



Global Fellowship Club Circular 1

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Dear Colleagues:

As you are past fellows, or soon to be past fellows, of the International Society of Nephrology, I am pleased to inform you about the launch of a new ISN initiative to strengthen the Society's links with its fellows as well as to create a network among past ISN fellows – the "ISN Ambassadors Initiative".

In the framework of this initiative, we encourage our past-fellows in each country to establish "Fellows Clubs". We would envision that the members of these local networks would keep in touch by e-mail, and would attempt to physically meet at frequent intervals for scientific discussions, symposia, guest lectures, etc. but also for social interactions.

ISN will keep in touch with the groups with regular updates, news, etc. and will seek their advice concerning local issues, and possibly their help in organizing COMGAN and forefront meetings. We also encourage any news and updates from the individual groups back to the ISN informing us about their activities as well as the state and development of nephrology in their respective countries.

The various "Fellows Clubs" will be duly acknowledged in ISN publications, and members will be invited to become liaison officers between their local nephrological community and the ISN. If requested, we could also install special secure Fellows Clubs sections on our soon to be launched new Society web site in order to facilitate interactions. Additional privileges can be introduced as the initiative proceeds and we would of course welcome any suggestions from you.

To make this initiative a success, this will need a considerable amount of proactive organization among past ISN Fellows in the various countries but we believe that the benefits for the individual fellows will be considerable and strengthen the Society's connection with some of its best and brightest.

By way of this letter, I invite those interested to become local group leaders and submit their CV's and proposals about the logistics of establishing their local or regional clubs. Applications must be received before the 7th November, in order to be considered by the Fellowship Committee during its meeting in San Diego by the 14th.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me for questions or further details.

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I look forward to hearing from you with your ideas.

All the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rashad'.

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