



ISN COMGAN REPORT July - September 2004

October 8, 2004

To: Jan J. Weening, President ISN
cc: ISN Executive
ISN Council
COMGAN members

I want to report on ISN COMGAN's activities during the third quarter of 2004. Our busiest year ever in terms of CME's continues. ISN COMGAN participated in 17 international meetings and was represented by 47 speakers this quarter. In all, the meetings to date have included over 6,400 participants for a nine-month total of over 14,000 in 2004.

A. Meetings

1. The successful Instituto Mexicano de Investigaciones Nefrológicas (IMIN) meeting was held in Mexico City from July 21-23, 2004. The meeting was organized by Alfonso Cueto-Manzano and was attended by 176 physicians and health care professionals. The meeting boasted eleven international nephrologists including two ISN COMGAN sponsored speakers, Joseph Bonventre and Charles Alpers. A broad range of topics were covered, including pediatric nephrology, diabetic nephropathy, renal pathology, acute renal failure, automated peritoneal dialysis and nephroprotection

A comprehensive symposium on the living kidney donor was particularly well received.

2. The Congress of the Pro-renal Foundation took place from July 12 through 16, 2004 in Curitiba, Brazil. It was organized by Miguel Carlos Riella in part as a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Pro-Renal and was a resounding success. Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe and Richard Glasscock ably represented ISN COMGAN.

Over 200 people attended the sessions. Representatives from the Renal Foundations in Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay participated in discussions of common problems and goals in Latin America.

The meeting offered an interesting twist: free dip stick urine analysis and blood pressure evaluation to the general public outside the Convention Center. The long lineups attested to the popularity of the idea.

3. Two very successful CME's on the Pathogenesis of Renal Stones were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (July 30-31) and Bangkok, Thailand (August 3-4) under the guidance of Visith Sitprija, assisted by David Bushinsky. David, Orson Moe and Steven Scheinman were the ISN COMGAN faculty at both meetings. The meetings, which featured 6 lecture sessions, were both attended by over 100 nephrologists, urologists, biochemists and physiologists. The lectures were very well received, with numerous questions both during and after the sessions. These meetings are examples of the requests we are receiving for presentations on the basic science of nephrology. There was plenty of interaction with local physicians and the COMGAN speakers came away with a very positive impression of the future of nephrology in both regions.

4. On August 21-23 the South African Renal Society held its Biannual Conference focusing on Lupus, renal Pathology, Transplant Pathology, Dialysis and Biochemical and Hematological issues of CRF. The meeting was ably organized by Ivor Katz and Larry Margolius. ISN COMGAN was well represented by Sarala Naicker, Chair of the Africa Subcommittee and Nathan Levin, who gave several excellent presentations on Dry weight: its clinical significance, methods and

control; New KDOQI Guidelines; Hyperphosphatemia in kidney failure; and International comparisons of outcomes in dialysis patients with emphasis on CVD. Over 500 doctors, nurses and technologists registered and attended the meeting. Stewart Goetsch, a pathologist from Wits University in South Africa gave an outstanding Renal Pathology Update, which benefited all those present.

5. The 11th Budapest Nephrology School, under the guidance of Laszlo Rosivall continues to offer important training opportunities to nephrologists in the Eastern European region and beyond. This year, 96 participants from 19 countries participated in the school, August 27 – September 1, which is accredited by the European Accreditation Council for CME. ISN COMGAN speakers included Tom Andreoli, who gave an interesting talk on Medical education and medical universities, Eberhard Ritz (Cardiovascular risk and alcohol in general and red wine specifically) Heini Murer, and Andrew Rees.

6. The International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) was held in Adelaide Australia, August 28-31. The meeting was attended by 40 global kidney foundations and was presided over by IFKF President Warwick Prime. John Davis (NKF), Paul Beeuwkens (Netherlands NKF), the Australian Kidney Federation and others made special contributions. John Dirks gave an overview of ISN's program and spoke on "The Challenge of Kidney Disease in the Developing World".

The IFKF remains very interested in the establishment of a World Kidney Day. Jan Weening has formed a liaison committee consisting of himself, Bill Couser and John Dirks for ISN and Joel Kopple and Warwick Prime for IFKF. Discussions are taking place with WHO.

7. The International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) held its 13th Congress in Adelaide from August 29 to September 2, organized by Ken Jureidini and IPNA Director Matthais Brandis. The COMGAN Chair was invited to address IPNA in Adelaide to review ISN COMGAN's programs and to suggest areas for cooperation. The presentation was well received. There were 800 pediatric nephrologists at the meeting, partly organized with the Australian New Zealand Association of Nephrology (ANZAN) with President David Harris. This was an excellent meeting especially on the theme of genetic disease and developmental biology. IPNA is beginning to be part of ISN CME's. They are, for example, sending three speakers the Dubai Postgraduate Update Course on Dec 10-13, 2004.

8. COMGAN Chair John Dirks was invited to speak at the 33rd International EDTNA/ERCA Conference in Geneva, September 4-7. He gave the closing address on "A World Perspective on Renal Care: The challenges of prevention and treatment". Stewart Cameron gave a memorable opening lecture on "Time's Arrow in Nephrology". Registrants, 2200 in all, included renal care nurses, trainers, social workers, nutritionists and other renal care personnel. It was suggested that they might consider a symposium on prevention of CKD, which will be incorporated into the 2005 meeting in Vienna. The EDTNA/ERCA wants a linkage with ISN.

9. The September 9-12 meeting of the European Society of Urogenital Radiology ESUR, an ISN endorsed meeting, was held in the historic city of Santiago De Compostela, Spain. Well organized by Sameh Marcos, the theme of the meeting was Functional Imaging. This excellent symposium was attended by 380 delegates from wide range of countries in Europe and beyond. One hundred and sixty scientific papers and lectures were presented (90 posters and 70 oral presentations) on renal functional imaging and other aspects of urogenital imaging.

10. The XIV French-Paraguayan Nephrology Meeting took place in Asuncion, Paraguay September 10-12. This meeting was held in conjunction with the III National Scientific Congress of the Medical Students of Paraguay, the II International Symposium of Nutrition in Renal Patients, and the II International Meeting of the Renal Foundation of Paraguay. Dr Emmanuel Burdmann (Brazil) and Dr David Rush (Canada) were speakers sponsored by ISN-COMGAN. There were some 700 participants, many of them medical students, and the program was

excellent, with presentations on all aspects of renal disease, including a very strong course on "Nephrology for the Family Physician".

11. The 21st National Congress of Nephrology, Hypertension, Dialysis and Transplantation was held in Antalya, Turkey, September 10-14, in conjunction with the 14th National Congress of Renal Disease, Dialysis and Transplantation Nursing. Professor Kamil Serdengecti, President of the TSN, Cenzig Utas, Chair of the organizing committee, and their colleagues organized an excellent meeting with ISN as a major partner. This years highlights included a CPC on ANCA positive vasculitis by Dick Glasscock, well discussed by Tekin Akpolat; a presentation on CKD and ESRD - a global epidemic requiring prevention and intervention by Allan Collins; and a hemodialysis workshop organized by Nathan Levin including Claudio Ronco, Allan Collins and Martin Kuhlman with the TSN. John Freehally spoke on various aspects immune renal disease and Mohammed Sayegh on transplant issues. The COMGAN Chair gave a global perspective. 1100 physicians and 400 nurses attended the meeting.

12. The Baltic Societies of Nephrology held an excellent meeting on September 17-18 in Riga. Speakers from every Baltic country gave interesting presentations to about 200 doctors and residents from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Participants particularly valued the opportunity to talk with colleagues from adjacent countries in a smaller setting about shared issues concerning the development of nephrology. There were animated discussions touching on recent developments and problems in patient care, teaching, and communications with companies. The meeting was well organized by members of the Latvian society.

13. Under the capable leadership of Driss Zaid and Sarala Naicker, a very successful and well-attended (500 registrants) AFRAN Congress was held in Agadir Morocco from September 16-19. ISN COMGAN speakers included Sarala Naicker, Marc de Broe, Lissane Seifu, Tewfik Nawar and Mohamed Hamdouk. All talks were of a very high quality and one of the highlights was a major session on "Implementation of CKD Guidelines in Developing Countries" with Tewfik Nawar, Sarala Naicker, V. Jha and G Fournier. Eberhard Ritz presented on Cardiovascular Risk in Nephrology and the Salma Suleman Symposium on Toxic Nephropathies, was presented by Marc de Broe, Mohamed Hamdouk, Ivor Katz, D. Zaid, A. Achour and Lissane Seifu.

14. Nefro 2004 was the XXII Congresso Brasileiro de Nefrologia held in Salvador Brazil September 18-22. It was attended by over 1500 nephrologists from 26 states in Brazil and was under the auspices of President João Egidio Romão Junior and Dr Reinaldo Martinelli, President of the local organizing committee. Four hundred nurses attended for the XII Congresso Brasileiro de Enfermagem em Nefrologia. Our President Jan Weening, John Hayslett, Thomas Coffman and John Dirks represented ISN, through COMGAN. The foci were prevention of CKD, lupus nephritis and CV. The meeting was wonderfully organized and a great spirit was present throughout.

15. Another large and important prevention meetings entitled "Prevention of Chronic Kidney Disease" was held by the Mexican Society of Nephrology September 22-25 in Veracruz Mexico and organized by Dr. Pedro Trinidad. ISN COMGAN had four speakers, including Emmanuel Burdmann, Giovanni Gambaro, Daniel Feig and Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe. There was an excellent COMGAN-ISN Symposium coordinated by Dr. Guillermo García on the first day of the congress. It featured 3 speakers: Dr. Giovanni Gambaro, on Genetic bases of diabetic nephropathy; Dr. Daniel Feig on Hypertension and hyperuricemia in the adolescent, and Dr. Tomás Obrador on Early referral of patients with chronic renal disease. Bernardo Rodriguez Iturbe gave a very well received Plenary address on "The epidemic of chronic renal disease: preventions strategies". He emphasized the characteristics of the problem in Latin America and in particular in Mexico. There were an estimated 700 registrants at the meeting.

16. The 3rd Annual Toronto "Prevention in Renal Disease" meeting was held in Toronto on October 1-2. Both ISN as well as ASN endorsed the meeting. Dimitrios Oreopoulos and his committee organized the meeting superbly and 220 registrants from 13 countries attended. Major

topics related to a global perspective on nephrology, the diabetes epidemic, albuminuria as a marker of CV disease, hypertension, prevention of acute renal failure, lupus nephritis, and hepatitis C. Major emphasis was focused on lifestyle modification and secondary prevention.

Speakers included E. Ritz, E. Friedman, B. Molitoris, Warren Kupin, Dick de Zeeuw, Meguid El Nahas, Giuseppe Remuzzi and John Dirks as well as an excellent group from Toronto.

B. Associations and Linkages

ISN COMGAN has long believed that collaboration with other international health organizations would contribute to our mission of prevention. This quarter the strengthening of existing relationships and forging of new ones has resulted in a number of initiatives that have raised the global profile of ISN and furthered the prevention agenda worldwide

Below is a brief description of some of the projects Jan Weening, Tom Reiser and COMGAN Chair John Dirks have undertaken or set in motion.

1. Rockefeller Foundation

Last year ISN COMGAN received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation for a conference in their Bellagio Centre in Italy entitled: "Prevention of Renal Diseases in the Emerging World: Toward Global Health Equity". ISN COMGAN has recently had an application for a second conference accepted for consideration. It is entitled "Prevention of Vascular Diseases in the Emerging World: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Global Health Equity" and will take a more integrated approach. If approved, the conference will be co-sponsored by the International Society of Hypertension and will also include participants from the International Diabetes Federation, WHO and the World Bank.

2. WHO

ISN COMGAN continues discussions with WHO with the hopes of establishing official relations with that organization. In early September, John Dirks met in Geneva with Robert Beaglehole, Director of the Public Health Prevention Strategy Group for the World Health Organization to set out ISN's priorities and discuss the importance of prevention and education in the field of nephrology.

3. World Bank

Giuseppe Remuzzi and John Dirks, with Susan Horton Arrigo Schieppati and Adibul Rizvi, have submitted a paper for a joint World Bank/WHO/NIH publication as part of the Disease Control Priorities Project (DCPP). Their chapter is titled "Diseases of the Genitourinary System".

4. International Society of Hypertension

ISN COMGAN has established a close working relationship with the ISH over the past six months. Dr Dirks and Dr Mickey Alderman, President of ISH have held extensive talks on areas of mutual interest and collaboration. As a result, ISH sent a representative to give a talk at the ISN Update conference in Moscow at the end of May. The ISH will be sending speakers to a number of prevention conferences over the next year including the 24th Annual Congress of the Egyptian Society of Nephrology in Alexandria (February 15-18, 2005) and the Lebanese Society of Nephrology ISN Update in Beirut Lebanon (March 18-20, 2005).

In addition, ISH co-sponsored the ISN application to the Rockefeller Foundation to hold a second conference in Bellagio. A further collaboration is "Hypertension and the Kidney" a Satellite Symposium which will be held after ISN's 2005 World Congress of Nephrology.

5. World Heart Federation

In May John Dirks had a successful meeting in New York with Valentin Fuster, President-elect of the WHF. Early in September Tom Reiser and John Dirks met with the WHF Chief Executive Officer Janet Voûte in Geneva to further explore areas of common interest. In principle WHF has

expressed interest in collaborating with ISN as they feel our experience in the training of physicians in low and middle-income countries is particularly impressive. ISN COMGAN has offered to collaborate in their 6th International Conference on Preventive Cardiology which will be held in Iguasso, Brazil next May.

6. The Transplantation Society

ISN has recently undertaken several discussions with the Transplantation Society on areas of common interest. John Dirks and Tom Reiser met with leaders of the Society during the International Congress of the Transplantation Society in Vienna in early September 2004 as part of the "Forum on Global Partnerships in Transplantation". They were asked to contribute ISN's perspective on future programs and talks are ongoing about areas of cooperation.

7. Pan American Health Organization

As part of its commitment to education and training in Latin America, ISN COMGAN has recently opened discussions with PAHO about the possibility of holding a PAHO/ISN conference on identification and prevalence of ESRD, including surveillance and methodologies for local treatment, costs and feasibility of treatments, and educational strategies aimed at prevention. This fall, John Dirks and Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe will meet with the leaders of PAHO, Sylvia Robles and Alberto Barcelo to discuss the grounds for an ongoing relationship and to begin to plan for a joint meeting.

C. The mission of Prevention

In 2001, ISN adopted prevention as its major mission. Since that time, the number of prevention CME meetings has grown steadily. This year, ISN will be sponsor or partner in 50 meetings worldwide of which 26 are primarily devoted to or feature major components devoted to prevention. This includes the three largest meetings of the year to date, all held during this quarter namely, Hong Kong, Antalya, Turkey and Salvador Brazil. Prevention meetings are very popular in the developing world because they deal with many of the medical issues that are most pressing there. Nephrologists in low to middle income countries realize better than anyone that for their patients, prevention probably offers perhaps the only hope for the future of ESRD.

D. Advisory Committees and Regional Subcommittees

There have been only a few changes to COMGAN committees this quarter. We welcome the new co-chairs of the East Asia Subcommittee, Giuseppe D'Amico and Hai Yan Wang, and look forward to the valuable contributions they will make. We also wish to express our deep appreciation to past chair Hideto Sakai for all his efforts over the past few years.

It is with great pleasure that I submit this Update on the third quarter activities of ISN COMGAN. As always, I would like to express my great appreciation to all our members, our Executive Director Tom Reiser and his team, COMGAN Manager Sheila Robinson and Diana Tucker in the Toronto office, and particularly to our President Jan Weening, for their tireless work on behalf of international nephrology.

With best regards

John Dirks

ISN COMGAN Research Committee

Report activities 2004 (*up to September 2004*)

The activities of the Research Committee have been devoted to different initiatives/interventions.

1. Conference organization

One of the major achievements has been the organization of the Bellagio Conference under the support of Rockefeller Foundation. This has been a 3 day ISN Summit (March 16-18, 2004) entitled "Prevention of renal diseases in the emerging world: Toward global health equity". Experts from around the world and from the WHO organization have worked together to determine the dimension and burden of kidney diseases in the developing world. This led to the establishment of recommendations for the implementation of prevention strategies and their impact on national health systems around the world. A scientific update from the Bellagio Conference is expected to be published in *Kidney International*.

2. Meeting participation

The Research Committee has been involved in several educational programs world-wide through ad hoc organized meetings:

- a. "Continuing Education Program in Pediatric Nephrology & Urology" at the Institute of Child Health and Great Ormand Street Hospital, London UK; January 2004
- b. "Treatment of the progression of renal disease" XIII Congreso Latino Americano de Nefrologia e Hipertension. Punta del Este, Uruguay, April 21-24, 2004
- c. "The scientific care for prevention: an overview", ISN 2004 Hong Kong Conference, Hong Kong, June 29, 2004
- d. "A kidney prevention recipes for your office practice", ISN 2004 Hong Kong Conference, July 1, 2004
- e. "Pathophysiology of disease progression in proteinuric nephropathies", ISN 2004 Hong Kong Conference, July 1, 2004.
- f. "ISN-COMGAN prevention program, 2004 Zhuhai International Renal Week, Zhuhai, China, July 2, 2004.
- g. "Mechanisms of the chronic inflammatory tubulo-interstitial damage", 2004 Zhuhai International Renal Week, Zhuhai China, July 2, 2004.

3. Prevention programs for emerging countries

The Committee is actively involved in planning and organizing early detection and intervention programs for renal diseases, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases in selected emerging countries together with local nephrologists and Institutions. The following projects are in the advanced stage of organization:

- a. "A screening/intervention program for chronic renal and cardiovascular diseases in the Republic of Moldova" (Igor Codreanu, Adrian Tanase, Chisinau, Moldova)
- b. "Early detection and intervention programs for chronic kidney diseases, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases in the People's Republic of China" (Hequn Zou, Li Peng, Zhuhai, China).
- c. "Screening and treatment program for diabetes, cardio-vascular disease and kidney disease in Sogod and Catmon, Philippines" (Robert Atkins, David Pusley, World Vision, Sogod and Catmon, Philippines).
- d. "Prevention program for kidney disease, in Bolivia" (Jorge Ortiz Miranda, La Paz, Bolivia).
- e. "A screening and intervention program for diabetes, kidney disease and cardiovascular disease in Nepal" (Sanjib Kumar Sharma, Dharan, Nepal).

For these prevention programs, that are planning for a 5 year period, the COMGAN Research Committee is now approaching national and local health authorities through its members

directly involved in specific projects and local coordinators. In parallel, we are looking for funding and medicines to start with these projects.

In addition, the following projects are at less developed stage of organization:

- a. "Renal prevention program in Armenia" (Marc De Broe, Ashot Sarkissian, Yerevan, Armenia).
- b. "Pediatric prevention programs in Nicaragua" (Fabio Severi, Managua, Nicaragua).

4. Training/educational programs

Visiting Scholar program

A member of the Research Committee, Dr. Vishnu Moorthy, (University of Wisconsin) spent 6 months in teaching activities in India, moving among different University School of Medicine. This is a great example as to how the Visiting Scholar program can benefit developing countries. It come out the need to plan educational programs not only for post-graduate medical doctors but also for undergraduate medical students. We are thinking to the possibility of asking nephrologists who are born in developing countries but now living/working in the Western countries to spent 1 month (may be split in two times a year) in their own original country or in countries with the same language to activate specific teaching programs in undergraduate and post-graduate schools. This would help to keep them sufficiently aware of the extent of the problem of chronic diseases and provide there with updating information about the diagnostic procedures and the management of these patients.

European Kidney Institute (EKI)

Education and training of students, clinicians, nurses and health professionals is mandatory to assure a future to the prevention programs. With this goal, an European Kidney Institute (EKI) has been organized to pursue this mission particularly addressing the emerging countries. This is a network consortium between three higher education and research institutions (all member of the ISN-COMGAN Research Committee), namely Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research (Bergamo, Italy); Sheffield Kidney Institute/Sheffield School of Nephrology (Sheffield, U.K.); The Groningen University Institute for Drug Exploration (Groningen, The Netherlands). Each of the European partners has postgraduate and nurse teaching programs in place to build human resource capacity for specific skills in public health, epidemiology, nephrology, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases, needed to tackle the exploding global epidemic in chronic disease. The plan is to impress on personnel, from emerging world, who will be mostly providing first line medical care in their communities, the need for early diagnosis of kidney and cardiovascular disease, and the use of preventive measures readily available in their country at present.

5. Requests for educational/prevention programs

There has been a large number of e-mail contacts through the 2004 for the Committee, mainly asking advice for educational and prevention programs in emerging countries. In particular, requests were from Paraguay (1), Dominican Republic (1), Mexico (1), Guatemala (2), Egypt (1), Kenya (1), Marocco (1), Armenia (1), Lithuania (1), Belarus (1), Ukraine (1), Saudi Arabia (1), India (1), Nepal (1), China (1).

6. ISN Kidney Disease Data Centre (KDDC)

The COMGAN Research Committee is discussing with John Dirks the possibility to create a data center for kidney diseases based on the screening and intervention projects on the behalf of ISN COMGAN undergoing worldwide. This center would be located in Bergamo, Italy and entitled "ISN Kidney Disease Data Centre (KDDC)". The aim is to organize a research program for data collection and surveillance on progressive kidney diseases in emerging countries.

7. Applications for funding support

Asia-link programme - European Commission

On September 21th, the Committee has applied to the Asia-link Programme of the European Commission, which is designed to foster cooperation in the field of higher education between the European Union and South and South East Asia and China. The programme serves as a framework for a broad range of activities aimed toward promoting mutual awareness and understanding, exchanges and economic co-operation between the two regions. On this background we thought the ISN-COMGAN Research Committee could find in the European Programme a possibility for funding some educational projects on chronic diseases (kidney diseases, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases). Indeed, even though the global prevalence of chronic disease is rapidly increasing, high education institutions and teaching programs have paid scant attention to them and their prevention. Unfortunately, very few universities and institutions are preparing their students for the vital roles they need to play in the changing health environment. The Application submitted to the Asia-link Program (Third call for Proposal 2004) on the behalf of the ISN-COMGAN Research Committee is entitled "An Integrated Approach to Public Health Education to Address the Chronic Disease Pandemic: A Consortium of Three European and Four Asian Institutions". The overall objective is to build human resource capacity by creating an interactive framework, within higher education institutions for specific skills in public health, needed to tackle the exploding global epidemic in chronic disease through a network consortium between European (G. Remuzzi, Bergamo, Italy; M. El Nahas, Sheffield, UK; D. de Zeeuw, Groningen, The Netherlands) and Asian (both middle income - H Zou, Zhuahi, China; SK Agarwal, New Delhi, India; and low income – SK Sharma, Dharan, Nepal; MA Mansur, Dacca, Bangladesh) countries. Ultimately, the project would like to create an Asian Institute for the Study of Chronic Diseases (AISCD) that would act as an academic hub along with the 4 Asian partners to facilitate access to and transfer of educational technologies in the future.

Specific Targeted Research Projects (STREP) and Coordination Actions (CA) for Russia and other New Independent States (NIS) - European Commission

The Research Committee is actively working for an application (April 2005) to the European Commission under the STREP projects and Coordination Actions for Russia and New Independent States. We will establish a joint application on "Prevention programs for chronic renal and cardiovascular diseases in emerging countries" between EU Members (Bergamo, Italy, Sheffield, U.K.; Groningen, NL; and Antwerp, Belgium) and Russia, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia.

ISN COMGAN SPONSORED AND PARTNERED MEETINGS 2003-2005

2003

- **PREVENTION OF KIDNEY DISEASE IN MINORITY GROUPS AND EMERGING NATIONS. "FOCUS ON THE AMERICAS"**
Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico
November 17-20, 2003
Contacts: Dr. Guillermo Garcia-Garcia: email: ga45132@aol.com; &
Dr. Jaime Herrera [\[jherreraacosta@prodigy.net.mx\]](mailto:jherreraacosta@prodigy.net.mx),
Website: <http://www.isn-online.org/ensenada>
- **DUMISANE MZAMANE AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF KIDNEY DISEASE AND NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH AFRICA – PREVENTING AND PRESERVING CHRONIC KIDNEY AND CARDIOVASCULAR FUNCTION WORKSHOP**
Johannesburg, South Africa
November 28-30, 2003
Contact: Dr. Ivor Katz [\[ivorkatz@icon.co.za\]](mailto:ivorkatz@icon.co.za)
Speakers: Drs. Wendy Hoy, Larry Agodoa, John Dirks, Sarala Naicker, L. Agodoa, S. Kondalsamy-Chennakesavan, Paul de Jong
- **CME IN DAHKA, BANGLADESH**
Dahka, Bangladesh.
December 2-3, 2003
Speakers: Drs. A.M. Davison, J. Bommer, M.C. Riella, W. Finn and J. Dirks
Contact: Dr. Kirpal Chugh (chughks@sancharnet.in) &
Dr. Harun Ur-Rashid (rashid@bol-online.com)
- **INDIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY CONFERENCE**
Vishakapatnam, South India
December 5-7, 2003
Speakers: Drs. A.M. Davison, J. Bommer, M.C. Riella, W. Finn, and J. Dirks
Contact: Dr. Devinder Rana, email: dsrana@bol.net.in
- **ISN NEPHROLOGY CME**
Accra, Ghana
December 6: ISN Nephrology CME
Speakers: Drs. John B. Eastwood, Sarala Naicker, Dwomoa Adu, Lawrence Agodoa, and Eburn Yeboah
Contact: Dr. Larry Agodoa, email: agodoal@extra.niddk.nih.gov, www.ishib.org

2004

- **FOURTH POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN NEPHROLOGY
ERA-EDTA, CZECH SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY, ISN**
Prague, Czech Republic
January 17-21, 2004
Contact: Dr. Vladimir Teplan [vladimir.teplan@medicon.cz]

- **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIALYSIS VI**
San Juan, Puerto Rico
January 28-30, 2004
This annual meeting continues to emphasize new developments and technology in the field of chronic kidney disease.
Speakers: Dr. Nathan Levin,
Contact: Dr. Nathan Levin, nwlevin@rriny.com, scevallos@rriny.com,
Website: <http://www.renalresearch.com/Events.htm>

- **ISN CME COURSE**
Yangon, Myanmar
February 4-5 2004
Topics:
 1. Treatment of glomerulonephritis
 2. Immunosuppressive therapy in kidney transplantation
 3. Management of diabetic nephropathy
 4. Prevention of progression of chronic renal disease
 5. Acute renal failure in tropical diseases
 6. Snake bite nephropathySpeakers: Drs Randal Faull, Tony Clarkson
Contact: Dr. Anthony Clarkson tonhel@senet.com.au , Dr. Visith Sitprijia trcyrcr@md2.md.chula.ac.th

- **SITE VISIT TO EAST AFRICA**
Uganda (Kampala), Tanzania (Dar Es Salaam), Kenya (Nairobi)
February 3-9, 2004
Site visit to East Africa focusing on Nairobi, Kampala and Dar es Salaam
Speakers: Drs. Sarala Naicker, P. Mathieson, John Dirks
Contact: Dr. Edward Kigonya, Kampala, Dr Ahmed Twahir, Nairobi, Linda Ezekiel (Tanzania)

- **THE VIII CONGRESS OF THE ARAB SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY AND RENAL TRANSPLANTATION**
[The XXIII Annual Congress of the Egyptian Society of Nephrology
In collaboration with the International Society of Nephrology](#)
Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
February 10-14, 2004
Speakers: Drs. P. Mathieson, J. Weening, John Dirks, François Berthoux, John Harrington, Abdel-Maguid El-Nahas, Mohamed Sayegh, Ahmed Shoker, Rashad Barsoum
Topics: Several state of the Art lectures, symposia, satellite symposia, CMEs Evaluation of Quality of Care and Indices of improvement of Nephrological Care in the

Arab World. Quality of Evidence in Clinical Medicine an Overview. Optimizing Renal Replacement Therapy. Optimizing Management of pre end stage Renal Disease. Optimizing Management of Glomerular Disease.
Nephrology Forum: Schistosoma-Associated Nephropathy
Chair, Dr John Harrington, A. El-Sherif Discussant, Dr R Barsoum
Contact: Dr. Nihal Younis Aboasaif: email: nihalyounis@hotmail.com,
Website: <http://www.asnrtcongress.net>

- **EXCELLENCE IN DIALYSIS – UPDATE IN NEPHROLOGY**

Karachi, Pakistan
13th-15th February 2004
Speakers: Dr. N. Levin, Prof. Allan J. Collins
Contact: Dr. Jaffar Naqvi exceldia@cyber.net.pk

- **NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF NEPHROLOGY**

Jos, Nigeria,
February 18-20, 2004.
Speakers: Drs. Tita Fogazzi, John Eastwood and David Pugsley.
Contact: Dr. Ebun L Bamgboye [\[ebunbamgboye@alpha.linkserve.com\]](mailto:ebunbamgboye@alpha.linkserve.com)

- **SOUTHERN CHAPTER OF THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY**

Mangalore India, Hotel Moti Mahal
February 20-22, 2004
Speaker: Dr. Robert Schrier, Dr Kirpal Chugh
Contact: Drs. Chakko Jacob: ckjacob@hotmail.com, T Jagadeesh, Ramdas Pisharody "
scisn@rediffmail.com

NEPALESE SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

Kathmandu, Nepal
February 16
Speakers: Dr Robert Schrier, Dr Kirpal Chugh
Contact: Dr Rishi Kafle, Dr K Chugh chughks@sancharnet.in

- **Continuing Education Programme Pediatric nephrology and Urology**

Institute of Child Health and Great Ormond Street Hospital
London, England
March 1-5, 2004
Ten half-day modules (6 nephrology and 4 urology) including 'International Pediatric Nephrology'
Speakers: Dr John Dirks, Dr G Remuzzi
Contact: Dr. Adrian Woolf [\[awoolf@ich.ucl.ac.uk\]](mailto:awoolf@ich.ucl.ac.uk)
Website: www.ich.ucl.ac.uk/shortcourses

Education & Prevention diabetic nephropathy

Hotel Royal Pedegral, Mexico City, Mexico
March 4 –5, 2004
Topics : Education for the diagnosis and prevention of diabetic nephropathy in Mexico
Speakers : Dr John Dirks
Contact : Dr Ricardo Correa-Rotter, correarotter@prodigy.net.mx

First national congress in pediatric nephrology

Cali, Colombia

March 4-6, 2004

Topics: hypertension & its treatment in children; nephrotic syndrome

Speakers: Dr. B. Rodriguez-Iturbe, Dr Melvin Bonilla-Felix

Contact: Jaime Restrepo, restrepojaime@hotmail.com

- **ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION/ISN COMGAN BELLAGIO CONFERENCE**

Bellagio, Italy

Prevention of Renal Diseases In the Emerging World: Toward Global Health Equity

March 15-19, 2004

Chairs: Drs. John Dirks (john.dirks@utoronto) and Giuseppe Remuzzi (gremuzzi@marionegri.it)

Speakers: (By Invitation only) Drs Arrigo Schieppati, Meguid El-Nahas, Peter Bennett, Giancarlo Viberti, Robert Atkins, Dick de Zeeuw, Bernardo Rodriguez Iturbe, Sarala Naicker, Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, Jan Weening, Chitr Sithi-amorn, Ivor Katz, Raul Herrera Valdes, Faisal Shaheen, Giuseppe D'Amico, Kim Solez, J. Epping-Jordan, Ricardo Correa-Rotter, Dan Kaseje, John Dirks, Giuseppe Remuzzi

Contact: Dr. John Dirks john.dirks@utoronto.ca , Dr G. Remuzzi gremuzzi@marionegri.it , Ms Ilja Huang i.m.huang@amc.uva.nl

- **THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE LIVE KIDNEY DONOR**

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

April 1-3, 2004

International Forum to review the medical care of the live kidney donor

The International Transplantation Society

Contact: Dr Frank Delmonica Francis_Delmonico@neob.com

- **HEMODIALYSIS MEETING**

Guadalajara, Mexico

April 2-4, 2004

Contact: Dr. Guillermo Garcia Garcia, Ga45132@aol.com

- **JOINT ISN COMGAN/KDIGO CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GLOBAL GUIDELINES FOR CKD**

Beijing, China

April 12-17, 2004

Speakers: Dr David Pugsley, Dr Eberhard Ritz, Dr R. Barsoum

Topics: Population based studies of CKD; Evaluation of the RCTs on the prevention of progressive CKD

Contact: Dr Haiyan Wang, whykd@medmail.com.cn renalbmu@public.bta.net.cn

- **EARTHQUAKE RENAL PREVENTION AND TREATMENT**

Tehran, Iran

April 16-17

Speakers: Drs N Lameire, R. Vanholder, W. Van Biesen, M. Sever, A. Rastegar,

Contact: Dr. N Lemeire Ingrid.verslycken@ugent.net

XIII CONGRESS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY AND HYPERTENSION (SLANH)

Punta del Este, Uruguay (Hotel Conrad)

April 21-24, 2004

April 21: COMGAN/SLANH Symposium "Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Renal Failure"

Speakers: Drs. John Dirks, Thomas Hostteter, Jesus Egido, Giuseppe Remuzzi, Brian Pereira, Jan Weening, William Mitch, Adeera Levin

Contact: Dr. Sergio A Mezzano (Chile) smezzano@uach.cl phone: 56-63-215890 and

Bernardo Rodriguez Iturbe bri@iamnet.com, Secretary

Congress:slanh2004@personas.com.uy

- **ERA-EDTA**

Lisbon, Portugal

May 15-18, 2004

Speakers: Dr Jan Weening

Contact: Dr. Fernando Carrera (scientific program) nefrologiasams@mail.telepac.pt,

Maria João Pais (congress secretary) drmjpais@eraedta2004.org, congress secretariat congress@euromeetings.it, <http://www.eraedta2004.org>

- **International Symposium on Albuminuria**

May 16-18, 2004-09-24

New York City

Contact: Dr Dick de Zeeuw

- **ISN UPDATE ON GENERAL NEPHROLOGY, WORKSHOP ON RENAL NEPHROLOGY, ACUTE RENAL FAILURE AND HEMODIALYSIS**

IV Conference of Blood Purification in the ICU (Dr Yaroustovsky)

Moscow, Russia

May 27 – June 2, 2004

Topics: ARF Symposium; General nephrology, Renal Pathology, Renal Replacement Therapy

Speakers: Drs John Dirks, Norbert Lemeire, Art Cohen, D Cattran; A. Davenport, D. Fliser, F. Finklestein, E Ritz, J. Tattersall, M.El Nahas E. Lieberman, N.Hoenich

Contact: Dr. Natalia Tomilina natomil@online.ru, Dr John Dirks john.dirks@utoronto.ca

THIRD International COURSE ON CRITICAL CARE Nephrology

Endorsed by ISN, ASN, ESICM, and ERA

Vicenza, Italy

June 1-June 4, 2004

Contact: Prof. Claudio Ronco, Email: cronco@goldnet.it;

Dr. Anna Saccardo, Email: info@vicenzanephrocourses.com

2nd Renal Failure Academy

Constanta, Romania

June 8 –10

Speakers: Drs D. de Zeeuw, A. Covic, E. Ritz

Contact: Dr. Adrian Covic

Guatemalan Society of Nephrology

June 25-26, 2004

Topics: Early identification and prevention of kidney disease

Speakers: Drs Jaime Herrera-Acosta, Guillermo Garcia Garcia, Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe

Contact: Dr Randall Lou; randall_lou@yahoo.com

International Society of Nephrology 2004 Conference on Prevention of Progression of Renal Disease

Organizers: International Society of Nephrology and the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology
Hong Kong, China

June 29-July 1, 2004

Topics: twelve lessons from the RENAAL Trial; Low birth weight, low nephron number, adult hypertension and CKD;

Speakers: Drs. Jan Weening, Robert Atkins, Giuseppe Remuzzi, John Dirks, Bill Mitch, T. Hostetter, [Hans-Henrik](#) Parving, Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Wendy Hoy, Barry Brenner, David Harris

Contact: Dr. Philip Li, [philipli@cuhk.edu.hk]

• XII SEMINAR OF THE MEDICAL ACADEMY FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

June 15-18, 2004.

St Petersburg

Speakers: Dr Mike Kashgarian, Dr Ellin Lieberman

Contact: Dr Ellin Lieberman elieb@earthlink.net Konstantin Gurevich
konstantin.gurevich@ndte.energo.ru

Instituto Mexicano de Investigaciones Nefrológicas (IMIn)

Mexico City, Mexico

July 21-23, 2004

Speakers: Drs. J. Bonventre, C. Alpers

Contact: Alfonso Cueto-Manzano, a_cueto_manzano@hotmail.com

• CONGRESS of the PRO RENAL FOUNDATION

Curitiba, Brazil

July 12 –16, 2004

Speakers: Dr. Richard Glassock, Dr Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe

Contact: Miguel Carlos Riella

• CME ON PATHOGENESIS OF RENAL STONES

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

July 30-31

Topics: Calcium Nephrolithiasis, Uric Acid Nephrolithiasis, Inherited disorders of renal tubular function, Lesion from genetic hypercalciuric stone forming rats, Renal response to acid and protein load, Genetic and phenotypic heterogeneity in Dent's disease

Speakers: Dr David Bushinsky, Dr. Orson Moe, Dr Steven Scheinman
Contact: Visith Sitprija Zaki Morad zmorad@hkl.gov.my

- **CME ON PATHOGENESIS OF RENAL STONES**

Bangkok, Thailand

August 3-4 2004

Topics: Calcium Nephrolithiasis, Uric Acid Nephrolithiasis, Inherited disorders of renal tubular function, Lesion from genetic hypercalciuric stone forming rats, Renal response to acid and protein load, Genetic and phenotypic heterogeneity in Dent's disease

Speakers: Dr David Bushinsky, Dr. Orson Moe, Dr. Steven Scheinman

Contact: Dr Visith Sitprija, sitprija@yahoo.com

- **SOUTH AFRICAN RENAL SOCIETY BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**

Johannesburg, South Africa

Sandton Convention centre

August 21-23, 2004

Topics: Renal Pathology, Lupus, Transplant Pathology, Peritoneal Dialysis, Hemodialysis
Biochemical & Haematological issues of CRF,

Speakers: Dr Nathan Levin,

Contact: Dr. Ivor Katz [ivorkatz@icon.co.za]

- **XI BUDAPEST NEPHROLOGY SCHOOL**

Under the auspices of ISN, ERA-EDTA and EKRA

Budapest, Hungary

August 27 – September 1, 2004

Speakers: Drs A Rees, E. Ritz, F. Luft, H Murer, T Andreoli,

Contact: Dr. Laszlo Rosivall [rosivall@net.sole.hu]

- **THE THIRTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATION**

Adelaide, Australia

Adelaide Convention Centre

August 29 – September 2, 2004

Speakers: Dr J. Dirks

Contact: Ken Jureidini jureidini@wch.sa.gov.au Dr. Matthias Brandis brandis@kikli.ukl.uni-freiburg.de <http://www.ipna2004.com>

- **5th INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE IFKF**

Adelaide, Australia

August 28 – 31, 2004

Speakers: Dr J. Dirks

Contact: Warwick Prime

- **33rd International EDTNA/ERCA Conference**

September 4-7, 2004

Geneva, Switzerland

Speakers: Dr John Dirks

Contact: Judith Westhoff judith.westhoff@datazug.ch

- **XIV FRENCH PARAGUAYAN NEPHROLOGY MEETING AND II INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON RENAL NUTRITION**
 Medical School National University of Asuncion, Asuncion, Paraguay
 September 10-12, 2004
Speakers: Dr D.Rush, Dr E. Burdman
Contact: Dr. Francisco SantaCruz fsanta@unimail.uninet.com.py
- **EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF UROLOGENITAL RADIOLOGY (ESUR)**
 Santiago, Spain
 September 9-12, 2004
Speakers: Prof. M. El Nahas
Contact: Prof Sameh Morcos Sameh.Morcos@sth.nhs.uk
- **21ST NATIONAL CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY, HYPERTENSION, DIALYSIS AND TRANSPLANTATION**
 Antalya, Turkey
 September 11-14, 2004
 Topics: Membranous Nephropathy; Metabolic/lipid issues in PD;
Speakers: Drs. J. Dirks, R. Glassock, S.Prichard, M. Sayegh, J. Freehally, C. Ronco, N. Levin, M. Kuhlmann, A.Collins, D. Oreopolous
Contact: Dr. Kamil Serdengecti kserden@superonline.com
- **BALTIC SOCIETIES OF NEPHROLOGY MEETING**
 Riga, Latvia
 September 17–18, 2004
Speakers: Dr E Ritz, Dr J Weening
Contact: Prof. Wiecek; awiecek@spskm.katowice.pl Prof. Dr.E Ritz, prof.e.ritz@t-online.de
 Dr Petersons, aivars.petersons@stradini.lv
- **7TH AFRICAN CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY (AFRAN) & 4TH MOROCCAN CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY**
 Agadir, Morocco
 September 16-19, 2004
Speakers: Drs. Marc DeBroe, Sarala Naicker, Lissane Seifu, Mohamed Hamdouk
Contact: Prof. Driss Zaid drisszaid@hotmail.com; Dr M. Benghanem Gharbil
mbengahmen@wanadoo.net.ma
- **BRAZILIAN CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY**
 Salvador da Bahia, BRAZIL
 September 18-22, 2004
Speakers: Drs John Dirks, Giuseppe Remuzzi, Jan .Weening, John Hayslett, Thomas Coffman
Contact: Dr. Reinaldo Martinelli rm@ufba.br
Interim Contact: Dr. Bernardo Rodriguez Iturbe bri@iamnet.com
- **MEXICAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY**
"PREVENTION OF CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE" P, D
 September 22-25, 2004,
 Veracruz, Mexico.
Topics: Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Renal Disease, Uric Acid and Hypertension in Adolescents, Treatment of Micro and Macroalbuminuria in Diabetic Nephropaty, K/DOQI

Guidelines on the management of CRD, The Hemo Study and the Practice of HD, Controversies in the treatment of ARF, Daily Hemodialysis, Outcomes of Cardiovascular Calcifications in ESRD, New Alternatives in the Treatment of Renal Osteodistrophy, Update in the treatment of Lupus Nephritis

Speakers: Dr. Giovanni Gambaro, Dr Daniel Feig, B Rodriguez-Iturbe, E. Burdmann

Contact: Dr. Pedro Trinidad nefromex@infosel.net.mx

- **2 DAY COURSE ON HEMODIALYSIS**

ISN endorsed meeting

September 28 – 29, 2004

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Contact: Mis Deepa Tel: (01) 252-0252 ext 5446/5449/5448

- **PREVENTION in RENAL DISEASE**

Third Annual Congress

October 1-2, 2004

Toronto, Ontario

Speakers: Drs. R Bengoa, G.Curran, G. Remuzzi, J. Scholey, M. Rosenberg, J. Bargman, E. Ritz, D. de Zeeuw, A. Singh, A. Logan. S. Tobe, B. Molitoris, N. Lameire, W. Finn, J. Miller, M. Hladunewich, S. Jamal, J. Balow, W. Kupin, A. El Nahas, S. Donnelly, J. Dirks

Contact: Dr. Dimitrios G. Oreopoulos [dgo@teleglobal.ca]

- **CONGRESS OF THE SOCIETE INTERNATIONALE D'UROLOGIE**

Honolulu, Hawaii

October 3 –7 2004

Speaker: Dr John Dirks

Contact: Valerie Guillet valerie.guillet@siu.urology.org

- **INDONESIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY**

Yogyakarta, Indonesia

October 7-10, 2004

Topics: workshops and seminars on “Increasing the quality of Life of CKD Patients”

Speakers: Dr David Pugsley, David Harris,

Contact: Prof M. Sja'bani ms_bani@yogya.wasantara.net.id

- **PERU CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY**

Lima, Peru

October 14-17, 2004

Topics: ARF, Intensive care nephrology, Hemodialysi, Hypertension and cardiovascular disease in people with kidney disease: new guidelines and approaches to reduce cardiovascular and renal risk, Atherosclerotic disease in chronic renal failure, Hypertension: A Review of Pathophysiology, Diagnostic Techniques, and Therapy - Selection of antihypertensives in the renal patient, Chronic Renal failure, Normalisation of haemoglobin - what is the evidence? Proteinuria and progression of renal failure, Diabetes, Glycemic Control, and Renal Failure: Ongoing and New Issues Transplantation, CAPD, Glomerular and Interstitial Disorders, Nephrology in the Emerging World

Speakers: Drs. Ravindra Mehta, Gerald Appel, Dr. Rodriguez-Iturbe

Contact: Elizabeth Escudero, elizabethescudero3@hotmail.com Dr Abdias Hurtado

ASN RENAL WEEK 2004

St. Louis, MO

Americas Center

October 27 – November 1, 2004

COMGAN Workshop: 1:30 – 3:00pm October 28, 2004

Contact: Dr. John Dirks john.dirks@utoronto.ca

- **1st INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION: PREVENTION OF GRAFT REJECTION**
Organized by St Barloti hospital and the Montenegri Institute in Bergamo and endorsed by ISN
Vincenza, Italy
Nov 11-12, 2004
Speakers: Dr Claudio Ronco, Dr G Remuzzi
Contact: Dr Anna Saccardo
- **PREVENTION IN NEPHROLOGY**
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Date: November 13-14, 2004
Focus On The Countries of the European Union
Speakers: Drs. J. Weening, B.M. Brenner, G. Remuzzi, C.E. Morgensen, P.E. de Jong, E. Ritz, H.H. Parving, D. de Zeeuw, C.D.A. Stehouwer, D.E. Grobbee, R. Bengoa, F. Locatelli, J.D. Kopple, W. Hoy, A.M. El Nahas, J. Dirks
Contact: Dr. Dick de Zeeuw d.de.zeeuw@med.rug.nl , Dr Paul de Jong p.e.jong@int.azg.nl
- **35th ANNUAL CONFERENCE INDIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY** P,T
Varanasi, India
Banaras Hindu University
Date : November 18-20, 2004
Topics : Transplants, prevention of CKD
Speakers: Drs. Suthanthiran, Cynthia Drachenberg, Norberto Perico, John Dirks
Contact : Dr Jai Prakash jaiprakashbhu@hotmail.com , Dr R.K. Sharma rksharma@sqqgi.ac.in
- **ISN NEPHROLOGY CME**
Kumasi, Ghana
Miklin Hotel
November 19 2004
Speakers: Drs J Eastwood, Ebum Bamgboye, Joe Adu
Contact: John Eastwood beastwood@compuserve.com Jacob Plange-Rhule jprhule@africaonline.com.gh
- **ISN/SRI LANKAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY CME**
Columbo, Sri Lanka
Date : November 22-23, 2004
Speakers: Dr. Cynthia Drachenberg,
Contact: Kirpal Chugh; chughks@sancharnet.in
- **1st CAIRO-SHEFFIELD NEPHROLOGY CLUB MEETING on DETECTION & PREVENTION of CKD**
A Cardio Renal Approach
In collaboration with ESN, ISN and Sheffield kidney Institute
Cairo, Egypt
November 25-26, 2004
Speakers: Drs. R Barsoum, M. El Nahas
Contact: Prof Ahmad Adel Hassan; aahassan52@hotmail.com
- **PROPOSED SITE VISIT TO ALGERIA**
Dr Tewfik Nawar and Pierre Ronco

- **MESOT MEETING**
Ankara, Turkey
December 6-10, 2004
Contact: Dr. Magdi Soliman
- **Third ISN Postgraduate Course IN Nephrology & pan Arab pediatric nephrology**
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
December 10-13, 2004
Topics: Workshop, on Renal Pathology and Imaging, PD and hemodialysis, Prevention, Transplantation, Pediatric Workshop
Speakers: Drs N Lameire, J Weening, J.Dirks, G. Remuzzi, Mohammed Sayegh, Terry Cook, Nathan Levin, Otto Mehls, Matthias Brandis, M. El Nahas, W. Harmon B. Periera, E.Ramos, A. Al Khader, K. Badr
Contact: Mona Al Rukhaimi mamazar4@hotmail.com
- **SHEIK HAMDAN AWARD FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES**
With the Grand Hamdan International Award in "Renal Diseases: Pathogenesis And Management"
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
December 13-16, 2004
Contact: <http://www.hmaward.org.ae/contact.htm>

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- **7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIALYSIS: ADVANCES IN ESRD 2005**
New Orleans, USA
January 19-21, 2005
Speakers: N Levin
Contact: William Venus Wvenus@rriny.com
- **5th POSTGRADUATE TRAINING COURSE OF THE ERA/EDTA**
Prague, Czechoslovakia
January 22 -26, 2005
Speakers: Drs Norbert Lameire, Eberhard Ritz
Contact: Dr Vladmir Teplan mrkb@medicon.cz or habe@medicon.cz (secretary)
- **ISN CME**
Yangon, Myanmar
January 2005
Speakers: Drs Anthony Clarkson, Visith Sitprija
Contact: Prof Paing Soe dmrloewerm@mptmail.net.mm
- **FOURTH THINK KIDNEY SYMPOSIUM**
The Muscat, Oman
February 1 -2, 2005
Topics: ESRD in Oman: problems and solutions;The preventive role of ACE and ARB in diabetic and in non-diabetic renal disease: cardiovascular problems in CRF; Hypertension: Is the vessel the cause of the victim?; Nutritionall adequacy in dialysis patients; the MIA syndrome and its management; Immune Tolarence; Xeno transplantation:The promise and the risks

Speakers: M. El Nahas
Contact: Dr Hamoud Marhuby, renal@omantel.net.om

- **[The XXIV Annual Congress of the Egyptian Society of Nephrology
In collaboration with the International Society of Nephrology](#)**

Alexandria, Egypt
Feb 15-18 2005

Theme: What is New in Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation

Topics: What's new in hypertension, Drug treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism and calcimimetics; what's new in uremic toxins; CV complications of GN, dialysis and transplantation; recent advances in FSGS; continuous RRT; podocyte biology; new guidelines; the future of molecular therapy for kidney disease; kidney disease and obesity – the new epidemic; interventional nephrology; Diabetes, liver dialysis by nephrologist or hepatologist? A practical approach to acid base, fluid and electrolyte disorders; training courses for young nephrologists and nurses.

KI Forum: John Harrington (moderator) Meguid El Nahas (discussant)

Contact: Dr Salah Naga: Salahnaga@hotmail.com

- **NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION OF NEPHROLOGY**

Port Harcourt, Nigeria
February 15-18, 2005

Topics: the Environment and the Kidney

Contact: Ebum Bamgboye ebamgboye@metrong.com

- **25th ANNIVERSARY SOUTHERN CHAPTER, INDIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY CONGRESS**

Chennai, India
February 18-20, 2005

Speakers: Drs Daniel Cattran, Jan Weening, John Dirks

Contact: Georgi Abrahams abraham_georgi@yahoo.com

- **1ST NATIONAL CONGRESS ON PREVENTION OF CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE IN INDIA**

February 26-27, 2005
New Delhi, India

Speakers: Drs. Jan Weening, Danial Cattran, John Dirks

Contact: Dr Sanjay Agarwal skagarwal58@yahoo.co.in

- **25TH ANNUAL DIALYSIS CONFERENCE
25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PD
16TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON PEDIATRIC DIALYSIS
11th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HD**

February 28 - March 2, 2005
Tampa, Florida, USA

- **LEBANESE SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY: ISN UPDATE**

Beirut, Lebanon
March 18-20, 2005

Topics: End stage renal disease (prevention, renal replacement modalities), Molecular biology for the practicing nephrologist, Transplantation immunology, Non-invasive evaluation of vascular function in the hypertensive patient, Angiotensin receptor blockade, Glomerulonephritis

Speakers: Barry Brenner, Jan Weening, John Dirks, Philip Marsden

Contact: Kamal Badr, email: kbadr@aub.edu.lb, kfbadr@hotmail.com
Dr. Edgar Nasr, President of the Lebanese Society of Nephrology

- **II CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY OF BOSNIA & HERZOGOVENA**
Speakers: Dr V.Teplan
- **25TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY**
Mandaluyong City, Philippines, EDSA Shangrila Hotel
April 14-16, 2005
Topics: The Kidney in Systemic Diseases
Speakers: Drs.Gavin Becker, George Mangos
Contact: Lynn C. Almazan-Gomez achua1@skynet.net Irmingarda Gueco
- **XIV CONGRESS OF THE ARGENTINIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY**
Iguazu, Argentina
April 21-25, 2005
- **6TH CONFERENCE OF NEPHROLOGY, UROLOGY AND TRANSPLANTATION OF SAARC COUNTRIES “Prevention of Kidney Disease in Developing countries”**
Kathmandu, Nepal
April 22-24, 2005
Speakers: Dr. N Perico
Contact: Dr Rishi Kafle nson@wlink.com.np
- **UKRANIAN ASOCIATION OF NEPHROLOGY**
Kiev, Ukraine
May 12 –14, 2005
Speakers: Andrey Cybulsky
Contact: Dr. Inna Kolesnyk bugs@kiev ldc.net
- **14th INTERNATIONAL VICENZA HEMODIALYSIS COURSE**
Vincenza, Italy
May 24-27, 2005
Contact: Dr Anna Saccario
- **NEFROLOGIA 2005 (IX CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN NEPHROLOGY AND HYPERTENSION CONGRESS, VII NATIONAL NEPHROLOGY CONGRESS AND III INTERNATIONAL NEPHROLOGY MEETING FOR NURSES**
Varadero, Cuba
May 14-18, 2005
 - May 14-15: Prevention and Progression in Chronic Renal Failure
Contact: Drs. John Dirks john.dirks@utoronto.ca and G. Remuzzi
 - May 16-18: Central America and the Caribbean Congress of Nephrology and Hypertension.
Contact: Dr. Jorge Alfonzo, President, Cuban Society of Nephrology [\[docimef@infomed.sld.cu\]](mailto:docimef@infomed.sld.cu), Dr. Eva Barranco Hernandes [\[nefro@hha.sld.cu\]](mailto:nefro@hha.sld.cu) [\[barranco@infomed.sld.cu\]](mailto:barranco@infomed.sld.cu)
- **ERA-EDTA**
Istanbul, Turkey
June 4-7, 2005
Contact: Dr. Kamil Serdengecti, email: kserden@superonline.com
- **3rd ERA/EDTA and ISN COMGAN RENAL FAILURE ACADEMY**
June 16-18, 2005

Prahova Valley Romania

Topics: hypertension, dialysis and transplantation, evidence-based options in chronic and acute renal failure

Contact: Dr Adrian Covic acovic@xnet.ro

- **ISN - THIRD WORLD CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY**

18th Congress Of The International Society Of Nephrology

10th Asian Pacific Congress Of Nephrology

15th Renal Update Of The Singapore Society Of Nephrology

Singapore

June 26-30, 2005

COMGAN Workshop June 26, 9:00 – 12:00

ARF Satellite (Rasa Sayang, Penang)

Dialysis Technologies Satellite Phuket, Thailand)

Contact: kidney@loxinfo.co.th

July 1-3

Chronic Allograft Failure Satellite (Singapore)

ISN – NKFS PROGRESSION SYMPOSIUM

June 25, 2005

Contact: William Couser wgc@u.washington.edu G. Remuzzi

Post-Congress Satellite Meeting on Hypertension and the Kidney
sponsored by ISN, ISH and ANZSN

July 1-3, 2005

Esplanade Convention Centre Fremantle. Perth Australia

Contact: Prof Paolo Ferrari Paolo.Ferrari@health.wa.gov.au

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<http://www.wcn2005.org/>

- **TORONTO PREVENTION CONFERENCE**

Toronto, Canada

September

Speakers: Dr Barry Brenner

Contact: Dr. Dimitrios G. Oreopoulos dgo@teleglobal.ca

- **EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF UROLOGENITAL RADIOLOGY (ESUR)**

Ljubljana, Slovenia

September 8-11, 2005

Contact: Prof Sameh Morcos Sameh.Morcos@sth.nhs.uk

- **10th MEETING OF SAO PAULO NEPHROLOGISTS**

Campos do Jordao, Sao Paulo State, Brazil

September 14 –17, 2005

Contact: Dr Yvoty Alvos Santos Sens ysens@attglobal.net

- **HYPERTENSION MEETING**

Joint IFHA/ISH Symposium on Hypertension & the Kidney in the Developing World

Yaounde, Cameroon

October 16-20, 2005

Topics: CVD research capacity building in Africa; practical strategies for prevention management of renal failure in hypertensive patients

Speakers: Drs Ivor Katz, Tewfik Nawar

Contact: Daniel Lemogoum dlems@hotmail.com

- **22ND NATIONAL CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY**

November 9-12, 2005

Antalya, Turkey

Contact: Dr. Kamil Serdengeçti kserden@superonline.com

Report on ISN COMGAN Prevention meetings 2004

The following is a list of the 26 COMGAN meetings during 2004 (including attendance where available), which included major teaching sessions or workshops on prevention.

1. ISN CME Course

Yangon, Myanmar February 4-5 2004

ISN Speakers: Drs Randal Faull, Tony Clarkson

Registrants –185

2. The VIII Congress of the Arab Society of Nephrology and Renal Transplantation

Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt February 10-14, 2004

ISN Speakers: Drs. P. Mathieson, J. Weening, J. Dirks, F. Berthoux, J.Harrington, M.El-Nahas, M. Sayegh, A. Shoker, R Barsoum

Registrants –700

3. Nigerian Association of Nephrology

Jos, Nigeria, February 18-20. 2004.

ISN Speakers: Drs. Tita Fogazzi, John Eastwood and David Pugsley.

Registrants –94

4. Continuing Education Programme Pediatric Nephrology and Urology

London, England March 1-5, 2004

ISN Speakers: Dr John Dirks, Dr G Remuzzi

Registrants –250

5. EDUCATION & PREVENTION DIABETIC NEPHROPATHY

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

MARCH 4 –5, 2004

ISN Speakers : Dr John Dirks

Registrants -40

6. First National Congress in Pediatric Nephrology

CALI, COLUMBIA

MARCH 4-6, 2004

ISN Speakers: Dr. B. Rodriguez-Iturbe, Dr Melvin Bonilla-Felix

Registrants - 270

7. Rockefeller Foundation/ISN COMGAN Bellagio Conference: Prevention of Renal Diseases In the Emerging World: Toward Global Health Equity

Bellagio, Italy March 15-19, 2004

ISN Speakers: (By invitation only) Drs John Dirks Giuseppe Remuzzi, Arrigo Schieppati, Meguid El-Nahas, Sanjay Agarwal, Faissal Shaheen, Jan Weening, Peter Bennett, Giancarlo Viberti, Robert Atkins, Dick de Zeeuw, Bernardo Rodriguez Iturbe, Sarala Naicker, Chitr Sitthi-amorn, Ivor Katz, Raul Herrera Valdes, Giuseppe D'Amico, Kim Solez, Ricardo Correa-Rotter, Dan Kaseje

Registrants -21

8. Joint ISN COMGAN/KDIGO Conference on the implementation of Global Guidelines for CKD
Beijing, China April 12-17, 2004

Speakers: Dr David Pugsley, Dr Eberhard Ritz, Dr R. Barsoum

Registrants - 200

9. XIII Congress of the Latin American Society of Nephrology and Hypertension (SLANH)
Punta del Este, Uruguay April 21-24, 2004

Speakers: Drs. J.Dirks, T.Hostteter, J. Egido, N. Perico, B. Pereira, J. Weening, W. Mitch,
A.Levin

Registrants – 1400

10. International Symposium on Albuminuria

May 16-18, 2004-09-24

New York City

Speakers: Drs Wendy Hoy, Giuseppe Remuzzi

Registrants:

11. ISN Update on General Nephrology, Workshop on Renal Nephrology, Acute Renal
Failure and Hemodialysis

Moscow, Russia May 27 – June 2, 2004

ISN Speakers: Drs J. Dirks, N. Lemeire, A. Cohen, D Cattran; A. Davenport, D. Fliser, F.
Finklestein, E Ritz, J. Tattersall, M.El Nahas E. Lieberman, T.Cook,R de Zeeuw

Registrants: 500

12. 12th Seminar of the Medical Academy for Postgraduate Studies

June 15-18, 2004

St Petersburg, Russia

ISN Speakers: Drs.Elin Lieberman, Mike Kashgarian

Registrants: 200

13. GUATAMALAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

June 25-26, 2004

ISN Speakers: Drs Jaime Herrera-Acosta, Guillermo Garcia Garcia

Registrants: 300

14. INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY 2004 CONFERENCE ON PREVENTION OF PROGRESSION OF RENAL DISEASE

Hong Kong, China June 29-July 1, 2004

ISN Speakers: Drs. J. Weening, R. Atkins, G. Remuzzi, J. Dirks, W. Mitch,
T. Hostetter, H.H.Parving, K Kurokawa, W. Hoy, B. Brenner, D. Harris

Registrants: 1269

15. 2004 Zhuai International Renal Week

Zhuai, China July 2, 2004

ISN Speakers: Drs Giuseppe Remuzzi, Giuseppe D'Amico

Registrants:

16. INSTITUTO MEXICANO DE INVESTIGACIONES NEFROLÓGICAS

Mexico City, Mexico July 21-23, 2004

ISN Speakers: Drs. J. Bonventre, C. Alper

Registrants: 182

17. South African Renal Society Biannual Conference
Johannesburg, South Africa August 20-23, 2004
ISN Speakers: Dr Nathan Levin
Registrants: 533

18. XI Budapest Nephrology School
Budapest, Hungary August 27 – September 1, 2004
ISN Speakers: Drs A Rees, E. Ritz, F. Luft, H Murer, T Andreoli
Registrants: 96

19. XIV French Paraguayan Nephrology Meeting and II International Meeting on Renal Nutrition
Asuncion, Paraguay September 10-12, 2004
ISN Speakers: Dr David Rush, Dr E. Burdman
Registrants: 500

20. 21ST National Congress of Nephrology, Hypertension, Dialysis and Transplantation
Antalya, Turkey September 10-14, 2004
ISN Speakers: Drs. J. Dirks, R. Glassock, S. Prichard, M. Sayegh, J. Freehally, C. Ronco, N. Levin, M. Kuhlmann, A. Collins, D. Oreopolous
Registrants: 1500

21. Baltic Societies of Nephrology Meeting
Riga, Latvia September 17–18, 2004
ISN Speakers: Dr E Ritz, Dr J Weening
Registrants:

22. Brazilian Congress of Nephrology
Salvador da Bahia, BRAZIL September 18-21, 2004
ISN Speakers: Dr John Dirks, Dr Rodriguez-Iturbe, Dr G Remuzzi, J .Weening, J. Hayslett, Thomas Coffman
Registrants: 1359

23. 8th African Congress of Nephrology – ‘Salma Suleiman’ Symposium: Toxic Nephropathies
Agadir, Morocco September 16 –18, 2004
ISN Speakers: Drs. Marc De Broe, Ivory Katz
Registrants: 500

24. Mexican Society of Nephrology "Prevention of Chronic Kidney Disease"
September 22-25, 2004,
Veracruz, Mexico.
ISN Speakers: Dr. Giovanni Gambaro, Dr Daniel Feig, B Rodriguez-Iturbe, E. Burdman
Registrants: 700

25. PREVENTION IN RENAL DISEASE

Toronto, Ontario October 1-2, 2004
ISN Speakers: Drs. R Bengoa, G. Curran, G. Remuzzi, J. Scholey, M. Rosenberg, J. Bargman, E. Ritz, D. de Zeeuw, A. Singh, A. Logan. S. Tobe, B. Molitoris, N. Lameire, W. Finn, J. Miller, M. Hladunewich, S. Jamal, J. Balow, W. Kupin, A. El Nahas, S. Donnelly, J. Dirks
Registrants: 220

26. Peru Congress of Nephrology
Lima, Peru October 14-17, 2004
ISN Speakers: Drs. Ravindra Mehta, Gerald Appel

27. Prevention in Nephrology

The Hague, The Netherlands

November 13-14, 2004

ISN Speakers: Drs J. Dirks, J. Weening, B.M. Brenner, G. Remuzzi, C.E. Morgensen, P.E. de Jong, E. Ritz, H.H. Parving, D. de Zeeuw, C.D.A. Stehouwer, D.E. Grobbee, R. Bengoa, F. Locatelli, J.D. Kopple, W. Hoy, A.M. El Nahas

28. 35th Indian Society of Nephrology

Varanasi, India

November 18-20, 2004

ISN Speakers : Drs Norberto Perico, John Dirks, Manikkam Suthanthiran

29 ISN CME

Kumasi, Ghana

November 19, 2004-10-08

ISN Speakers : John Esstwood, Joe Adu, R. Plange-Rhule

30. Sri Lanka Association of Nephrology and Transplantation – ISN COMGAN Update on Nephrology

Colombo, Sri Lanka

November 22, 2004

ISN Speakers : Dr. Norberto Perico

31. 1st Cairo-Sheffield Nephrology Club Meeting on detection and Prevention of CKD

Cairo, Egypt

November 25-26, 2004

ISN Speakers: Drs. Rashad Barsoum, Meguid El Nahas

32. THIRD ISN POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN NEPHROLOGY & PAN ARAB PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY

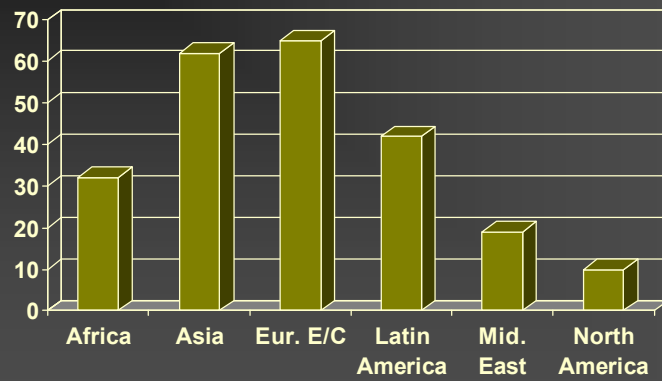
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

December 9-13, 2004

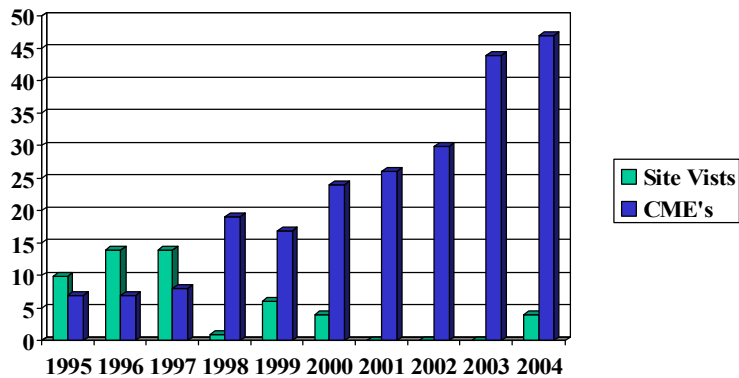
ISN Speakers: Drs N Lameire, J Weening, J. Dirks, G. Remuzzi, M. Sayegh, T. Cook, N. Levin, M. El Nahas, W. Harmon, B Pereira, D de Zeeuw, J. Harrington, K. Badr, M. Francis, N. Lameire, R. Lindsay

Total **31**

CME's by region 1995-2004



Site Visits and CME's 1995-2004



ISN COMGAN sponsored speakers November 2003-October 2004

Larry Agodoa	Fred. Finklestein	Sarala Naicker
Dwomoa Adu	William Finn	Jaffar Naqvi
Sanjay Kumar Agarwal	D. Fliser	
C. Alpers	Jurgen Floege	Dimitrios Oreopolous
Tom Andreoli	Tita Fogazzi	
Gerald Appel	John Freehally	Hans-Henrik Parving
Robert Atkins		Brian Pereira
		Norberto Perico
Ebun Bamgboye	Giovanni Gambaro	Jacob Plange Rhule
Joanne Bargman	Guillermo Garcia- Garcia	Sarah Prichard
Rashad Barsoum	Richard Glassock	David Pugsley
Peter Bennett		
François Berthoux	Mohamed Hamdouk	Ashgar Rastegar
J. Bommer	John Harrington	Andrew Rees
Melvin Bonilla-Felix	David Harris	Giuseppe Remuzzi
Joseph Bonventre	John Hayslett	Miguel Riella
Barry Brenner	Jaime Herrera-	Eberhard Ritz
David Bushinsky	Acosta	Claudio Ronco
Emmanuel Burdmann	Raul Herrera	David Rush
	Valdes	
Daniel Cattran	Nicholas Hoenich	Mohamed Sayegh
Kirpal Chugh	Thomas Hostteter	Steven Scheinman
Tony Clarkson	Wendy Hoy	Arrigo Schieppati
Thomas Coffman		Robert Schrier
Art Cohen	Dan Kaseje	Lissane Seifu
Allan J. Collins	Mike Kashgarian	M. Sever
Ricardo Correa-	Ivor Katz	Assem El-Sherif
Rotter	S. Kondalsamy-	Ahmed Shoker
Adrian Covic	Chennakesavan	Manikkam Suthanthiran
	M. Kuhlmann	Visith Sitprija
Giuseppe D'Amico	Kiyoshi Kurokawa	Chitr Sitthi-amom
John Daugirdas		Faisal Shaheen
Andrew Davenport	Norbert Lameire	Kim Solez
A. M. Davison	Adeera Levin	
Marc DeBroe	Nathan Levin	James Tattersall
Paul de Jong	Elin Lieberman	Vladimir Teplan
Dick de Zeeuw	Elizabeth Lindley	
John Dirks	Fred Luft	W. Van Biesen
	Dusit Lumlertgul	R. Vanholder
John Eastwood		Giancarlo Viberti
Jesus Egido	Peter Mathieson	
Meguid El-Nahas	Ravindra Mehta	Jan Weening
Joanne Epping-Jordan	William Mitch	
	Orson Moe	
Randal Faull	Heini Murer	Total 111
Daniel Feig		

ISN COMGAN REPORT April - June 2004

July 20, 2004

To: Jan J. Weening, President ISN
cc: ISN Executive
ISN Council
COMGAN members

I want to report on ISN COMGAN's activities in the second quarter of 2004. This is proving to be our busiest year ever and ISN COMGAN has participated in 11 international meetings, and sponsored more than 50 speakers this quarter. In all, the meetings this quarter were attended by over 5,400 participants for a six-month total of 8,200. There has also been a site visit to Senegal.

A. Meetings

1. The ISN 2004 conference on Prevention of Progression of Renal Disease in Hong Kong June 29-July 1 was a spectacular success. There were 1269 participants from 39 countries making this the largest ISN Prevention meeting ever. The meeting was organized between COMGAN and the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology. Congratulations are extended to Philip Li and the superb Hong Kong Scientific Committee.

The meeting began with a Consensus Conference at which guidelines for prevention of CKD in Asia were coordinated. An inspiring opening ceremony took place with addresses by E.K. Yeoh, Philip Li and Jan Weening. Presentations representing most Asian countries took place over two days. International ISN speakers included Jan Weening, Bob Atkins, Giuseppe Remuzzi, Kiyoshi Kurokawa, Bill Mitch, Paul de Jong, Eberhard Ritz, Hans-Henrik Parving, David Harris, Barry Freedman, Priscilla Kincaid-Smith and John Dirks.

The leadership of Asian nephrology was very well represented and corporate support was outstanding. The deliberations of the meeting will be published in *Kidney International*. Again congratulations to Philip Li and our Hong Kong colleagues for a truly outstanding meeting.

2. Dr. Hequn Zou organized a conference on CKD prevention in Zhuhai (China) on July 2, which was attended by 200 participants. It included a very useful discussion with Jan Weening, Giuseppe Remuzzi and Giuseppe d'Amico about operative aspects of a project aimed at early detection and intervention for CKD in 3 areas of the People's Republic of China. These will also involve the Ministry of Health.

3. A very successful meeting the ISN Update on General Nephrology, Workshop on Renal Nephrology, Acute Renal Failure and Hemodialysis with Norbert Lameire was held in Moscow, on May 27- June 2. Aply organized by Dr Natalia Tomilina and her staff, the conference attracted 550 participants. The two-day workshop on Renal Pathology, organized by Dr Arthur Cohen with the help of Dr Daniel Cattran and Dr Ellin Lieberman featured a clinical, case based approach that proved extremely popular. The workshops attracted 200 participants each.

Simultaneous translation made the sessions much more accessible and effective for all the participants. International and Russian speakers discussed prevention of CKD, transplants, hemodialysis and PD. ISN also sponsored Drs John Dirks, Norbert Lameire, Andrew Davenport, D. Fliser, Fred Finklestein, Eberhard Ritz, James Tattersall, Meguid El Nahas and Nicholas Hoenich.

Dr Tomilina reports that new regulations approved by Russian Ministry of Health Nephrology state that training now should include one year of internal medicine followed by 2 or more years nephrology training. It is a great step forward.

4. The XII Seminar of the Medical Academy for Postgraduate Studies took place from June 15-18, 2004 in St Petersburg. About 200 physicians attended from Russia and the CIS Republics. Attendees were predominantly internists.

The Seminar was sponsored by the Medical Academy and endorsed and supported by COMGAN, and ISN speakers were Dr. Michael Kashgarian and Dr. Ellin Lieberman.

5. Under the capable administration of Dr Guillermo Garcia, Garcia a very successful Hemodialysis Meeting was held in Guadalajara, Mexico April 2-4. It was attended by 110 nephrologists and 42 nurses from every part of Mexico.

6. A Joint ISN COMGAN KDIGO Conference on the Implementation of Global Guidelines for CKD was held in Beijing, China April 12-17. Organized by Dr Haiyan Wang, the meeting featured sessions on practice guidelines, population based studies of CKD and prevention of progressive CKD. ISN COMGAN was represented by three speakers at the Beijing conference, namely; Dr David Pugsley, Dr Rashad Barsoum and Dr Eberhard Ritz. Over 200 physicians attended.

7. ISN was one of the sponsors of a very important International Forum on the Live Kidney Donor held in Amsterdam on April 1-3. It was superbly organized by Dr Francis Delmonico and administered by the US National Kidney Foundation. One hundred of the world's leading experts from 40 countries, including 15 active members of ISN, gathered for this meeting. Other sponsors included The International Transplant Society and the National Kidney Foundation of Singapore, as well as five pharmaceutical companies.

The goal of the Forum was to develop a consensus document on international standards of care for the live kidney donor. It covered issues such as monitoring donor safety, medical selection criteria, non-exploitation, quality of life, psychological and financial support, long-term follow-up, patient autonomy versus medical judgement, community acceptance and hospital institutional resources. A summary is available upon request.

Jan Weening and John Dirks will meet with the Transplant Society on September 8 during their meeting in Vienna.

8. In keeping with its humanitarian mission, ISN participated in a joint meeting with the Iranian Society of Nephrology and the Iranian Association of Surgeons. The conference, held on April 15-16 in Tehran, Iran was entitled: Earthquake Renal Prevention and Treatment. Organized as a followup to the earthquake last year in Bam, Iran, ISN was represented by five speakers: Drs N. Lameire, R. Vanholder, W. Van Biesen, M. Sever and A Rastegar.

9. The 13th Congress of the Latin American Society of Nephrology and Hypertension, held in Punte del Este, Uruguay on April 21-24, had 1400 registrants from 25 Latin American countries. The meeting included a COMGAN/SLANH Symposium on April 21 on Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Renal Failure. Attendance at the symposium was excellent and the interest in prevention within the Latin American nephrology community is very strong, with many scientific contributions.

In addition, a superb interactive renal pathology course was carried out by Helmut Rennke and Jan Weening.

Dr. Sergio Mezzano (Chile) President of SLANH and Dr Nelson Mazzuchi (Uruguay), President of the local organizing committee both did a superb job in developing an excellent meeting. ISN sponsored speakers included Drs Thomas Hostteter, Jesus Egido, Brian Pereira, Helmut Rennke, Jan Weening, William Mitch, Adeera Levin and John Dirks. Congratulations to Dr Manual

Burdmann, a member of the ISN Council, who was named the next President of SLANH and to Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe, the new President Elect.

10. The 2nd Renal Failure Academy, organized under the auspices of ERA-EDTA, ISN COMGAN, The Romanian Society of Nephrology and the Romanian College of Physicians was held near Constanta, Romania June 8-10. This successful postgraduate course was designed mainly for young nephrologists from Eastern and South Eastern Europe and 68 young nephrologists from 12 countries attended the two days of intensive morning-to-evening courses on major topics in nephrology and renal replacement therapies. Speakers included Drs D. de Zeeuw, E. Ritz, W. Van Biesen, D. Tsakiris, A. Covic, J.B. Levy, Dr F. Locatelli, J. Cannata-Andia and J. Floege.

11. On June 25-26 The Guatemalan Society of Nephrology held a successful meeting on 'Early identification and prevention of kidney disease' sponsored by ISN. It attracted 300 participants. Organized by Dr Randall Lou, it featured lectures by Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe, Jaime Herrera-Acosta and Guillermo Garcia-Garcia.

a. B. Special Projects

b. 1. In May, Dr Tewfik Nawar of Sherbrooke, Quebec made a visit to Dakar, Senegal a country of 11 million people with two nephrologists. His comprehensive report outlines areas of possible ISN collaboration, such as training assistance (particularly for interpretation of renal biopsies), support for local CME's, development of a network of francophone nephrologists in Africa, and the development of regional guidelines adapted to local conditions.

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d. 2. Dr Ricardo Correa-Rotter (Mexico) reports that his important project on "Development and validation of an educational program for diagnosis and prevention of diabetic nephropathy directed to general and family practitioners working in the public health system" has received funding from Mexico's National Council of Science and technology. The project also has academic sponsorship from ISN COMGAN.

e. 3. Dr Vishnu Moorthy, from University of Wisconsin, spent six months in India as a visiting fellow with a large degree of support from the ISN. He visited four cities in southern India (Manipal, Mangalore, Vellore and Chennai) and taught undergraduate medical students at seven medical colleges. His report is a fine example of how effective the visiting fellow program can be as he provided a detailed analysis on the state of nephrology in India followed by suggestions on what can be done. Dr Moorthy will speak on his findings at the ISN meeting and COMGAN Workshop in St Louis next October.

4. From April to June 2004, the COMGAN Research Committee has implemented its activities by starting to translate the general program of prevention of chronic kidney disease in emerging countries into operative draft projects targeting specific needs. This has involved so far Moldova, Nepal, Armenia, and China. The work is in progress and sees the active participation of the Research Committee members as well as local nephrologists that are directly contributing to finalize the project, in addition to making contact with local health authorities.

The committee is also working on the idea of preparing guidelines for detection and monitoring of chronic renal diseases in emerging countries. This would be targeted at providing effective tools, adequate to the needs and resources of these low- and middle-income countries.

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C. Funding the Future

ISN's a major fund raising initiative continues under the able leadership of executive Director Tom Reiser, assisted by President Jan Weening and COMGAN Chair John Dirks. Approaches have been made to a number of pharmaceutical companies for increased sponsorship of both the Global Prevention Program and for specific projects. Initial contacts have been made with Bayer Diagnostics, Fresenius, Ausam, Abbot Labs, Roche, Genzyme, Pfizer and AMGEN. It is hoped

that these initial contacts signal the beginning of long -term participation in ISN COMGAN projects.

D. Bellagio and Bellagio II

The meeting last March in Bellagio, in which 21 leaders in world nephrology met to discuss "Prevention of Renal Diseases in the Emerging World: Toward Global Health Equity" was a resounding success and a full report has been sent to the Rockefeller Foundation. The purpose of the meeting was to improve the overall standard of nephrology worldwide and develop a global clinical-scientific strategy involving developed and emerging countries. A scientific article edited by Jan Weening resulting from the meeting has been submitted to the Lancet. Giuseppe Remuzzi led the development of a proceedings of the meeting will appear in a Kidney International Supplement.

A further paper which has emerged from the Bellagio meeting is entitled: Demographic and Epidemiologic Transition in the Developing World: Role of Albuminuria in the Early Diagnosis and Prevention of Renal and Cardiovascular Disease by Ricardo Correa-Rotter*, Sarala Naicker, Ivor J. Katz, Sanjay K. Agarwal, Raul Herrera Valdes, Dan Kaseje, Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe, Faissal Shaheen, and Chitr Sitthi-Amorn, on behalf of the ISN-COMGAN Bellagio Study Group 2004.

The very successful International Symposium on Albuminuria in New York, May 16-18, chaired by Dick de Zeeuw, was organized by the NKF with ISN as a partner and included excellent ISN representation.

As a result of the March Bellagio conference and in keeping with ISN's policy of developing links with other associations in order to develop an integrated approach to the prevention of diabetes, renal and cardiovascular disease, ISN will shortly submit a second grant proposal jointly with the International Society of Hypertension and the International Diabetes Federation to the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Program for a second meeting to be held in early 2006. Its goal will be to define strategies for an integrated approach to prevention of cardiovascular, diabetes and kidney disease.

E. Associations and Linkages

1. ISN continues to work closely with many regional and national societies and to seek occasions to link with other organizations. In April, a meeting was held with Jan Weening, Tom Reiser, John Dirks and Mickey Alderman, President of the International Society for Hypertension. As a result meeting, ISH sent a representative, Robert Fagard of Belgium, to the meeting in Moscow in May. This type of collaboration, similar to the linkage ISN has established with IPNA, will broaden as ISN and ISH cooperate on other initiatives. John Dirks and Mickey Alderman then held an initial meeting with Valentin Fuster, President-Elect of the World Heart Federation, in New York on May 17.

2. ISN has continued communications with the World Health Organization (WHO) to explore the option of enlarging the scope of our relationship to include specific joint activities directed at prevention of progression of chronic diseases including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and kidney disease with specific reference to emerging nations. To this end ISN COMGAN is moving towards a formal application for admission into official relations with WHO, which would lead to new opportunities for participation in global projects.

F. Advisory Committees and Regional Subcommittees

The role of the regional subcommittees and advisory committees becomes increasingly important as ISN COMGAN's activities expand in scope and number. This year has seen the addition of a

number of new members on advisory committees, most notably Dr Emmanuel Burdmann who has taken on the Chair of the Tropical Diseases Committee. Dr Hequn Zou of China has joined the COMGAN Research Committee as has Dr Raul Herrera of Cuba, Marc de Broe of Belgium, and Keith Norris and Vishnu Moorthy, both from the USA. New Appointees to the Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee are: Keith Norris (USA), Ebun Bamgboye (Nigeria) Andrew Narva, Wendy Hoy (Australia) and Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe (Venezuela).

ISN COMGAN looks forward to the valuable contributions that will be made by all these new members.

I am pleased to submit this report on ISN COMGAN activities from April to June 2004. As always, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the efforts of so many COMGAN members who have demonstrated their commitment to our activities and goals and to Jan Weening, our President, for his continuing support.

With best regards,

ISN COMGAN REPORT January - March 2004

April 8, 2004

To: Jan J. Weening, President ISN
cc: ISN Executive
ISN Council

I want to report on ISN COMGAN's activities in the New Year, particularly in February and March.

It has been a busy start to the year. ISN COMGAN has sponsored 41 speakers at 12 international meetings attended by over 3000 physicians. There have also been three site visits. The first quarter culminated with the Bellagio Conference that was sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation. Twenty-one of the world's leading nephrologists, including nine from developing countries gathered to explore the theme "Prevention of renal disease in the emerging world: Toward global health equity". This meeting was very successful and will be fully reported in an article in the Lancet and a special KI supplement. We have been invited to apply again!

A number of other very successful international meetings have been held this year, including our second CME Course in Myanmar at which Randal Faull and Tony Clarkson gave talks on prevention and renal diseases specific to tropical countries. Nearly 200 people attended the course.

Under the capable administration of Jaffar Naqvi, an "Excellence in Dialysis -Update in Nephrology" meeting attracted 200 participants in Karachi, Pakistan to hear ISN speakers Nathan Levin and Allan Collins. The theme of the conference was "Prevention: The Rational Option".

We also participated in the ERA-EDTA, Czech Society of Nephrology, ISN meeting in Prague led by Vladimir Teplan and Eberhard Ritz; and an International Conference on Dialysis in San Juan, Puerto Rico organized by Nathan Levin, and attended by 473 health care practitioners. The Indian Society of Nephrology meeting in Mangalore, India, organized by Chakko Jacob was one stop on a multi-city visit to India and Nepal undertaken by our outstanding ISN ambassadors Robert Schrier and Kirpal Chugh. The total participation was superb – close to 400 physicians in India and 60 in Nepal.

Drs. Tita Fogazzi, John Eastwood, David Pugsley and Joe Adu all spoke at a successful meeting of the Nigerian Association of Nephrology in Jos, Nigeria, which was ably organized by Dr Egun Bamgboye and attracted 70 participants. We now have an annual involvement in Nigeria.

[The 8th Congress of the Arab Society of Nephrology and Renal Transplantation and the 23rd Annual Congress of the ESN in collaboration with ISN](#) took place in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, and included 8 ISN sponsored speakers. A KI Forum chaired by John Harrington was held on 'Schistosoma Associated Nephropathy' with Secretary General Rashad Barsoum as an excellent discussant. Over 700 attended from 25 Arab countries in North Africa and the Middle East.

Guiseppe Remuzzi and John Dirks participated in a large (250 participants) Continuing Education Program in Pediatric Nephrology & Urology, which was held at the Institute of Child Health and Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, UK. Dr. Dirks participated in Mexico City to speak at a meeting on "Education for the diagnosis and prevention of diabetic nephropathy" which laid out an important project to evaluate and train 600-800 Mexican general practitioners in the education & prevention of diabetic nephropathy. Ricardo Correa-Rotter is leading this study to educate primary care physicians and has enjoined ISN as an active participant.

The highly successful and well-attended (270 physicians) First National Congress in Pediatric Nephrology in Cali, Columbia featured sessions on hypertension and its treatment in children, and nephritic syndrome. The conference was organized by Dr. Jaime Restrepo and included speakers Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe and Melvin Bonilla-Felix.

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h. Site Visits

Drs. Sarala Naicker, and John Dirks and Peter Mathieson conducted a site visit to Tanzania (Dar Es Salaam), and were joined by Dr Peter Mathieson for visits to Uganda (Kampala) and Kenya (Nairobi) in early February. This is the first major ISN visit to all three East African countries. The long-term goal is to identify and nurture leaders for the nephrology communities in these countries who can also assist in organizing ISN COMGAN sponsored prevention and education meetings over the next few years. The urgent need for such visits was proved in Kenya, where 15 of the country's 16 nephrologists participated in the meeting. We appreciate the superb organization by Ahmed and Meguid Twahir in Nariobi. Linda Ezekiel organized a truly outstanding visit in Dar Es Saalam. The plan is to have regular CME's in all three East African countries.

Funding the Future

ISN has launched a major fund raising initiative this year. In late December COMGAN received \$150,000 from Merck, Sharpe & Dohme to help with its global mission of prevention. This is the first corporation to participate in what is hoped to be a three year \$1,000,000 per year program called 'Partners in Global Prevention of Kidney Disease'. Approaches have recently been made to other corporations (including Fresenius and Roche). The goal is to attract seven partners in order to reach the \$1 million total.

ISN President, Jan Weening, COMGAN Chair John Dirks, Norbert Lameire and ISN Executive Director Tom Reiser are working together to approach a number of international corporations (Amgen, Pfizer and Abbott) as part of this broad ISN fundraising initiative.

Model Sister Center Exchange Program

There are now six active Model Sister Center relationships. Three continue to work well with excellent linkages between Italy-Bolivia, Toronto-Chennai and Belgium-Lithuania. Cuba-Madrid has re-established its link with visits this spring by two fellows who will spend two months working at the Gregorio Marañón Hospital in Madrid. When they return to Cuba both doctors will become active members in the transplantation team at the Instituto de Nefrologia, which performs between 40-60 renal transplants per year. Collaboration between the Iasi, Romania and London, UK is just underway with the arrival of the first fellow at Guy's Hospital in London, UK for a four-month visit.

The ISN COMGAN office and ISN Headquarters in Brussels have undertaken a joint review of our whole Renal and Model Sister Center plan and their financing as part of an effort to solidify the existing relationships and create a more positive environment for forging new ones. A similar review is taking place for our Library Enhancement Program.

Regional Subcommittees

The role of the regional subcommittees remains increasingly important as ISN COMGAN's activities expand in scope and number. This year has seen the addition of a number of strong local members on a number of committees. Alain Assounga (Durban) and Fatma Ben Moussa have joined the Africa subcommittee. Dr. Adrian Covic has joined the Eastern Europe, Dr. Matthew Breyer of Vanderbilt has joined East Asia, and Drs Yosuhiko Tomino (Japan) and Giuseppe D'Amico (Italy) have joined the Southeast Asia subcommittee.

In order to more accurately reflect its mandate, the Indonesia-Philippines subcommittee has been renamed as the Indonesia-Philippines-Pacific Islands, and has added two new members, Dr. John Collins of New Zealand and Dr. John Kelly. ISN COMGAN looks forward the contributions

that will be made by each of these new members, and expresses deep appreciation to the outgoing members.

Associations and Linkages

ISN continues to work closely with many regional and national societies and to seek occasions to link with other organizations. In February, John Dirks met with Michael Alderman, President of the International Society for Hypertension (ISH) and the ISH Council in order to discuss areas of common interest and future collaboration. As a direct result the ISH will send a representative to the 'ISN Update in Nephrology' meeting in Moscow in May/June, 2004 and are preparing to cooperate with ISN in other initiatives.

Ongoing communication between ISN and IFKF represented by Joel Kopple and Warwick Prime of the International Federation of Kidney Foundations and Jan Weening, Bill Couser and John Dirks of ISN has led to a joint ISN-IFKF proposal for the establishment of a World Kidney Day, which will be submitted to the executive of both societies and then to world bodies for consideration.

While in London, John Dirks met with Prof. Eldryd Parry of The Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET) in London to discuss matters of interest in Africa and opportunities for collaboration.

Late in March, Jan Weening and John Dirks met with the leadership and council of the International Paediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) in Heidelberg to pursue areas of common interest and joint ventures. As a result, members of IPNA will join ISN Subcommittees, contribute speakers to ISN CME's such as Dubai, and consider other partnership opportunities.

We all appreciated the outstanding support by Beatrice Spiteri as COMGAN Manager. She has been able to succeed by Sheila Robinson and I am also grateful for the help of Diana Tucker in Toronto and An Devriese in Brussels.

I am pleased to submit this report on ISN COMGAN activities from January to March 2004. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the efforts of so many COMGAN members all over the world who have demonstrated their commitment to our ISN COMGAN activities and goals and to Jan Weening, our President, for his continuing support.

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