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.

MEETINGS

The 29th International Conference on Transplantation and Clinical Immunology will be held June 9–11, 1997 in Lyon, France. Topics will include: present results, technical aspects, risk factors, ethical and operational issues, retransplantation and organ allocation, immunology, immunosuppression, and alternatives. Deadline for abstracts is April 1, 1997. For further information contact the Secretariat C.I.T.I.C., Fondation Marcel Merieux, 17 rue Bourgelat-B.P. 2021, 69227 Lyon Cedex 2, France. Telephone: (33) 4 72 73 77 78; FAX: (33) 4 72 73 79 93.

The 3rd International Symposium on Shiga Toxin (Verocytotoxin) producing Escherichia coli infections will be held in Baltimore, Maryland on June 22–26, 1997. For more information contact Meetings USA, 111 South Calvert Street, Suite 2700, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, USA. Telephone: 410-385-5280; FAX 410-539-1278.

Update in Nephrology, a course sponsored by the ISN World Commission on Renal Care (WCRC) and the Turkish Society of Nephrology, will be held in Istanbul, Turkey from June 30–July 2, 1997. An eminent group of speakers will cover topics including fluid and electrolyte balance, hypertension, chronic renal failure, dialysis therapy and transplantation. The Medical Course is being organized by Drs. Barry Brenner and John Dirks, Co-Chairs of the ISN Commission on the Global Advancement of Nephrology and Prof. Ekrem Erek of The Turkish Society of Nephrology. Dr. Jean Pierre Van Waeghem of the WCRC has also organized a parallel course for nurses and dialysis technicians on matters relating to dialysis therapy. Nephrologists in Turkey and adjacent countries are welcome to attend. For further information contact Prof. Ekrem Erek, President of the Turkish Society of Nephrology, University of Istanbul, Turkey. FAX: 90 212 530 7440; Ms. Serpil Bagriacik, Pera, Organization and Representation Ltd., Istanbul, Turkey. FAX: 90 212 230 4923.

The 16th Annual Meeting of The North American Society for Dialysis and Transplantation will be held July 13–17, 1997 in Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii. This is a specialty conference on current issues in nephrology, dialysis and transplantation. The program is designed to update and enhance the participant’s knowledge through presentations on current issues in nephrology, dialysis and transplantation. For further information regarding registration and submission of abstracts contact Wadi N. Suki, M.D. or Laura Brazil, 6550 Fannin, Suite 1273, Houston, Texas 77030, USA. Telephone: (713) 790-3275; FAX: (713) 790-5053.

The 9th International Meeting of the Society for Minimally Invasive Therapy will be held July 14–16, 1997 in Kyoto, Japan. The scientific program will include plenary, parallel, poster and video sessions. For further information contact the Secretariat of the SMIT 9th Annual International Meeting, c/o Academic Conference Planning, 383 Murakami-cho, Fushimika, Kyoto 612, Japan. Telephone: 81 75 611-2008; FAX: 81 75 603-3816.

For further information contact Friedrich C. Luft, Franz Volhard Clinic, Wiltberg Strasse 50, 13122 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 49 30 9417 2202; FAX: 49 30 9417 2206; E-mail: fcLuft@mdc-berlin.de

The 5th Congress of the African Association of Nephrology will be held as a joint meeting with the 21st Congress of the South African Renal Society and the 19th Congress of the South African Renal Care Society in Durban, South Africa on September 7–10, 1997. For further information contact Dr. Indiran P. Naikcar, South African Renal Society, Dialysis/Transplant Clinic Adelington Hospital, P.O. Box 977, Durban 4000, KwaZulu-Natal, Republic of South Africa. Telephone: 27 31 322111, Extension 305; FAX: 27 31 375755.

The 2nd Congress of Balkan Cities Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs (BANTAO) will be held in Struga, Republic of Macedonia, September 6–8, 1997. Main topics will include: epidemiology of renal diseases, acute renal failure (etiopathogenesis and treatment), renal replacement therapy, systemic disease and renal involvement, progress in nephrology, and drugs and the kidney. Deadline for abstracts is May 15, 1997. For further information contact Prof. M. Polenakovic, President-Second Congress of BANTAO, Dept. of Nephrology, Clinical Centre, Faculty of Medicine, Vodnjanska 17, 91 000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. Telephone: 389 91 112-179; FAX: 389 91 614-486; E-mail: maknepfo@lotus.mpt.com.mk

The Second Congress of the Macedonian Society of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs will be held in Struga, Republic of Macedonia on September 8–10, 1997. Main topics will include: epidemiology of renal disease in the Republic of Macedonia, acute renal failure, dialysis, pregnancy and the kidney, urinary tract infection, primary and secondary glomerulonephritis, hypertension, and ultrasound in nephrology. Deadline for abstracts is May 15, 1997. For further information contact Prof. K. Cakalaroski, Second Congress of MSNDTAO, Dept. of Nephrology, Clinical Centre, Faculty of Medicine, Vodnjanska 17, 91 000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. Telephone: 389 91 119-237 or 389 91 147-276; FAX: 389 91 614-486; E-mail: maknepfo@lotus.mpt.com.mk

The 1st International Conference on Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF) will be held September 7–11, 1997 in Jerusalem, Israel. Main topics will include: clinical aspects of FMF; ethnic distribution of FMF; FMF and amyloidosis; rare manifestations of FMF; vasculitis in FMF; FMF-like syndromes (porphyria, Behcet’s disease, hyper IgD syndrome, Hibernian fever); FMF in

Forefronts in Nephrology

Genes and Genetics in Hypertension, an ISN sponsored Forefronts in Nephrology symposium, will be held in Berlin, Germany on September 4–7, 1997. The aims of the meeting are to expand existing knowledge in the area of molecular genetics and hypertension, as well as cement cooperation between scientists in the United States, western Europe and elsewhere with scientists in eastern Europe and Russia. Main topics include: human genetics, animal genetics, somatic gene transfer in cardiovascular disease, strategies in complex genetic diseases, genetic field working, and the study of cardiovascular phenotypes in animals and humans. For further information contact Friedrich C. Luft, Franz Volhard Clinic, Wiltberg Strasse 50, 13122 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 49 30 9417 2202; FAX: 49 30 9417 2206; E-mail: fcLuft@mdc-berlin.de
childhood; FMF and the musculoskeletal system; colchicine and FMF; FMF and related diseases; mapping and cloning of the FMF gene; laboratory diagnosis. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is June 7, 1997. For further information contact CARMEL Organizers of Conferences, P.O. Box 1912, Ramat Gan 52532, Israel. Telephone: 972-3-5754040; FAX: 972-3-5753107.

The 15th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood Purification will be held September 11–13, 1997 in Florence, Italy. Topics will include symposia on myocardium in chronic renal failure, present status of peritoneal dialysis, novelities from EPO developments, and oral/poster presentations on clinical, technical, immunological, and metabolic aspects pertaining to all types of blood purification methods. For further information contact Prof. Quirino Maggiore, Nephrology Unit, S.M. Annunziata Hospital, 50011 Florence, Italy. FAX: 39 55 6449223; E-mail: q.maggiore@trident.nettuno.it

Renal Hemodynamics, Cellular and Molecular Determinants: New Concepts and Insights for Their Role in Normal/Abnormal Renal Function and in Hypertension, an international symposium honoring Dr. Klaus Thurau, will be held at the Secon Monastery in Bavaria, Germany on September 18–21, 1997. This symposium, under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology and the Federation of European Physiological Societies, will consist of oral presentations by invited speakers and free poster communications. For further information contact Prof. Dr. Detlef Schlöndorff, Medizinische Poliklinik/Klinikum Innenstadt, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitäts Munich, Pettenkoferstraße 81, D-80336 München, Germany. Telephone: 49-89-5160-3500; FAX: 49-89-5160-4439; E-mail: sdorff@nameandmail.med.uni-muenchen.de

The 1997 Annual Congress of the European Renal Association-European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA) will be held in Jerusalem, Israel on September 21–24, 1997. The ERA-EDTA is giving 60 congress Grants to young nephrologists to participate in this Congress. The American Medical Association has approved this Congress for a maximum of 26 hours of Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award. For further information contact the ERA-EDTA Congress office at P.O. Box 474 Parma Sud, I-43100 Parma, Italy. Telephone: 39-521-98 90 78; FAX 39-521-291 777; E-mail: eraedta@ipruniv.cce.unipr.it

Proteinuria and Progressive Renal Disease—Towards Preventing Renal Disease 4th International Symposium—Satellite to the 3rd ERA-EDTA Congress will be held September 24–25, 1997 at Dead Sea, Israel. The scientific program will include presentations by leading investigators on the clinical and histologic progression of diabetic and non-diabetic renal disease and various therapeutic measures for the prevention of progression. Discussions on preventative measures will include presentations of published protocols as well as innovative regimens, which are in the early stages of clinical trials or laboratory investigation. For further information contact Prof. Geoffrey Boner, P.O. Box 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel. Telephone: 972 3 5140014; FAX: 972 3 5175674 or 972 3 5140077; E-mail: RENAL@KENES.COM

The Xth Colombian Congress of Nephrology and Hypertension will be held October 1–4, 1997 in Medellin, Colombia. In addition to a full scientific program there will be poster presentations of free communications. For further information contact Dr. Gonzalo Mejia, Ap. Acro 60417, Medellin, Colombia. Telephone: 57-4 263 1330 or 57-4 263 9191; FAX: 57-4 263 1002.

The 2nd International Seminar in Nephrology, organized by the Department of Nephrology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, will be held October 4–5, 1997 in Thessaloniki, Greece. The seminar will focus on the latest information on physiology and pathophysiology of the tubulointerstitium. Program topics will include: ion transport mechanisms along the nephron, immunologically-mediated tubulointerstitial disease and dysproteinemias in relation with the kidney. A state of the art lecture and interactive case presentations will provide a unique opportunity for a multidisciplinary discussion and exchange of views. Registration is free. For further information contact Dr. E. Alexopoulos, Department of Nephrology, Hippokration General Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece. Telephone/FAX: 0030 31 835955.

The 1997 Nephrology Summer School will be held October 12–18, 1997 in Budapest, Hungary. Internationally distinguished lecturers in the field will provide up-to-date information in the form of sessions, workshops and clinical round meetings. The school is open to all young scientists and clinicians. Tuition includes room and board. Financial support is available on a limited basis. Deadline for receipt of application is May 30, 1997. For further information and application forms contact Dr. László Rosivall, Semmelweis University, Department of Pathophysiology, Nagyvarad ter 4, 1089 Budapest, Hungary. Telephone: 36-1-210-2956; FAX: 36-1-2100-100; E-mail: rosivall@infonet.sote.hu and SHAHOS@NET.SOTE.HU

The 24th Congress of the European Society for Artificial Organs will be held October 16–18, 1997 in Budapest, Hungary. Main topics will include: pathophysiology of clinical application of artificial organs, improvement in material properties as a prerequisite for the development of artificial organs, and the importance of auxiliary treatment in artificial organ therapy. For further information contact Dr. Judit Walter, President of ESAO 97, Selyemerdő u. 1., 6300 Kalocsa, Hungary. Telephone: 36/78/462-782; FAX: 36/78/465-077; E-mail: novis@elender.hu Web site address: http://www.elender.hu/~novis/esao

The XXI National Congress of Italian Urodynamic Society will be held in Pisa, Italy on October 22–25, 1997. For further information contact Ettore Rossetti, Euro Conventions, Viale Risorgimento 33/C, 29100 Piacenza, Italy. Telephone: 39 523 33 57 32 or 39 523 33 63 39; FAX: 39 523 33 49 97; E-mail: http://www. agonet.it/euro conventions

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 10th Berliner Dialyseseminar will be held December 5–8, 1997 in Berlin, Germany. This meeting will cover the field of renal replacement therapy. For more information contact Prof. Dr. med. Klaus Schaefer, St. Joseph-Krankenhaus-Med. Abt. II, Bäumerplan 24, 12101 Berlin, Germany. Telephone 030 7882 2379; FAX: 030 7882 2669.

The 1st International Congress on Immunointervention in Nephrology will be held April 30–May 2, 1998 in Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy. This meeting will deal with new therapeutic strategies in kidney transplantation and with clinical and therapeutic aspects of lupus nephritis. The program will include lectures from invited experts as well as innovative regimens, which are in the early stages of clinical trials or laboratory investigation. For further information contact Prof. Dr. med. Klaus Schaefer, St. Joseph-Krankenhaus-Med. Abt. II, Bäumerplan 24, 11201 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 030 7882 2379; FAX: 030 7882 2669.
international speakers, round tables, sessions of poster presentations and free communications. The aims of this meeting are: to present an update of the emerging immunomodulating drugs and discuss the best immunosuppressive strategies in kidney transplantation; to review some aspects of lupus nephritis, such as the APA/LAC syndrome and factors affecting long-term outcome; and to discuss lupus nephritis therapy. Deadline for abstracts is January 15, 1998. For further information contact Paolo Altieri, M.D., Dipartimento di Nefrologia e Dialisi, Ospedale S. Michele, Via Peretti, 09134 Cagliari, Italy. Telephone and FAX: 39 70 542872 or 39 70 539491.

The 3rd European Kidney Research Forum will be held in Manchester, England, United Kingdom, July 3–6, 1998. The meeting will consist of approximately 400 oral and poster presentations as well as keynote lectures from established authorities covering diverse aspects of renal research, with emphasis on physiology, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, immunology, and immunopathology. For further information contact Prof. R. Green or Renee Holland, School of Biological Sciences, University of Manchester, Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology Division, G.38 Stopford Building, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PT, England, United Kingdom. Telephone: 44 0161 275 5408; FAX: 44 0161 275 5600; E-mail: Renee.Holland@man.ac.uk; Website: http://www.shef.ac.uk/uni/academic/A-C/biomsc/ERF/home.html

The XVII World Congress of The Transplantation Society will be held July 12–17, 1998 in Montréal, Québec, Canada. For further information contact the Congress Coordinator, Lucy Felicissimo & Associates, Inc., 12,449 rue Cousineau, Montréal, Quebec, Canada, H4K 1P9. Telephone: 514 331 1998; FAX 514 334 5200.

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 Bahi 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

Familial Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis

Volunteers are being solicited to participate in a study being conducted on the genetics of familial focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS). The study will involve drawing blood from affected and unaffected family members and returning the blood samples in the prepaid Federal Express mailers provided. Physicians who have patients with two or more individuals in the same family with biopsy-proven FSGS and who wish to participate in the study should contact Dr. Peter J. Conlon, Box 3014, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC 27710, USA. Telephone: 919-660-6865; FAX: 919-694-4476; E-mail: Conlon001@MC.DUKE.EDU

Continuing Medical Education

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University announces its continuing medical education program entitled Renal Biopsy in Medical Diseases of the Kidney, which will be held September 24–27, 1997 at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, New York, USA. This intensive course is designed for pathologists, nephrologists, internists and other physicians interested in both a systematic review and update on advances in diagnostic problems in medical renal diseases. The course should be of special interest to physicians who are preparing for their specialty board examinations in pathology and clinical nephrology. Clinico-pathological correlations will be emphasized. The format includes lectures, question-and-answer sessions and the study of case problems. An optional four hour renal pathology laboratory exercise is available on the Saturday afternoon after the conclusion of the formal lectures. Tuition fees are $595 for Physicians and $395 for Fellows and Residents in Training. The CME credits are 27.5 credit hours in Category 1, A.M.A.'s Physician's Recognition Award, and the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University is the accredited sponsor. For further information contact The Center for Continuing Education, College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University, 630 West 168th Street, Unit 39, New York, New York 10032, USA. Telephone: (212) 781-5990; FAX: (212) 781-6047; World Wide Web: http://cpmc.columbia.edu/dept/cme/

The ASN's Nephrology Board Review and Update will take place August 23–29, 1997 in San Francisco, California. For more information and registration contact the ASN staff at 1200 19th Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036, USA. Telephone: 202-857-1190; FAX: 202-223-4579; E-mail: asn@sba.com. The www site is http://www.asn-online.com

Books received

The Kidney and Hypertension in Diabetes Mellitus, Third Edition, edited by Carl Erik Mogensen, has been published by Kluwer Academic Publishers Group. This book endeavors to cover all aspects of renal involvement in diabetes. Main topics include epidemiology, physiology and pathophysiology, laboratory methodology and renal pathology. This new edition focuses on pressure-induced and metabolic-related aberration, in relation to genetic abnormalities, and also changes developing in fetal life. New chapters also include exercise, lipidemia, and retinopathy in diabetic renal disease. In addition, new data are included regarding structural changes in NIDDM patients and the comparison of diabetic and non-diabetic renal disease. The cost is $130 US. Copies may be purchased from Kluwer Academic Publishers Group, Order Dept., P.O. Box 322, 3300 AH Dordrecht, The Netherlands. Telephone: 31 78 6392392; FAX 31 78 6546474; E-mail: services@wkap.nl.

The Management of Lithiasis: The Rational Deployment of Technology has been published by Kluwer Academic Publishers Group. This book addresses the latest developments in the treatment of urolithiasis and biliary stones. The emphasis of the book is on the selection of the least expensive and most effective treatment and is based upon the experience of editors and authors from Western countries as well as developing countries in Asia. This volume covers urinary tract calculi as well as biliary tract calculi, including epidemiology, etiology, choices in the management of calculi, efficacy and safety of treatment and the prevention of urolithiasis. The cost is $175 US. Copies may be purchased from Kluwer Academic Publishers Group, Order Dept., P.O. Box 322, 3300 AH Dordrecht, The Netherlands. Telephone: 31 78 6392392; FAX 31 78 6546474; E-mail: services@wkap.nl.

National Societies

The Secretary General of the International Society of Nephrology is endeavoring to bring the Society's list of national societies
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. The ability of the host institution to provide such training will be an important factor in the selection process.

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.
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 Jan J. Weening, M.D., Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The Bernd Tersteegen Award

The Deutsche Dialysegesellschaft niedergelassener Ärzte e.V. (DDnÄ), the German Society of nephrologists in private practices, wishes to announce the second Bernd Tersteegen Award. Dr. Bernd Tersteegen (Düsseldorf) 1995 deceased initiator and founder of the DDnÄ dedicated himself fully to the improvement of patient treatment, primarily with regard to the technical advancement of hemodialysis. The Bernd Tersteegen award is intended to expedite internationally the theoretical and practical research regarding the insufficiency of kidney function, especially in the field of patient therapy. Works should be orientated towards solving problems inherent in this sector, both from a theoretical and practical standpoint.

Sponsored by Boehringer Mannheim GmbH (Mannheim/Germany) there will be an annual award of DM 15.000.00 for the best evaluated entry.

Should the case arise, the award may be shared, but should however be focused upon one successful applicant. Applicants could be encompassed or engaged in any of the following: kidney failure and out-patient kidney therapy in the clinic, surgery or research physicians in laboratories, scientists or graduated engineers. Only original scientific theses either published between 1996 and 1997 or as yet still unpublished are acceptable and should be rendered in German or English. Wholly unacceptable are Reviews, Dissertations, or Works already entered in other competitions. Should the participation be plural, the group should be represented by one speaker. However, all pertinent participants should be listed. There should be a curriculum vitae in a shortened form, and a list of publications to date enclosed.

All written, five-fold works should be supplied by July 15, 1997 to:

Deutsche Dialysegesellschaft niedergelassener Ärzte e.V.
Dr. med. Heinrich Kütemeyer, President,
Postfach 132304, D-42050 Wuppertal.

The evaluation will be made by a jury comprising managing committee and members of the DDnÄ. The president of the DDnÄ is automatically the chairman of the jury. In the case of an award not being made, the sum of money would be carried forward to the following year. No appeal is admitted. The award will be made during the annual meeting in 1997 of the DDnÄ on the 15th of November 1997 in Mannheim. The award winner, who will be advised in good time, is obliged to be present.

For further information contact Rosemarie v. Strombeck, DDnÄ, Postfach 132304, D-42050 Wuppertal, Germany. Telephone: 49 0202 445655; FAX: 8011 49 0202 450508.

Charles E. Culpeper Foundation Scholarships in Medical Science

The Charles E. Culpeper Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 1998 Scholarships in Medical Science Program designed to support the career development of academic physicians. Up to three awards of $100,000 per year for three years will...