

Report of the ISN Treasurer

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The Treasurer's Office serves as the business office for the International Society of Nephrology. The office also serves as the circulation office for *Kidney International*, since the dues for membership and the subscription to the journal are billed together. Society membership totals increased from 6,447 at the end of 1994 to 8,168 at the end of 1996, reflecting a 22% increase over the two year period. Since the end of 1996 another 587 new members have joined the Society. This increase was due to the Society's membership drive and the implementation of the Joint Membership Program. The Society's program providing a special "two for one" offer for fellows in training has attracted 110 new subscribers. Serving as the circulation office for *Kidney International* for ISN members, the Treasurer's Office deals directly with Byrd Press informing them of renewals and new members, arranges for mailing of back issues, and processes all journal claims.

Under the terms of the contract with our publisher, Blackwell Science, Inc., the Society receives 75% of the net profit from the journal which shall be no less than 90% of the agreed upon budgeted profit. Income from *Kidney International* over the last decade has grown from approximately \$45,000 in 1986 to \$515,155 in 1995 (Fig. 1).

The Society maintains an annual budget of approximately \$1.7 million and has a reserve of approximately \$2.9 million that is invested in a portfolio of stocks and bonds. The reserve fund generated \$78,000 in interest and dividends during 1995, all of which was expended in support of ISN programs. The annual audit by Deloitte & Touche for 1995 was completed successfully in March 1996. A comparison of expenditures in 1994 versus 1996 reflects a generally consistent trend except for an increase in administrative costs to administer an increasingly complex organization (Fig. 2A and B).

Corporate sponsorship for the XIVth International Congress of Nephrology solicited successfully by the ISN totals \$255,000 to date. A total of 120 travel grants will be awarded from Society resources to younger individuals, including trainees, so they may attend the XIVth International Congress in Australia.

The Society maintains its commitment to new programs, to expansion of its international focus in developing countries and to enhancement of current programs. The International Fellowship Program is currently funding 15 full-time fellows appointed during 1995 and 1996, plus six funded by the American Society of Nephrology, one by Kirin Brewery Co. of Japan, and one by the

National Kidney Research Fund of Great Britain. An additional 12 fellows have received partial funding during this time.

Sponsorship of the Forefronts in Nephrology program continues. Symposia during 1995 included "Nitric Oxide" in Madrid and "Phosphate Transport: Regulation and Molecular Biology" in Switzerland. During 1996 the ISN sponsored "Cytokines and Adhesion Molecules" in Snowbird, Utah (USA) and "Oxygen Sensing on the Cellular and Molecular Level" in Regensburg, Germany. "Genetics and Genes in Hypertension" is scheduled for 1997 in Germany.

Continuing medical education programs funded by the ISN since the last Congress include the III Latin American Congress of Nephrolithiasis and Urinary Tract Infection held in Recife, Brazil (1995), the First Latin American Congress of Acute Renal Failure in São Paulo, Brazil (1996), the Arterial Hypertension Course held in Panama (1996), and the granting of a seed loan to assist the organizers of the Acute Renal Failure Symposium to be held in Cairns, Australia (1997). The Society also sponsored a continuing medical education course held in Calicut, India in October 1995.

The Society's Commission for Global Advancement of Nephrology funded projects worldwide. These included the Tunis Congress of the AFRAN in Tunisia (1995); a satellite symposium held in Barcelona (1995); support for a guest lecturer to travel to the Israeli-Hungarian Nephrology Joint Meeting in Hungary (1995); and a lecture tour in May of 1995 entitled "Update in Nephrology" for physicians and renal health care workers in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Tartu. Additional support for Eastern Europe involved funds to pay expenses for lecturers to travel to Croatia, Hungary, and Poland (1995) as well as support for the annual meeting of the Hungarian Society of Nephrology. A

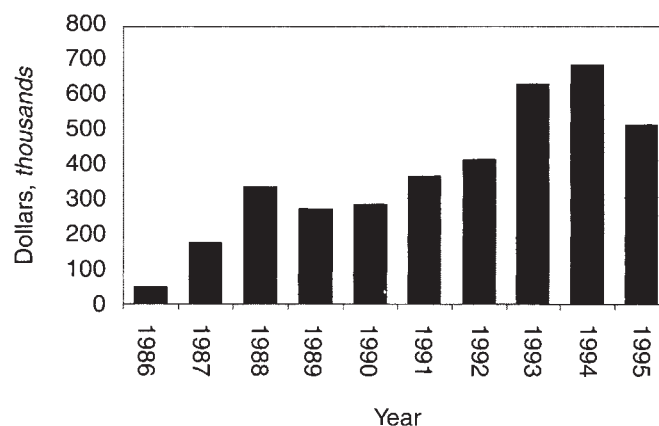


Fig. 1. Income from *Kidney International*.

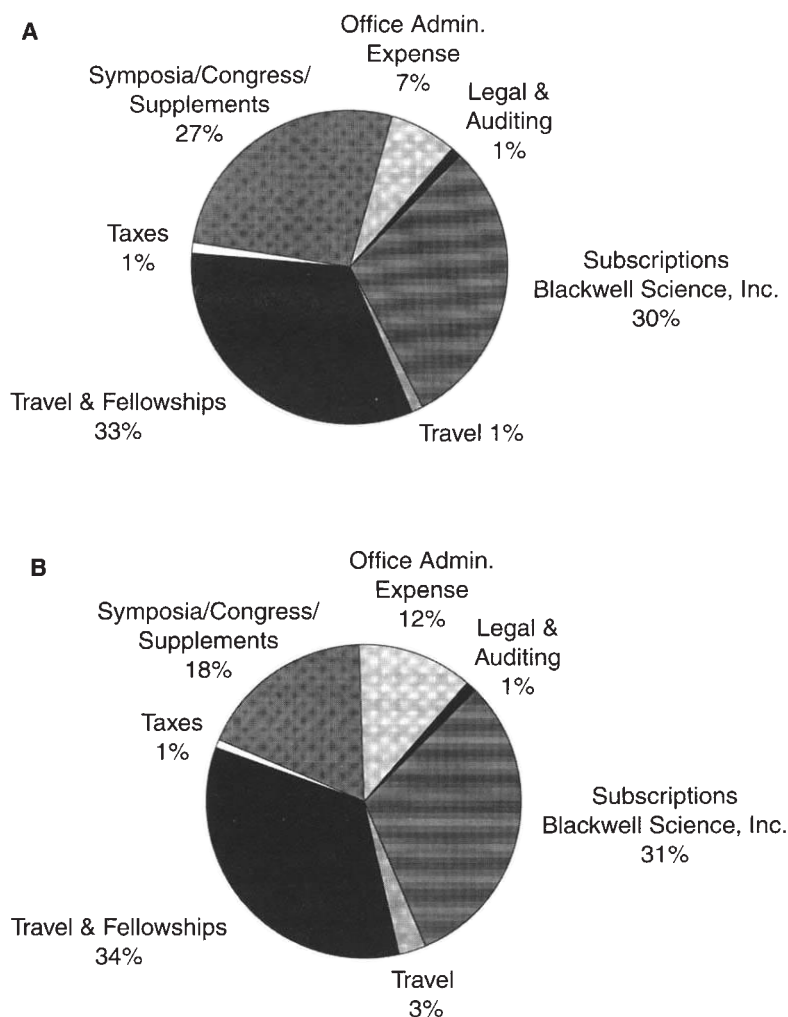


Fig. 2. ISN budget expense distributions. **A.** 1994 distribution. **B.** 1996 distribution.

two-day nephrology "Summer School" was organized and partially funded by the ISN in Kaunas, Lithuania (1996). Commission members also traveled to the IV Iranian Congress of Nephrology in Tehran (1996).

Support for Africa included a fact-finding mission to Egypt, Johannesburg, Phinda, Durban, and Capetown, and the Pan-African Course in Renal Failure held in Nairobi (1996).

Support for Asia included a teaching program of seminars and workshops in Vietnam, funding of travel for speakers and young nephrologists to attend a seminar in Shanghai (1995), a visit to the Bangladesh Nephrology Society to organize a course in nephrology, and travel expenses for a delegation to travel to Indonesia and Thailand (1996).

Funding for Latin America included several fact-finding missions. In 1995 Commission members traveled to Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. In 1996 they traveled to Nicaragua,

El Salvador, Honduras, Chile, and Paraguay. The ISN sponsored lecturers to attend the XVII National Congress of Internal Medicine in San Salvador and to participate in the XIII Central American Congress of Internal Medicine, both in 1996.

During 1996 the Society funded its Visiting Scholar Program and supported scholars to visit Iran and Indonesia.

The Society's Library Enhancement Program continues to provide medical books, slide sets and journals to medical libraries in developing countries around the world. During 1995, 200 slide sets and text were reproduced, collated and labeled and shipped to participants in this program. Support for this program is provided by Blackwell Science, Inc., J. B. Lippincott Company, Little, Brown and Company, Oxford University Press, Raven Press, Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corporation, W. B. Saunders Company, Waverly Press, and Williams & Wilkins. Currently the generosity of these corporations is being extended to 181 libraries.