Dear Members,

Many good things are happening both within the IFKF, and within our relationships with other non-profit organisations and industries that support the IFKF in our long term policy and growth. Our October newsletter covers the following topics and issues:

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As previously mentioned, we believe it is important to create awareness of the IFKF and raise our profile. This also enables us to publicise many of the activities you organise in your own countries. Within the limits of our current budget and expenditure we will also plan to attend more important kidney related events. BANTAO is one example.

CKD recognised by the UN as non-communicable disease

On 18 September 2011 it was confirmed that the final, approved “Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases” – did indeed, include references to renal disease wherein it states

We, Heads of State and Government and representatives of States and Governments, assembled at the United Nations from 19 to 20 September 2011, to address the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases worldwide, with a particular focus on developmental and other challenges and social and economic impacts, particularly for developing countries – [paragraph 19] “Recognize that renal, oral and eye diseases pose a major health burden for many countries and that these diseases share common risk factors and can benefit from common responses to non-communicable diseases.”

Dan Larson has been instrumental in coordinating many activities, leading to this success. Dan was able to ‘mobilise’ a network of ISN members and other colleagues in the renal community, including those activated through IFKF. Many were able to make contact with their own health ministers, and in turn a number of those health ministers wrote directly to WHO advocating for the inclusion of kidney disease in the final statement.

Guillermo Garcia Garcia has provided us with two important documents. The first one is a PAHO publication on Cardiovascular Health in the Americas, where at last CKD screening in high risk populations is included as an important strategy for the prevention an control of CKD and CVD (Item 56). Another one is the inclusion of renal disease (item 19) in the UN Declaration on the Prevention and Control of NCDs. Both are the result of the efforts of ISN, IFKF and SLANH, among others, lobbying national governments to include CKD as a major CVD risk.

Bill Couser et al have published ‘The contribution of chronic kidney disease to the global burden of major non communicable diseases’ (2011).

All documents will also be made available on ifkf.net.
2. INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE FOR IFKF

IFKF at BANTAO, Greece
During the successful meeting of Balkan Cities Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs IFKF had a small booth with our flag as symbol of recognition. Paul Beerkens has handed out our postcards and flyers; he has spoken to many participants. One probable result will be new membership from countries in central Europe.

IFKF at ASN KIDNEY WEEK, Philadelphia November 8 – 13, 2011
We are planning to promote IFKF during the ASN Kidney Week (formerly Renal Week) in Philadelphia (PA), from 8th to 13th November 2011. IFKF will probably be represented at World Kidney Day 2012 and use the same booth.

3. WEBSITE CHANGES
The Board has decided to make a small investment in a new Content Management System, that makes updating easier and more cost efficient. Website will be presented to our members in November. We will use the change to improve the structure of the site, make the menu more transparent. The look & feel will become more attractive.

On a regular basis we are updating the website with news from our members: press releases, newsletters etc. Indeed it is a minority of our members who have the capabilities to produce these kind of communication materials, but it is worthwhile to visit our website and find out about member activities.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES AND CATEGORIES
On a regular basis we are updating the website with news from our members: press releases, newsletters etc. Indeed it is a minority of our members who have the capabilities to produce these kind of communication materials, but it is worthwhile to visit our website and find out about member activities. The majority of members have paid their membership fees. Some have not. To maintain a formal position as a Council member with voting rights: please pay the 2011 fee as soon as possible. If you need a new invoice, please send an email to Els de Weerd, elsdeweerd@ifkfms.com.

We are reviewing the four membership categories for 2012 and for this we need your help. Please send us a statement of your gross income for 2010 or 2009. We can then base membership categorisation on hard facts. Committees: A list of Committees and Committee members can be found on ifkf.net

5. SeeKD® AND KIDNEY FOUNDATIONS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
SeeKD®
We have introduced Dr Marcus Bastos, the Chair of this program, in our June Newsletter. Nadine Valk from KFOC has accepted the function as co chair. After meetings with Marcus Bastos and others during ASN in Philadelphia we will inform you about progress.

Kidney Foundations Partnership Program
KFOC and IKEAJ:
Dr. Joanne Kappel is planning to speak at IKEAJ’s CKD meeting in March 2012.

FMAIRTO and the Dutch Kidney Foundation:
Both foundations plan to meet in November to discuss a partnership in the context of KFPP.

NKF Turkey and KHATO:
A basic webpage preparation for KHATO will be designed by NKF Turkey. A more specific work plan needs to be written.

Website picture next page:
Some of our member foundations are referring to KFPP (IFKF Sister Program) on their website.
With **Fresenius Medical Care** we are working on a joint project: Kampala Renal Week in Kampala, Uganda. Timing: 2nd week of January, 2012. We are getting support from our member foundations in Kenya and South Africa. We are working closely together with the Uganda Kidney Foundation. This foundation is in the process of establishing itself as a legal entity, and will then be a potential IFKF member.

**Abbott**

With **Abbott** we are working on two projects:
- Renal Health for Life, a multi-stakeholder platform in Europe to promote earlier detection and treatment of CKD. IFKF Management Services takes part in executing a patient survey in Europe. We are now in the process of pilot testing questionnaires in France, Turkey, the Netherlands and UK, with the help of our member foundations in these countries.
- Re-launch of Renal Total Nutrition Therapy (Renal TNT), a series of nutritional courses. A progress meeting has been scheduled during ASN in Philadelphia.

**Shire**

**Shire** will make another donation to IFKF as result of the Make The Difference project at ERA EDTA in Prague.

**MSD/Merck**

**MSD/Merck** has sent us a proposal for the support of workshops on CVD & CKD as part of regional meetings. We are discussing with MSD/Merck the set up of such workshops, mutual responsibilities and other conditions to establish a partnership between MSD/Merck and IFKF.

**7. MEETINGS**

**2012 Annual Meeting in Hungary**

The Annual Meeting in Hungary, Budapest will be organised by Laszlo Rosivall and his team from 22-25 August. Please make a note of these dates in your calendar. The program committee will meet this month. We will keep you informed about the initial program.
2012 Regional Meeting in Bulgaria.
This meeting will be organised by Zdravko Kraev and his team (Bulgarian Kidney Foundation) in Albena on the Black Sea on May 20 an 21. This Regional Meeting will invite as participants kidney foundations and organisations from countries in Central and Eastern Europe, but will be open for observers from other countries. The Bulgaria Regional Meeting is planned immediately before ERA EDTA in Paris, May 23 – 25, 2012. We will keep you informed about the program

2012 COREP, Mumbai, India.
Vidya Acharya and her team (National Kidney Foundation of India) have worked very hard on an interesting program that combines a regional meeting and courses on renal nutrition for nurses, dieticians, other medical professionals and social workers.

Budapest by night

8. WORLD KIDNEY DAY 2012

The theme in all forms of communication will be KIDNEYS FOR LIFE. The website is constantly updated, more country pages are under construction, materials with the Kidneys For Life theme will be made available as soon as possible. World Kidney day will have a small booth at ASN in Philadelphia.