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10th Conference on kidney Disease in Disadvantaged Populations

“Challenges of Practice in a Resource Limited Environment: Focus on Africa”

The magnificent Kirstenbosch National Gardens in Cape Town, SA were the venue of the 10th Conference on Kidney Disease in Disadvantaged Populations “Challenges of Practice in a Resource Limited Environment: Focus in Africa”, a satellite meeting to the World Congress of Nephrology.

Over a 200 delegates attended the meeting. Among the highlights of the conference was the organization of a successful joint IFKF-ISN symposium on the role of kidney foundations in promoting kidney care in resource limited environments. Among the speakers were Timur Erk (Turkey) Immediate IFKF Past-President, and Gamal Saadi (Egypt), Harun Ur-Rashid (Bangladesh), Anthony Meyers (South Africa), Georgi Abraham (India), and Mary Carter (USA), all IFKF members. They all reported on the success and challenges involved in implementing kidney care in the emerging world.

The symposium was well received by the audience and we are planning to hold similar joint sessions in the future. The presentations will be soon be published in the proceeding of the conference.

ISN Renal Disaster Relief Task Force: first reaction to earthquake in Nepal

Following Saturday’s earthquake in Nepal, Wim Van Biesen, Chairman of the ISN Renal Disaster Relief Task Force (RDRTF), has sent out the first communication report.

The RDRTF is currently doing its best to offer support to local doctors and is waiting to receive further concrete information from the Nepalese medical community before contributing dialysis machines and offering volunteers or funding through the task force.

According to this report, local nephrologists are well prepared and are currently helping the chronic patients and managing the additional crush syndrome and Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) patients. Some dialysis units have been damaged, but are now in the process of being restarted and/or repaired. Other units are fully functional.

Van Biesen states further that: “We, at the RDRTF headquarters, are compiling all the information we receive from different sources, and will keep you informed about the evolution. Our logistical partner, Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, is now present on the ground in Kathmandu.”

IFKF at the Annual Meeting of the Egyptian Society of Nephrology

The ESNIT hosted its 33rd Congress in Cairo this year. The theme “Seeking for Standards” introduced two years ago has evolved now into a programme that will help the organisation meet their priorities and develop the resources required to deliver improved care. Please see the above link for details of the scientific programme.

The meeting hosted almost 40 foreign faculty this year, not only from Europe and the USA but also for the first time they had faculty members from most of the Arab World. The diversity of faculty members helped increase the standard of the scientific input and the IFKF were proud to have been invited to contribute to the content of the meeting, with presentations from Charles Kernahan and Joel Kopple.

The main focus for IFKF during the meeting, was centered around assisting developing countries to start their own foundations to supplement care and support for kidney disease in their territories, with the ultimate goal to improve outcomes for patients. We also gave an overview presentation for WKD past and future.

The industry exhibition was likewise impressive, with many of the world leading companies form the Nephrology and Transfusion world, a credit to the organisers for creating a meeting that Industry was proud to support.

The choice of Cairo for its historic importance and culture, combined with very pleasant weather, was an excellent choice for an International meeting. We look forward to our Egyptian Hosts creating a memorable meeting for IFKF in 2016.
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IFKF Annual Meeting in Tokyo Preliminary Program

DAY 1: Thursday, July 9th, 2015
08:00 – 09:00 Registration
09:00 – 10:00 LOC Meeting
12:30 – 13:00 Opening ceremony
14:00 – 15:30 Meetings of Kidney Foundations by type of organization
16:00 – 17:00 Small Groups Reports
17:00 – 18:00 Guest Lecture 1 CKD in Asia

DAY 2: Friday, July 10th, 2015
07:30 – 09:00 1st IFKF Council Meeting
09:00 – 12:00 Plenary Session 1 and Workshop: CKD Screening
12:00 – 13:30 Asian Poster Session: CKD
14:30 – 16:00 Plenary Session 2: TBD
16:30 – 18:00 Poster Session and Oral Presentations of the best Posters in each category

DAY 3: Saturday, July 11th, 2015
07:30 – 09:00 2nd IFKF Council Meeting
09:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session 3: World Kidney Day
11:00 – 13:00 Plenary Session 4: IFKF Task Force
14:00 – 16:00 Plenary Session 5: IFKF Annual General Meeting
18:00 – 20:00 Awards Ceremony

DAY 4 – Sunday, July 12th, 2015
07:30 – 09:00 3rd IFKF Council Meeting
09:00 – 12:00 Plenary Session 6: Prevention and Treatment of CKD: The role of the Healthcare Professionals (HPC’S).
12:00 – 12:30 Meeting highlights and Adjourn

For more information visit the website: http://www.ifkf2015.org/

Call for nominations to the Joel D. Kopple Award

We are calling for nominations for the IFKF Joel Kopple Award, for outstanding performance of an individual or organization on the prevention, detection and treatment of kidney disease. The award will be presented at our Annual Meeting, JUNE 9–12 2015 in Tokyo, Japan.

For additional information please visit our website:
http://www.ifkf.org/awards/joel-d-kopple-award.html

Let us know if you have any questions, please contact Cinthya Uzcategui, email address: cinthya.uzcategui@ifkf.org.

Take part at our IFKF’s needs survey! Deadline May 15th!

Don’t miss the opportunity to create the organization you want. Click here and give us your opinion.