MEETINGS

IV International Congress of the PanAmerican Society for Dialysis and Transplantation will be held in Mexico City, Mexico on November 1–4, 1995. Topics will include: extracorporeal dialysis, CAPD, hemofiltration, artificial organs, transplantation, immunology and immunosuppression, and other aspects of transplantation. For further information, contact the Sociedad PanAmericana de Dialisis y Trasplante, Villalongin 152, P.B., Col. Cuauhtemoc, C.P. 06500, Mexico, D.F. Mexico.

The 45th Annual Scientific Meeting of the National Kidney Foundation will be held in San Diego, California on November 3–5, 1995 at the California Convention Center. The meeting will offer participants a better understanding of the pathogenesis, diagnosis, cure, and prevention of kidney diseases. Program highlights include: the role of the nephrologist in the managed care setting, current concepts in renal allograft loss, advances in transplant immunology, and the importance of credentialling for nephrologists. For registration information, please call Donna Fingerhut at (800) 622-9010, or write to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016.

The 1995 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held on November 5–8, 1995 in San Diego, California. 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 International Conference on CRRT will be held on November 8–10, 1995 in San Diego, California. Topics will include: techniques of CRRT, outcome, use in non-renal applications, and the future of CRRT. For further information contact Shirley Kolkey, Complete Conference Management, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego, California 92108, USA. Telephone: (619) 299-6675; FAX: (619) 299-6673.

ASN Advances in Basic Science: The Immunologic Basis of Renal Disease—Paradigms for the 21st Century is a biomedical scientist's meeting sponsored by the American Society of Nephrology, and will be held in San Diego, California on November 8–11, 1995. Scientists from basic immunology and allied fields with problems in immunologic injury are encouraged to participate. The target audience is young trainees and physician-scientists interested in the immunobiology of the nephriticogenic immune response and transplantation. For further information, contact Ms. Mary Wall Hood, American Society of Nephrology, 1200 19th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036-2401 USA. Telephone: (202) 857-1190; FAX: (202) 223-4579.

Thailand Seminars in Nephrology will be held in Pattaya, Thailand on December 3–4, 1995, just prior to the Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology (December 5–9, Hong Kong). Abstracts and invited lectures will be published in the American Journal of Nephrology as a supplement issue. For further information, please contact Prasit Futrakul, Department of Pediatrics, Chulalongkorn Hospital, Rama 4 Road, Bangkok 10330, Thailand, FAX: 662-2541931, 662-2564511.

The 6th Asian Pacific Congress will be held in Hong Kong on December 5–9, 1995. A wide range of current topics in general nephrology, dialysis and transplantation, including those of special relevance to the Asian Pacific region will be covered. Abstract deadline is July 31, and a limited number of travel grants for young investigators will be available. For further information, please contact the Congress Secretariat: Gardiner-Caldwell Communications Ltd., 2403 Tung Wai Bldg., 109-111 Gloucester Road, Wan-chai, Hong Kong. Telephone: (852) 25193083; FAX: (852) 25198072.

The 8th Berliner Dialyseseminar will be held in Berlin, Germany on December 8–9, 1995. Invited lecturers will present basic knowledge on the entire field of renal replacement therapy. For further information, contact Prof. Dr. Klaus Schaefer, St. Joseph-Krankenhaus-Med. Abt. II, Bäumerplan 24, 12101 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 030.7882.2379; FAX: 030.7882.2699.

The Second European Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting will be held in Gent, Belgium on March 28–29, 1996. The scientific program will include state-of-the-art lectures on PD solutions, adequacy of PD, cardiovascular problems and the biology of the peritoneum. There will also be free communications sessions, poster presentations and CME sessions. For further information please contact the Scientific Secretariate (Mrs. J. Verslycken), Renal Division, University Hospital, De Pintelaan, 185, B-9000 Gent, Belgium. Telephone: +32-9-240 45 24; FAX: +32-9-240 45 99.

The 4th International Conference on Geriatric Nephrology and Urology will be held on April 19–21, 1996 in Toronto, Ontario Canada. For further information, contact Dr. D.G. Oreopoulos, The Toronto Hospital—Western Division, 399 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 2S8. Telephone: (416) 603-7974/ FAX: (416) 603-8127.

The 2nd European Kidney Research Forum (EKRF) will be held on May 24–27, 1996 in Baveno (Lago Maggiore), Italy. The EKRF was created to promote scientific interaction between European nephrologists and researchers, and to provide an informal platform to discuss research advances in various disciplines. Topics will include all aspects of kidney research, with an emphasis on physiology, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, immunology and immunopathology. Participation of young investigators is strongly encouraged through the provision of 40 scholarships for junior investigators. Attendance is limited to 400. Participants are asked to submit an abstract of the research to be presented. For further information, contact Giuseppe Remuzzi, M.D., EKRF Secretary, Negri Bergamo Laboratories, Via Gavazzeni 11, 24125 Bergamo, Italy. FAX: 39-35-319331.


The 13th International Congress/MIE 96 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark on August 19–22, 1996. The program consists of scientific plenary, parallel and poster sessions, workshops, tutorials, and demonstrations with a special emphasis on human facets in application of information technologies in health care. A call for papers and registration will be distributed in August 1995. For more information, please add your name to the mailing list at: MIE 96, c/o DIS Congress Service Copenhagen A/S, Herlev Ringvej 2c, DK-2730 Herlev, Denmark. Telephone: +45 44 92 44 92; FAX: +45 44 92 50 50; E-mail address: mie96@risoe.dk. Alternatively, subscribe to the list mie96-1 with a message to maiser@risoe.dk. Include “subscribe mie96-1” in the body of the message. Web Server address is http://www.risoe.dk.mie96.html.

The 14th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood
Purification (ISBP) will be held in Paris, France on September 25–27, 1996. Topics will include immunoadsorption, clinical effects of dialysis membrane compatibility, outlooks into future modes of organ replacement, as well as oral/poster presentations on all aspects of clinical, technical, immunological and metabolic blood purification methods. For further information, please contact Prof. C. Jacobs, Service de Néphrologie, Hôpital de La Pitié - 83, Boulevard de l'Hôpital, 75013 Paris, France. FAX: 331 44 23 99 84.

The 10th International Conference on Psychonephrology will be held in New York City, USA on October 18–20, 1996. The latest psychosocial and ethical developments in understanding and care of patients on forms of dialysis and recipients of renal transplants will be discussed in plenary sessions, small group meetings and Free Communications. Abstract deadline is August 1, 1996. Topics will include: patient’s perception of care, the national political agenda and its impact on delivery of services, rationing medical care, short-term limited psychotherapy for patients with renal failure, spirituality, non-compliance for patients with renal failure, and a debate on the rationing of nephrological treatment. For further information, contact Norman B. Levy, M.D., Director, Liaison Psychiatry Division, New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York 10595, USA. Telephone: (914) 285-8424; FAX: (914) 285-1965.

The 1996 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held in San Antonio, Texas on November 2—5, 1996. 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 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 3–6, 1996. 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.

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The VIIIth 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 Bahl 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

**ABIM and Board Eligibility**

The American Board of Internal Medicine is planning to undertake a complete review of its policies concerning Board Eligibility. The ABIM anticipates that revised Board Eligibility policies will be announced by December 31, 1996. In the interim, the rules concerning the duration and re-establishment of the Board Eligible status will be suspended. All candidates with this status will continue to be regarded as Board Eligible and therefore able to sit for the Certifying Examinations in internal medicine or the subspecialties. However, the Board’s Qualifying Examination, developed to re-establish Board Eligibility, will not be offered. Candidates who have questions about this policy should contact the American Board of Internal Medicine, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-2675, (1-800-441-2246).

**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.

**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 $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.