International Society of Nephrology

Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1985 is included in the annual 1985 dues of US $75.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. Robert W. Schrier, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, University of Colorado Medical Center, 4200 East Ninth Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80262, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current Fellows members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Schrier along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of $75.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

Nominating Committee—1987 Election of Officers

In accord with the Constitution of the International Society of Nephrology, President Donald W. Seldin has appointed John H. Dirks (Canada) as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the 1987 election of Officers for the ISN. The other Committee members are: Ori Better (Israel), A.R. Clarkson (Australia), William G. Couser (USA), Jean-Pierre Grünfeld (France), Klaus Hierholzer (FRG), David Kerr (England), Françoise Mignon (France), Yoshimasa Orita (Japan), C. Craig Tisher (USA), and Guillermo Whittembury (Venezuela).

Nominating Committee—1990 Election of Officers

As directed by the ISN Constitution, the Nominating Committee for the 1990 election of officers will be composed of 11 members of the International Society of Nephrology. President-Elect Klaus Thurau has appointed Paul Michielsen (Belgium) as Chairman of the 1990 Nominating Committee, and has selected the following members: Gerhard Giehisch (USA), Richard Glassock (USA), Colin Johnston (Australia), Norman Jones (UK), Franciszek Kokot (Poland), Jose Carlos Pena (Mexico) and Yawara Yoshitoshi (Japan).

The three remaining Committee members shall be elected by the general membership of the Society by mail ballot. The by-laws state that the geographical representation of the Nominating Committee shall be as follows: 3 representatives from Europe; 3 from the Americas; 3 from Australasia and Africa; and 2 representatives from unrestricted locations. Thus nominations for Europe (3 members) and the Americas (3 members) have been selected, but only two have been nominated from Australasia and Africa. Hence, a third member must be chosen from that region in addition to two members from elsewhere.

Members of the International Society of Nephrology will receive a form along with notices for 1986 annual dues. This form should be used to forward suggestions for individuals to fill the three remaining positions, and should be returned, no later than April 30, 1986, to:

Professor Klaus Thurau
Institute of Physiology
Pettenkoferstr. 12
D-8000 München 2
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Following receipt of the suggestions for membership, a slate of nominees for the three remaining positions will then be prepared and distributed to the membership for a vote by a mail ballot in a communication that will be sent out by the Treasurer in the second half of 1986.

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 date(s) 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 Dr. Donald W. Seldin, President, International Society of Nephrology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, 5323 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75220, USA.
Supplements to Kidney International

Limited funds are available for the partial financial support of the direct cost of publication of the proceedings of meetings to be published as Supplements to Kidney International. Individual awards cannot exceed US $5,000. Application must be made to the Editor; it must include the date and place of the proposed meeting, a list of other sponsors, a final program (including speakers), an estimate of the number and length of manuscripts, and an expression of willingness to participate in the editorial process, including the submission of manuscripts to a modified form of peer review.

ISN Archive

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., Department of Medicine 226-H, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 USA.

Meetings

The Third Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology will be held October 6–10, 1986, in Singapore. For information, write to The Third APCN Secretariat, N.K.F. Centre, 705 Serangoon Road, Singapore 1232, or telephone 2500220.

Fifth International Conference on Psychonephrology: Psychonephrology 1986 will be held at the New York Hilton in New York City, New York, USA, October 17–19, 1986. This is the only international conference exclusively devoted to psychosocial factors surrounding patients with kidney disease. It features large and small discussion groups, as well as plenary sessions and pre-conference institutes on family therapy, the use of hypnosis in kidney disease, and pediatric psychonephrology. For abstracts to be considered for the free communications Section, as well as for other information, write: Norman B. Levy, M.D., Westchester County Medical Center, Valhalla, New York 10595 USA.

The Fourth Annual Workshop on Blood Purification will be held in Osaka, Japan on November 4–5, 1986. Topics of discussion will include: management of multiorgan failure; problems of extracorporeal blood management; immunomodulation; biological vs. artificial membranes; kinetic modelling of various blood purification systems; and characteristics of the peritoneum in long-term peritoneal dialysis patients. For further information contact Seiji Yamagami, M.D., Secretariat, Fourth Annual Workshop on Blood Purification, c/o Department of Urology, Osaka City University Medical School, 1-5-7 Asahimachie-Abeno-ku, Osaka, 545, Japan.

The Bone and Renal Failure International Symposium will be held at the University of Antwerp, Wilrijk–Antwerp, Belgium on November 21–22, 1986. Topics will include hyperparathyroidism, renal osteodystrophy, aluminum–related bone disease and heavy metals in bone. For information, contact Erik Snelders, Department of Nephrology, University Hospital of Antwerp, Wilrijkstraat 10, B-2520 Edegem, Belgium. Telephone Belgium, 3/829.11.11, ext. 1452.

Cell and Molecular Biology in Renal Research will be held in the Clinical Center, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland on December 5, 1986. The meeting is sponsored by the Division of Kidney, Urologic and Hematologic Diseases of the NIDDK in association with the American Society of Nephrology and the National Kidney Foundation. Topics will include membrane trafficking, cell–matrix interactions, growth factors, cell signalling and gene regulation. For further information, contact Ken Bernstein, M.D., DKUHD, NIDDK, Rm 621, Westwood Building, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, USA.

The 19th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. from December 7–10, 1986. The program will include free communications and poster sessions, four state–of–the–art addresses, six symposia on important topics relevant to nephrology and three discussions on controversial clinical aspects of renal disease. The program will also include a plenary session which will follow the presentation of the John P. Peters Award. In addition, 16 twenty–minute lectures on different basic and clinical aspects of nephrology will be included in the communication sessions. A new feature of the program will be the presentation of workshops and tutorials. For further information, write to the National Office of the American Society of Nephrology, c/o Charles B. Slack, Inc., 6900 Grove Road, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086, U.S.A.

The 21st Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Clinical Investigation will be held March 21–24, 1987 in Elsinore, Denmark. Workshop topics will include AIDS, brain diseases, immunogenetics, liver metabolism, neuropeptides and phagocytes. Contact the congress office at ESCI-87 c/o D.J. Barry, Department of Psychiatry, 0 6234, Rigshospitalet—Blegdamsvej 9, DK 2100 Copenhagen, Denmark, for further information.

The 28th Annual Necker Seminars in Nephrology will be held in Paris, May 4 to 6, 1987. The aim of this meeting is to provide nephrologists the most recent pertinent information on both basic research and clinical practice. In 1987, topics will include: review of new advances in pathogenesis and treatment of glomerulonephritis (including recent progress in the immunopathology of glomerulonephritis, immunosuppressive drugs in experimental and human glomerulonephritis, early diabetic nephropathy, AIDS–related nephropathy and treatment of steroid–unresponsive nephrosis), as well as lectures on various topics such as ciclosporin nephrotoxicity, ciclosporin and diabetes, pancreas transplantation, liver involvement after renal transplantation and amyloidosis in dialysis patients. For additional information, please contact Christine Schall, Département de Néphrologie, Hôpital Necker, 161 Rue de Sévres, 75743 Paris Cedex 15, France; tel: (1) 42.73.24.42.

The Xth International Congress of Nephrology will be held at the Barbican Centre, London, July 26–31, 1987, under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen. The Congress President will be Professor J. S. Cameron. For further details and to ensure that your name is on the mailing list, please contact Dr. F. J. Goodwin, Congress Secretariat, 70 Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 3BE. United Kingdom.