be held at The Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, USA, on September 30–October 1, 1994. For further information, please contact Dr. Avram, Division of Nephrology, The Long Island College Hospital, Hicks Street and Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11201, USA. Telephone: (718) 780-1247; (718) 780-1415.

The 12th Congress of the Chilean Societies of Nephrology, Transplant and Hypertension will be held in La Serena, 4th Region Chile on October 6–8, 1994. For further information, contact Dr. Alejandro Cotera, Secretaria, Bernarda Morin 488 (2nd Floor), Providencia, Santiago, Chile. FAX: (56)-(2)-737-4131 and (56)-(2)-222-5515.

The 9th International Conference on Psychonephrology will be held in New York City, New York, USA on October 7–9, 1994. The latest psychosocial and ethical developments in understanding the care of patients on forms of dialysis, and recipients of renal transplants will be discussed in plenary sessions, small group meetings and free communications. Abstracts should be 300 words or less and are due by August 1, 1994. Topics will include: dealing with aggressive patients, sleep disorders in the ESRD patient and their treatment, psychological effects of peritoneal dialysis and use of psychotropic medication and compliance. For further information, contact Norman B. Levy, M.D., Liaison Psychiatry Division, New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York 10595, USA. Telephone: (914) 285-8424; FAX: (914) 285-1965.

The First International Symposium on the “Epithelial Sodium Channel and Mechanosensitive Channels: A New Gene Superfamily.” will be held in Villars-sur-Ollion, Vaud, Switzerland on October 12–15, 1994. The aim of the symposium is to discuss recent progress in the identification and characterization of genes which are involved in cell volume and extracellular volume homeostasis, as well as mechano- and taste-transduction. Properties of the novel cation channel will be compared with those of the well characterized ligand and voltage gated channels. The total number of participants is limited to 120; travel grants will be available for students, post-docs and young investigators presenting a poster. Women and minority investigators are encouraged to apply. Please send your application before June 30, 1994 to Prof. Bernard C. Roussier, Institut de Pharmacologie et de Toxicologie de l’Université, Rue du Bugnon 27, CH-1005 Lausanne, Switzerland. FAX: 41 (21) 692 53 55; Telephone: 41 (21) 692 53 50; Email: Bernard.Rossier@ipharm.unil.ch.

The First Croatian Congress of Nephrology Dialysis and Transplantation will be held in Zagreb, Croatia on October 12–15, 1994. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Croatia, the Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences, and the Zagreb City Assembly. Topics will include: an overview of nephrology; adequacy of dialysis, renal bone disease, other blood purification methods; organ transplantation, immunology, and infection. For further information, contact Dr. Lj. Bubié-Filipi, Secretary General, Scientific Secretariat, DeIl’Universita, Ospedale di Cattinara, Strada di Fiume, 34149 Trieste, Italy. Telephone: 39-40-7764372; FAX: 39-40-910921.
Meeting October 24–26, 1994 in Orlando, Florida. The meeting will offer state-of-the-art presentations and symposia on the pathogenesis, diagnosis, cure and prevention of diseases of the kidney and urinary tract. Participants will be provided with the most current information with which to formulate decisions in the direct care of their patients. Program topics will include: women in nephrology, molecular biology for the nephrologist—what the future holds, unusual glomerular diseases, nutrition in the renal patient, and much more. For further information, contact The National Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016. Telephone: (212) 889-2210 or (800) 622-9010.

The 1994 American Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting will be held on October 26–29, 1994 at the Orlando Convention Center, Orlando, Florida, USA. For further information contact the American Society of Nephrology, Suite 700, 1101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: (202) 857-1190.

Joint ASN-ISN Conference

A joint ASN-ISN Conference on “Structural Biology: Applications to the Study of Membrane Protein Function,” will be held in Orlando, Florida on October 29–November 1, 1994. Sponsors include the American Society of Nephrology, the International Society of Nephrology, and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Conference organizers are Donald Engelman and Peter Aronson. Topics will include: general principles of protein structure, mechanisms of protein folding and stability, methods to determine membrane protein structure, and approaches to studying structure-function relationships. For general information and information about trainee and young investigator travel awards, contact Martha Wagner, ASN Headquarters, 1101 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, USA, Telephone: (202) 857-1190/FAX: (202) 223-4579.

The Fourth International Congress of the Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation will be held on October 30–November 2, 1994 in Isfahan, Iran. For further information, please contact Dr. Iraj Fazel, M.D., F.A.C.S., Academy of Medical Sciences of Iran, P.O. Box 19395/4655, Pasdaran Avenue, Tehran, Iran. FAX: (98-21) 8006967; Telephone: (98-21) 2520389.

The Fifth Asian Congress of Pediatric Nephrology will be held December 1–3, 1994 in New Delhi, India. For further information contact Prof. R.N. Srivastava, M.D., Congress President, Department of Pediatrics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi-110 029, India. Telephone: (0901-11) 6864851, Ext. 3472, 665369; FAX: (0901-11) 6862663.

The 7th Berliner Diabtesexamen will be held in Berlin, Germany on December 2–3, 1994. There will only be invited lectures. The main purpose is to provide basic knowledge on the entire field of renal replacement therapy. For further information, contact Prof. Dr. Klaus Schaefer, St. Joseph-Krankenhaus—Med. Abt. II, Baumerplan 24, 12101 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 030.7882.2379; FAX: 030.7882.2669.

The International Symposium on Progressive Glomerular Diseases: Basic Research and Clinical Management will be held on January 15, 1995 in Taipei, Taiwan. It is sponsored by the Society of Nephrology, R.O.C. in Taiwan, and Chang-Gung Memorial Hospital. For further information, contact: Wu-Chang Yang, M.D., Veterans General Hospital-Taipei, Department of Medicine, 201 Shib-Pai Road, Section 2, Taipei, Taiwan 11217, Republic of China. (FAX: 886-2-875-2253; Telephone: 886-2-873-4866). In the U.S., contact: Gary E. Striker, M.D., Division of KUHD, NIDDK, NIH. (FAX: 301-402-4874; Telephone: 301-496-6325).

The Biannual Meeting of the Nordic Societies of Nephrology will be held in Oslo, Norway on May 24–27, 1995. Topics will include: basal nephrology, clinical nephrology, renal physiology, hypertension and the kidney, diabetes mellitus, dialysis, and transplantation. For further information, contact Hallvard Holdaas, M.D., Medical Department B, National Hospital, Pilestredet 32, 0027 Oslo, Norway. Telephone: 47 22 86 83 10; FAX: 47 22 86 83 24.

The Sixth European Symposium on Urolithiasis will be held in Stockholm, Sweden on June 8–10, 1995. For further information contact Professor Hans-Göran Tiselius, Department of Urology, University Hospital, S-581 85 Linköping, Sweden. Telephone: 46 13 22 37 43; Fax: 46 13 22 45 74.

The XXIII Congress of European Dialysis Transplant Association—European Renal Association will be held in Athens, Greece on June 11–14, 1995. For further information, please contact Theodore Moutokolakakis, Congress President, FAX: +30 1 7778838, or Vincenzo Cambi, M.D., Secretary Treasurer, Clinica Medica Nefrologia, Universita di Parma, Ospedale Maggiore, Via Gramsci, 14-43100 Parma, Italy. Telephone: 39 (0521) 290343; FAX: 39 (521) 291777.

The XIII International Congress of Nephrology will be held at the Palacio Municipal de Congresos, Campo de las Naciones, in Madrid, Spain on July 2–6, 1995. The Congress is sponsored by the International Society of Nephrology in cooperation with the Sociedad Española de Nefrologia, Sociedad Canaria de Nefrologia, Sociedad de Castilla y León de Nefrologia, Sociedad de Nefrologia, de Cataluña y Baleares, Sociedad Norte de Nefrologia, Sociedad Sur de Nefrologia, and the Sociedad Valenciana de Nefrologia. The official language is English. For further information, contact the Organizing Committee of the XIIIth International Congress of Nephrology, c/o Luis Hernando, M.D., Fundacion Jimenez Diaz, Despacho 31, Avda. Reyes Catolicos 2, 28040 Madrid, Spain. Telephone: 34 1 5491115; FAX: 34 1 5443625.

The ISN International Satellite Symposium on Acute Renal Failure will be held in Barcelona, Spain on July 9–11, 1995. The symposium is being organized by the Servicio de Nefrologia, Hospital General Universitari Vall d’Hebron, Barcelona. For more information contact Sergeï Roca, Viajes Iberia Congresos, Symposium Secretariat. Telephone: 34 3 419 51 51; Fax: 34 3 405 13 90.

For First Joint World Congress of Neurohypophysis and Vasopres- sin will be held in Nasu, Tochigi, Japan on July 16–21, 1995. It is a combination of the Sixth International Symposium of Neurohypophysis and the Fifth International Vasopressin Conference. For further information, contact San-e Ishikawa, M.D., Secretary-General, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Department of Medicine, Jichi Medical School, Tochigi 329-04, Japan. FAX: 81-285-44-8143.

XIII International Congress of Nephrology

The Society for Organ Sharing will hold its 3rd International Congress on July 17–19, 1995 in Paris, France. The topics will include: organ procurement, organ sharing, organ preservation and storage, expanding the donor pool, and socio-cultural aspects.
The deadline for abstracts is January 1, 1995. For further information contact the Secretariat Office, Hopital St. Louis, 1 Avenue Claude Vellefaux, 75475 Paris Cedex 10, France. Fax: 33 1.42 06 94 90.

The 4th International Congress on Amino Acids will be held in Vienna, Austria on August 7–11, 1995. The deadline for title submission is February 28, 1994, and for abstracts is April 30th, 1995, which will be published in Amino Acids, published by Springer Publishers. Housing and travel information will be given by American Express Vienna, Mr. Thomas Wagner, telephone: x43.1.515 11 401, FAX: x43.1.515 11 555. For further information, contact Prof. Dr. Gert Lubeck, CCchem, FRSC, University of Vienna, Department of Paediatrics, Wahringer Gurtel 18, A-1090 Vienna, Austria. Fax: x43.1.40400 3238.

The Kidney: Structure and Function in Health and Disease, a Symposium Honoring Homer W. Smith on the 100th Anniversary of his birth, will be held in Mount Desert Island, Maine on August 16–19, 1995. The symposium is being organized by K.W. Beyenbach, B.M. Brenner, E. Kinne-Saffran, R.K.H. Kinne, and Y. Natochin, and is sponsored by Merck. Topics will include: the Smith legacy to renal physiology and clinical nephrology; anatomy and pathology of the kidney and tubular cells; glomerular filtration in health and disease; excretion of urea; mechanisms and molecular biology of tubular transport excretion of water-sodium excretion and sodium balance; acid-base balance; and strategies for interrupting progressive renal diseases. A limited number of travel awards will be available for young investigators; applications from women and minority groups are particularly encouraged. For further information, contact Daniela Mägdefessel, Max-Planck-Institut für molekulare Physiologie, Postfach 10 26 64, 44026 Dortmund, Germany. Telephone: 49 231 1206481; FAX: 49 231 1206494.

Forefronts in Nephrology: Phosphate

This symposium, which is sponsored by the International Society of Nephrology, will be held September 24–28, 1995, in Seelisberg, Switzerland. Topics will include: molecular aspects of phosphate transport, the role of the phosphate group in regulation of cellular activities and physiological and pathophysiological mechanisms involved in controlling phosphate homeostasis. Attendance is limited to 80 persons. A limited number of travel awards are available for young investigators. For further information contact Dr. Heini Murer or Dr. Jurg Biber, Institute of Physiology, University of Zurich, Winterrherristrasse 190, CH-8057 Zurich, Switzerland. Telephone: (01) 257 5031; FAX: (01) 364 05 64.

The 13th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood Purification will be held in Kyongju, Korea on September 27–29, 1995. Topics will include: all types of therapeutic blood purification, such as hemodialysis, hemofiltration, peritoneal dialysis, adsorption and apheresis, immunological and metabolic responses to artificial extracorporeal treatment, blood banking, and new trends in membrane research. 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: 82-2-792-6657; FAX: 82-2-792-5812.

The PanAmerican Society for Dialysis and Transplantation Congress will be held in Mexico City, Mexico in 1995. The organization was founded on the spirit of cooperation among nephrologists of different countries in the Americas, and they now publish the Transplant and Dialysis Latin American Register. For further information about the Society, and to contribute to the next Congress, contact Dr. Alejandro Traviño Becerra, Sociedad PanAmericana de Dialisis y Transplante, Tuxpan 16-104, Col. Roma, México, D.F. C.P. 06760. Telephone: (525) 574-23-45.

Books Received

The USRDS 1994 Annual Data Report, a renal research program at the University of Michigan which is funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases in cooperation with the Health Care Financing Administration, has been recently published. Since 1988 the United States Renal Data System (USRDS) has collected and analyzed information on the incidence, prevalence, morbidity and mortality of end-stage renal disease in the U.S. For further information, contact USRDS, 315 W. Huron, Suite #240, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103, USA. Telephone: (313) 998-6611; FAX: (313) 998-6620; internet: USRDS@MED.UMICH.EDU

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.

Continuing Education

The Silver Jubilee Conference of the Indian Society of Nephrology and ISN sponsored CME Course will be held in Chandigarh, India on October 2–6, 1994. Untenured postgraduates in Medicine/Pediatrics/Nephrology under the age of 35, who are from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka are encouraged to apply for scholarships. For further information, contact Dr. K.S. Chugh, National Kidney Clinic & Research Centre, 601, Sector 18 B, Chandigarh 160 018, India. FAX: 91-172-540 401.

Awards and Grants

Baxter Healthcare Corporation Extramural Grant Program

Applications will be accepted until November 4, 1994 for the Baxter Healthcare Corporation Extramural Grant Program. Research proposals include:

(1) Open-clinical research; improvement in the techniques of hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and renal transplantation and reduction of the complications associated with these techniques. Proposals are sought that focus directly on improved patient management for those being treated with renal replacement therapy. Only studies conducted in human subjects will be considered.

(2) EGP background; designed to stimulate innovative science in the field of renal disease pathophysiology and treatment.