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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 Rashad Barsoum, M.D., ISN Office, The Cairo Kidney Center, P.O. Box 91 Bab-El-Louk, Cairo 11S13, Egypt. E-mail: isn@rusys.eg.net

MEETINGS

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The 4th Hyonam Kidney Laboratory, Soon Chun Hyang University International Symposium, “Diabetic Kidney Disease Research: Where Do We Stand at the Turn of the Century?” will be held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology February 11–13, 2000 in Seoul, Korea. Topics to be discussed include: direct and indirect effects of high glucose; cell signaling; cell cycle and apoptosis; extracellular matrix metabolism; and cytokines and growth factors. For further information, contact: Professor Hi Bahl Lee, Hyonam Kidney Laboratory, Soon Chun Hyang University, 657 Hannam-dong, Yongsan-ku, Seoul 140-743, Korea. Telephone: 82-2-709-9171; FAX: 82-2-792-5812; E-mail: hblee@korea.com

The Joint Action Nephrology Eastern Europe (ISN, ERA, Gesellschaft Nephrologie) will hold a one-day nephrology update in Belgrad, February 12, 2000. On the initiative of Professor Dimkovic (Belgrad), Professor Floege (Aachen), who is involved in an ISN Sister Program with the Division of Nephrology, University of Belgrad, and the Joint Action Nephrology Eastern Europe, under the direction of Professor Ritz (Heidelberg), a one-day update in nephrology in Belgrad will be held to show solidarity among renal scientists and to improve scientific exchange in renal medicine in this part of the world. Participants on behalf of the Joint Action Nephrology Eastern Europe, Professors Floege (Aachen), Ritz (Heidelberg), Kunzendorf (Erlangen), and Berden (Nijmegen), together with local nephrologists will address topics at the forefront of nephrology.

Urolithiasis; the IXth International Symposium on Urolithiasis Research will be held February 13–17, 2000 in Cape Town, South Africa. The program will include sessions on lithotripsy, endourology, metabolic evaluation, medical therapies, epidemiology, economics of stone disease, role of diet and other nutritional factors, biochemical risk factors, physical chemistry, crystallization modulators, crystal-cell interaction, transport physiology, and urolithiasis in animals. Pre- and post-conference tours including a game reserve safari are planned. For further information, contact: Professor Allen Rodgers, Symposium Chairman, Chemistry Department, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa 7701. Telephone: 27 21 6502572; FAX: 27 21 6867647; E-mail: allenr@psipsy.uct.ac.za

The Fifth International Conference on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapies will be held at the Hotel del Coronado in Coronado (San Diego), California on March 2–4, 2000. The conference is structured to promote multidisciplinary interaction among specialists in nephrology, critical care, nursing, support personnel and industry involved in the care of the critically ill patient. A combination of invited lectures, panel discussions, interactive workshops, oral and poster presentations will be utilized with CME credits. Major topics to be addressed include evolving concepts in the pathophysiology and management of the critically ill patient; practice of CRRT and standardization of care; renal replacement and renal support; experience and controversies with CRRT. Deadline for abstract submission is December 3, 1999. For further information, please contact: Shirley Kolkey, Complete Conference Management, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego, CA 92108. Telephone: (619) 229-6673; FAX: (619) 229-6675; E-mail: c-c-m@worldnet.att.net; CRRT website: http://www.crrt.com

The Twelfth Meeting of the European Renal Cell Study Group (ERCSG) will be held March 16–19, 2000 aboard the MS Queen of Holland. There will be a maximum of 100 attendees. For further information, contact: Prof. Dr. J.J. Weening. FAX: 31 20 696 0389; E-mail: j.j.weening@amc.uva.nl

The 8th Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology (APCN) will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, on March 26–30, 2000. The scientific program consists of plenary lectures, symposia, and workshops. The deadline for abstract submission is November 20, 1999, by mail, or on November 30, 1999,
by E-mail. The abstract form can be downloaded from the web site. For further information, contact: Congress Secretariat, 4F-1, No. 11, Ching-Tao West Road, Taipei, 100 Taiwan. Telephone: 886 (2) 2331 0878; Fax: 886 (2) 2383 2171; E-mail: snrectpe@msl.hinet.net; Web site: http://www.tan.org.tw/8th

A European Meeting on Biomarkers of Organ Damage and Dysfunction will be held on April 3–7, 2000, in Cambridge, United Kingdom. The scientific program has been designed to attract a broad audience from within the health sciences and from both the diagnostics and pharmaceutical industries. The meeting will focus on the application of biological tests as surrogate markers of disease processes affecting different organ systems. Evidence for the diagnostic and/or prognostic utility of biomarkers will be subjected to rigorous scrutiny to define the state of the art. The program will consist of plenary sessions and parallel symposia, as well as interactive debates. For further information, contact: Vikki Hughes, Clinical Biochemistry, Box 232, Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge, CB2 2QO, UK. Telephone: 1223 217337; Fax: 1223 217705; E-mail: vfh@eng.cam.ac.uk

The Fourth European Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting will be held April 15–18, 2000 in Madrid, Spain. The scientific program will consist of state-of-the-art lectures (symposia), clinical practice sessions, free communications, poster presentations, and an industry exhibition. A major problem of patients on long-term peritoneal dialysis, the high incidence of cardiovascular related morbidity, will be a principal focus of the meeting. The deadline for abstracts is November 5, 1999. For further information and an abstract form, contact: Dr. A. Jörres, Chairman, Abstract Selection Committee, Nephrology and Medical Intensive Care, UK Charité, Campus Virchow-Klinikum, Augustenburger Platz 1, 13353 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: +49 30 4505 9318; FAX: +49 30 4505 9918, E-mail: achim.joerres@charite.de

The Necker Seminars in Nephrology will be held May 8–10, 2000, in Paris, France. For further information, contact: Doreen Bronner, Département de Néphrologie, Hôpital Necker, 161 Rue de Sèvres, 75743 Paris Cedex 15 France. Telephone: 33 (0) 4 49 54 13; Fax: 33 (0) 1 44 49 54 50; E-mail: doreen.bronner@nck.ap-hop-paris.fr; Web site: http://www.necker.fr

The Seventh International Course on Peritoneal Dialysis will be held May 23–26, 2000, in Vicenza, Italy. For further information, contact: Dr. M. Feriani, General Secretariat of the Seventh International Course on Peritoneal Dialysis, Dept. of Nephrology, St. Bortolo Hospital, 36100 Vicenza, Italy. E-mail: mferiani@goldnet.it

The XXIth International Congress on Psychonephrology will be held June 2 and 3, 2000, in Yokohama, Japan. The program will include symposia on Discontinuation of Dialysis, Psychosocial Aspects of Organ Donations and will have Open Communications. Abstracts for consideration for inclusion in the Open Communications Section should be limited to no more than 300 words and received by April 15, 2000. For further information for those in the United States and Canada contact: Norman B. Levy, M.D., Department of Psychiatry, Coney Island Hospital, 2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11235, USA. FAX: (718) 616-4391. For other countries contact: Shingo Takesawa, Ph.D. ICP Secretariat, Suzuki Univ. of Medical Science, 1001-1 Kishiokacho, Suzuka City, Mje 5100293 Japan. FAX: 81-593-83-9666; E-mail: takesawa@ca.mbn.or.jp

The 34th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN) will be held June 18–20, 2000 in Helsinki, Finland. For further information, contact: CongCreator CC, Ltd., P.P. Box 762, FIN-00101 Helsinki, Finland, FAX: +358 94 542 1930; E-mail: secretariat@concreator.com; website: www.concreator.com/espn2000

The Tenth International Congress on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease will be held July 6–8, 2000 in Lyon, France, under the auspices of the International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism. The scientific program will include symposia, workshops, plenary lectures, free communications and poster discussions. For further information, contact: Prof. Denis Fouque, Department of Nephrology, Hôpital E. Herriot, 69437 Lyon Cedex 03–France. Telephone: +33 (0) 4 72 11 02 02; FAX: +33 (0) 4 72 11 02 03; E-mail: denis.fouque@chu-lyon.fr

The XXXIVth International Congress of Physiological Sciences, entitled “From Molecule to Malady” (a Congress of the International Union of Physiological Sciences) will be held August 26–September 1, 2001 in Christchurch, New Zealand. The congress will emphasize pathophysiology, particularly modern molecular approaches to integrative biology. For further information contact The Conference Company, P.O. Box 90-040, Auckland, New Zealand; Internet: http://www.iups2001.org.nz

Nephrology 2000: The Joint International Society of Nephrology and the South African Renal Society (SARS) Renal Update, and the Joint XXII Congress of the SARS and XX Congress of the Renal Care Society of South Africa will be held September 30–October 3, 2000, at the Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West, Cape Town, South Africa. The emphasis of the renal update will be management issues in renal medicine and both local as well as international speakers will be participating. The renal update CME program (September 30, 2000) should be of interest to general physicians and nephrologists. Parallel sessions of interest to pediatricians, nurses, and technologists will also be offered. The joint Congress that follows the Renal Update will cover aspects of renal medicine of interest to specialists working in developing countries. For South African delegates, Nephrology 2000 will be registered for CPD points. For further information, contact: Suné van Rooyen, P O Box 19063, Tyger-
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION
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**MSc in Renal Medicine.** Applications are invited for a one-year full-time course in Nephrology leading to the MSc in Renal Medicine of the University of London. The course provides training for both established and trainee nephrologists, or for general physicians who wish to make nephrology a special interest. The course covers both theoretical and practical aspects of nephrology. Topics include: pathophysiology; investigation and management of acute and chronic renal disease; basic and applied immunology; renal disease in systemic disorders; management and complications of hemodialysis, hemofiltration and peritoneal dialysis; practical and theoretical aspects of transplantation; renal histopathology; radiology interpretation; use of statistics, etc. Physicians will attend all national renal meetings held in London, and complete a 3-month project that can be either laboratory-based or clinical. For further information and application forms, contact: Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine; Registry, The Hammersmith Campus; Commonwealth Building; Hammersmith Hospital; Du Cane Road, London W12 ONN; United Kingdom. Telephone: +44 181 383 3118; FAX: +44 181 743 6764.

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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 asks them to return to their home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who want 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 achieved 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.
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 Rashad Barsoum, M.D., ISN Office, The Cairo Kidney Center, P.O. Box 91 Bab-El-Louk, Cairo 11S13, Egypt.

Scholarships in the History of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology Commission on the History of Nephrology is soliciting applications for four scholarships ($500 US) to support short studies on the history of Nephrology by students, junior physicians or junior scientists. Applications, including a **Cur-