

Currents

Providing hope through education and advocacy for children with kidney disease world-wide

from the
desk of the
Secretary General:

As we prepare this second issue of CURRENTS (Volume 1, Issue 2) for the IPNA membership as well as for our friends and associates worldwide, we are acutely aware that the lifeblood of any organization newsletter is active participation, including content contributions, from the target audience—all of our readers out there who share an interest in the advancement of Pediatric Nephrology and in the fulfillment of the IPNA mission.

In the inaugural issue (Volume 1, Issue 1, October 2011), we extended an open invitation to IPNA members and associates worldwide to submit 500-word summaries or vignettes, what we called “IPNA Snapshots,” on their own initiatives and points of impact across the spectrum of activities that advance and improve our field of Pediatric Nephrology. We also indicated our intention to publish CURRENTS on a quarterly basis: January/April/July/October of each calendar year. To give the CURRENTS readership more time to prepare and submit “Snapshots” and other relevant items to us for newsletter publication, we have decided to defer a quarterly publishing schedule until at least 2013. For 2012, we therefore plan to limit the remaining schedule of Volume 1 to this January issue and another in July. We hope that a great many of you will respond to our open call for newsletter items and reports, and that, brimming with your contributions of new content, we can expand to a quarterly publication schedule next year for Volume 2 of CURRENTS.

To lead by example, we have a Snapshot that captures the spirit and mission of IPNA in the gratifying experience of a 5-year-old girl with HUS in rural Ghana whose life was saved, and her kidney function fully restored, through the collaborative efforts of IPNA partners and colleagues, whom we thank for sharing the story with us: Sampson Antwi, MD, a pediatric nephrologist and former IPNA Fellow at Red Cross Children’s Hospital in Cape Town, ISN, and the Renal Research Institute (RRI), which donated the critically needed PD catheters, fluids, and

tubings. Dr. Antwi credits his IPNA fellowship for the timely and important training that empowers his enthusiasm and dedication in improving conditions for children with acute renal failure in Ghana. RRI, established in 1997 as a partnership between Fresenius Medical Care and Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City, is dedicated to improving the outcomes of patients with kidney disease requiring dialysis, and to providing kidney treatment in areas of the world where none otherwise exists, with a major project in sub-Saharan Africa (Ghana, Uganda, Benin, Ethiopia, and Rwanda). RRI trains fellows from around the world in kidney disease-related research, spanning a full spectrum of interests from molecular biology, clinical research, and pharmaceutical trials, to epidemiology. The RRI network of international collaborators, which include IPNA and ISN, has made it a global research institution with ties to Europe, Asia, Central and South America, and Africa. Initiating and sustaining these life-saving efforts in the developing world remains our common goal.

One final note: We thank colleague Larisa Prikhodina, MD, PhD, at the Research Institute of Pediatrics & Children Surgery in Moscow, Russia, for raising the important issue of having IPNA Council Members, or others among the membership, translate CURRENTS into their native languages, to help attract new members who may not be sufficiently fluent in English, spoken or written. We would welcome translated versions of CURRENTS, which can be posted at the appropriate Regional Societies web sites as well as at the main IPNA web site.

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IPNA Discount Membership Fee for Regional Society Members

At its recent Council Meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil (October 25-26, 2011), the IPNA leadership decided to offer a discounted membership fee to members of its affiliated Regional Societies: African Pediatric Nephrology Association (AFPNA), American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN), Asian Pediatric Nephrology Association (AsPNA), Australian and New Zealand Pediatric Nephrology Association (ANZPNA), European Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ESPN), Japanese Society of Pediatric Nephrology (JSPN), and Latin American Association of Pediatric Nephrology (ALANEPE).

The current membership fee is US\$175 annually.

The discounted membership fee for Regional Society members is **US\$50 annually**, which entitles the members to the following privileges:

1. IPNA newsletter
2. Online access to the journal *Pediatric Nephrology*
3. Online access to the textbook *Pediatric Nephrology*
4. IPNA Congress member discount
5. Print version of the journal *Pediatric Nephrology* at an additional rate of US\$65 annually (total US\$115 annually)

Individual paid-up members of the Regional Societies are eligible for the discounted IPNA membership. A combined fee can be administered either by IPNA or the Regional Society according to the following fee schedule (Regional Fee + Discounted IPNA Fee):

Regional Societies	Fees
AFPNA	US\$25 + US\$50
ASPN	US\$300+US\$50 (USA) US\$150+US\$50 (Canada)
AsPNA	US\$10 + US\$50
ANZPNA	US\$105 (Aust\$100) + US\$50
ESPN	US\$70 (Euro\$50) + US\$50
JSPN	US\$135 (Y10,000) + US\$50
ALANEPE	US\$20 + US\$50

For fees paid through IPNA, the currency will be in U.S. dollars. IPNA will then transfer the Regional Society dues accordingly at the end of each financial year. The fee for wire transfer will be charged to each Regional Society accordingly. The IPNA Secretariat will only deal with the payment of full fees for the Regional Societies. Discounted fees for Regional Societies should be dealt with by the respective Regional Society.

For fees paid through the Regional Societies, the Regional Societies can charge in the appropriate currency, but the corresponding total sum should be paid to IPNA in U.S. dollars. The Regional Society must send the appropriate membership information to IPNA in order to activate the membership privileges.

The discounted membership fee schedule took effect on January 1, 2012.

Announcement of Location for 17th Tri-Annual IPNA Congress, 2016

During their October 2011 meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, IPNA Council Members voted to hold the 2016 IPNA Congress in Iguacu Falls, Brazil. More information will become available after the 2013 IPNA Congress in Shanghai, China.

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Regional Society News

During the October 2011 meeting of the IPNA Council in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the Regional Societies each presented updates on their activities and plans. Those individual reports are summarized here :

AFPNA

African Pediatric Nephrology Association

Dr. F. Eke reported that AFPNA has 277 members in total, including 112 new members in 2011. The 4th AFPNA Congress was held in Nairobi, Kenya, March 19-21, 2010; the 5th AFPNA Congress will be held in Ghana February 20-23, 2013. Other meetings include, the 3rd Annual IPNA Teaching Course held in Abuja, Nigeria, in January 2011, which had 130 participants; the Pathology and PD course held in Nigeria in April 2011; and the 4th Annual IPNA Teaching Course held in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, in January 2012. Several IPNA fellows are currently being trained in the region. Transplantation was temporarily suspended in Sudan owing to lack of payment, but this program activity has started up again. AFPNA has also started a Registry and launched a journal.

ASPN

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

Dr. J. Flynn reported that ASPN has 572 members in total and, in addition, 165 trainees; 66 new members joined in 2010-2011. The ASPN Annual Meeting was held in Denver, Colorado, April 30-May 2, 2011, with 285 attendees. Other meetings include a board review course held October 28-30, 2011 (~50 registrants), the Pediatric Nephrology Seminar in Miami, and the Renal Research Institute fellows conference. ASPN has several active committees, including Public Policy, Clinical Affairs/Practice Management, Research, Workforce, Training and Certification, and Membership. A new strategic planning process is underway. ASPN issues of concern include regulatory changes affecting pediatric dialysis, attracting new physicians to the field, and financial support for the society's activities.

AsPNA

Asian Pediatric Nephrology Association

Dr. M.C. Chiu reported that AsPNA has 2 new country members, Myanmar and Mongolia, and has joined with the Pan-Arab Pediatric Nephrology Association (PAPNA), for a total membership of 18 countries. PAPNA has 126 pediatric nephrologists and 174 pediatricians with an interest in pediatric nephrology. The most recent AsPNA Council Meeting was held in June 2011 in Fukuoka, Japan, in conjunction with the 2011 AsPNA Congress. The next congress will be in 2014 in New Delhi, India. An IPNA teaching course was held in 2011 in Myanmar. IPNA fellowship training sites include India (3 sites), Singapore, South Korea (Seoul), and China (3 sites).

ANZPNA

Australian & New Zealand Pediatric Nephrology Association

Dr. W. Wong reported that ANZPNA has 37 members, including 3 new members in 2011. Although no IPNA fellows are currently being trained, 2 members have been involved with IPNA teaching courses. The major issue of ANZPNA is that it is a small society with members dispersed across a large geographic area. Some members will be retiring in the near future, which will create a workforce shortage in pediatric nephrology.

ESPN

European Society for Pediatric Nephrology

Dr. P. Cochat reported that ESPN has approximately 600 members from across European and Mediterranean countries, with 10 new members in 2011. The ESPN Annual Meeting was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in September 2011, with 570 attendees. Future meetings will be held in Krakow in 2012, and in Porto in 2014. ESPN publishes a newsletter twice per year. Their Educational Committee is currently working on a Pediatric Nephrology training curriculum for their membership. Training courses held each year. Dr. Cochat will continue as ESPN Secretary-General through 2012, to be followed by Dr. R Coppo from Italy.

JSPN

Japanese Society for Pediatric Nephrology

Dr. K. Iijima reported that JSPN has 1,139 members, with 45 new members in 2011. The 45th Annual Meeting of JSPN and the 11th AsPNA Congress were jointly held in Fukuoka, Japan, in June 2011. The meeting had 522 participants and 327 papers were presented. The Pediatric Renal Weekend was held in Tokyo in August 2011, with 78 participants. There is one IPNA fellow from Indonesia who is training in Kobe, Japan. A Japanese language Pediatric Nephrology textbook is under development. The main JSPN challenge currently is responding to the medical needs created in the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami in early 2011.

ALANEPE

Latin American Pediatric Nephrology Association

Dr. N. Orta Sibu reported that ALANEPE has 575 active members from 23 countries. This group includes 71 new members in 2011, including the first members from Haiti. ALANEPE participated in 11 meetings across Latin America in 2011, including a teaching course in Maracaibo, Venezuela, with 268 participants. The teaching courses focus on the areas of Latin America where access to and quality of pediatric nephrology care are weakest. A total of 28 IPNA fellows have

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been trained in the region since 2005, with 2 additional fellows currently in training. The training sites are located in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Issues that currently challenge ALANEPE include difficulties in providing financial support to regional

fellows for their attendance at ALANEPE and other professional association meetings, and problems with renewed start-up of terminated donor transplant programs.

We strongly encourage all IPNA members to visit regularly the web sites of our affiliate Regional Societies for news and updates on their respective activities and plans. Together, they tell the impressive story of IPNA's range of global impact in clinical care, research, and education and training in childhood kidney disease.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES 2012

Date	Conference Title and Web Page	Location
Feb 19-22	Saudi International Conference of Nephrology & Transplantation http://www.ssnconference.org/Conferences/	Riyadh-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Feb 25	Fundamental of Dialysis in Children Course http://som.missouri.edu/dialysis/	San Antonio, Texas
Feb 26-28	32nd Annual Dialysis Conference http://som.missouri.edu/dialysis/	San Antonio, Texas
Mar 8-11	Pediatric Nephrology Seminar http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu/nephrology/pediatric-nephrology-seminar/	Miami, Florida
Apr 13-14	9th IPNA Symposium on Growth and Nutrition in Children with Chronic Renal Disease http://www.ipnagrowthsymposium.org/	San Diego, California
Apr 28-May 1	Pediatric Academic Societies/ASPN http://www.pas-meeting.org/2012Boston/	Boston, Massachusetts
May 17-20	Second Global Conference for Consensus in Pediatrics & Child Health http://www.cipediatics.org/	Moscow, Russia
Sept 6-8	ESPN 45th Annual Meeting http://www.espn2012krakow.org/	Krakow, Poland

International Workshop

The 12th International Workshop on Developmental Nephrology will be held June 24-26, 2013, in Edinburgh, Scotland, and will be chaired by Drs. Jordan Kreidberg and Carl Bates. This Workshop will continue the tradition of emphasizing the most promising basic science in developmental nephrology. The organizers also aim to demonstrate the relevance of basic science to the diseases and conditions encountered by pediatric nephrologists and to the challenge of developing new cures and treatments for those diseases and conditions.



16th Tri-Annual IPNA Congress 2013

Planning is underway for the 16th IPNA Congress, which will be held at the Shanghai International Convention Center, in Shanghai, China, August 31–September 4, 2013. Precongress meetings and workshops are being developed based on IPNA membership feedback from the 15th Congress held in New York City in 2010 as well as on the deliberations of the IPNA Council Members during their

October 2011 meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil. As currently projected, 16th IPNA Congress registration fees will be \$500US for IPNA members, and \$200US for trainees/fellows.

For additional information about the 16th IPNA Congress, including committees that are open for member participation as well as funding available for IPNA Fellows, past and current, to attend the Congress, please contact the Office of the IPNA Secretary General:

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