Dear Members,

In the northern hemisphere Spring is in the air, the other half of our world is preparing for autumn and winter. Whatever the weather, kidney health is IFKF’s constant focus and priority. This March newsletter has two main topics:


You will also find latest news on our new website www.ifkf.org, along with regional meetings, partners & sponsors, IFKF programs, and some other items of interest for you as an IFKF member.

With kind regards,
Timur Erk

Our March newsletter covers the following topics and issues:
1. World Kidney Day 2012: New records
2. Annual meeting in Budapest, Hungary
3. Regional meeting in Albena, Bulgaria
4. Other regional meetings and in 2012: Work in progress
5. IFKF is building more presence in Africa
6. New website: very positive first reactions
7. Membership fees 2012 have been invoiced
8. SeeKD®
10. Partners and sponsors: some latest news

1. WORLD KIDNEY DAY 2012: NEW RECORDS

The 2012 theme, this time in French

With the growing popularity of World Kidney Day it is not easy to break new records year after year. But we did! World Kidney has been celebrated in 154 countries; the count last year was 101 countries, an enormous success. The number of events logged on the World Kidney Day calendar: 790 (623 in 2011)
The Scientific Editorial has been published in 66 medical journals, the same number as in 2011
The World Kidney Day video had 6000 views on March 8 alone.

Events are registered at www.worldkidneyday.org.
A number of events are also selected for our new website www.ifkf.org
Just to mention a few:

**Indonesia**

Indonesia Kidney Care Club has organised street events to attract awareness. More than 600 photos have been published and shared with us on Facebook. These are but two of the photos, with the IKCC crew during a street event.

![Image of IKCC crew during a street event](image1)

**South Africa**

A copy of Donor News from the Organ Donor Foundation of South Africa, with which NKF South Africa is closely cooperating, is available on ifkf.org. The newsletter includes the story of the identical twins Sanele and Samkelo Gwala: Sanele (left in the photo) has donated a kidney to his twin brother Samkelo.

![Image of Sanele and Samkelo Gwala](image2)

**Kenya**

NKF Kenya (former KHATO) has organised a number of events. Screenings haven’t been conducted with materials as provided by HemoCue.

**Turkey**

WKD 2012 in Turkey focussed on the importance of less salt intake.

A march in the centre of Istanbul was attended by volunteers from the Turkish Kidney Foundation, the UPS Sport Club and numerous journalists. Famous model and board of trustee’s member Ms Ipek Tanriyar joined the march. The event was covered live on TV, Timur Erk was interviewed on Turkish TV. Outdoor activities were shown on 22 TV channels around the country.

- The Bosporus Bridge was lighted in burgundy, the colour of the TKF logo.
- A billboard campaign exposed the theme throughout the city.
- The salt intake was symbolized by a giant salt shaker. You can watch the video on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gFLZ0YdkXo
India
TANKER foundation has distributed leaflets and brochures in Marina Beach and a screening has been organised at Popular Motors for staff, family and clients. The awareness DVD with actor and goodwill ambassador Surya has been played during the day on a giant screen at Central Railway Station. Suriya posters have also been put up at Ration shops (Fair Price shops).

Mexico
All events can be found at www.diamundialdelrinon.org
To name some:
• Poster contest for students in graphic design.
• A Lottery Raffle is to be held with the Mexican Lottery and a Metro ticket with WKD theme in addition to conferences with health officials and screening programs with the general public. There will be a wide range of publicity on TV and radio, in newspapers and magazines.

Europe
For the 5th time a World Kidney Day event has taken place in the European Parliament.
The event was organised by the European Kidney Health Organisation (EKHA) and the MEP Group for Kidney Health. EKHA is today chaired by well known Prof Norbert Lameire; IFKF has been a founding partner together with ISN, CEAPIR and other international organisations.

The MEP Group is the initiative of Member of European Parliament Frieda Brepoels (Belgium).

Frieda Brepoels at a presentation in 2008

Frieda had invited a number of her colleagues (MEPs) during a working dinner, at which Mark Murphy (Irish Kidney Association) was one of the speakers.

The dinner was preceded by a well attended press conference. For more information you can send an email to info@ekha.eu
United States
Amongst the many activities throughout the US, NKF has created publicity in the leading magazine for African Americans

For the full story, click on the link www.ifkf.org.
For more US events, visit www.worldkidneyday.org and www.kidney.org

2. ANNUAL MEETING IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Annual Meeting in Budapest, Hungary
August 22 – 25, 2012: please register!

Members are starting to use the dedicated webpage www.ifkbudapest.com for registration and accommodation. After registration and payment an invoice will be sent to you for your administration.

We would like to remind you of the fact that you can earn money by registering before June 8. Indicated fees are in Euros.

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An important item on the agenda of the Budapest Council Meeting will be the election of the President. The 1st two-year term of our Treasurer/Secretary will end during the Budapest meeting, and two Board members are eligible for re-election.

The Nomination Committee this year is a full Past Presidents committee, with Miguel Riella as Chair, and Joel Kopple, Warwick Prime, Sudhir Shaw and Paul Beerkens as committee members. The Nomination Committee has started the process of preparing recommendations for the Council. Recommendations will be sent to Council members not later than 4 weeks prior to the Budapest meeting.

3. REGIONAL MEETING IN ALBENA, BULGARIA

Regional Meeting in Albena, Bulgaria: IFKF at the borders of the Black Sea
May 20 and 21, 2012

We are again asking your attention for the interesting program, which Zdravko Kraev and his team designed for foundations and other health care institutions and professionals from the Middle and East European regions. Professionals from other regions are, of course, very welcome as observers. You will find the programme on the dedicated website www.ifkfalbena-bg.net.
4. OTHER REGIONAL MEETINGS AND IN 2012: WORK IN PROGRESS

The IFKF policy to promote regional meetings is taking shape in 2012. We will keep you informed about progress in Bulgaria, Australia, Brazil and Switzerland/France. We ask your special attention again to the Mumbai conference in June.

Full program can be found on www.ifkf.org.

5. IFKF IS BUILDING MORE PRESENCE IN AFRICA

Together with our long term partner, Fresenius, and with the help of IFKF members from the region we are supporting a number of activities in sub-Saharan African countries.

Uganda
Kampala Renal Week has been a great success, with a coordinated support by Fresenius and IFKF. In his closing speech Professor Nelson Sewankambo, Principal at Makerere University College of Health Sciences emphasised the fact that due attention is beginning to be accorded to non commutable diseases, whose burden is ever increasing in Africa and elsewhere. He was also enthusiastic about the launch of Uganda Kidney Foundation.

A number of participants in Kampala Renal Week.

A full 50 page report of Kampala Renal Week can be found on www.ifkf.org.

6. NEW WEBSITE: VERY POSITIVE FIRST REACTIONS

The new site, www.ifkf.org has been launched, and enthusiastic reactions are coming in. We will pay due attention to the suggestions for further improvement which some of you have made. More suggestions are always welcome: elsdeweerd@ifkfms.com.

www.ifkf.net can be visited until the end of April to ensure that all members have access to the new site and no information gets lost.
7. MEMBERSHIP FEES 2012 HAVE BEEN INVOICED

Membership Fees 2012 have been invoiced: ‘Thank you’ to early birds. Els de Weerd has sent invoices according to the 2011 categorization, which was not changed in 2012. We have received the first payments: ‘thank you’ to these early birds. We would like to remind you that you can also pay by credit card. We can process your credit card payment if you send your credit card details to Els de Weerd or Jan Lantink. A confirmation is automatically sent to you by the secured system of EMS.

Els de Weerd has again sent reminders to non-paying members. To avoid misunderstanding in the future, members who are not paying their fees cannot vote during Council meetings and will not benefit from special (sponsored) activities.

8. SeeKD®

The new version of the SeeKD® programme has been sent to medical professionals within and outside IFKF for review. Marcus Bastos and Nadine Valk will make the programme available for all members after revision, including a step-by-step plan for the introduction of SeeKD® in 2012 and the following years.

9. KIDNEY FOUNDATIONS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME: STATUS

The Dutch Kidney Foundation and FMAIRTO had a two day meeting in January. FMAIRTO representatives spoke to management and staff and collected a lot of information. Tom Oostrom, CEO of DKF stated that despite the differences between the both organizations, they can learn a lot from each other. NKF Netherlands were really impressed by the power of FMAIRTO, especially their ability to ask attention in Morocco for kidney failure. The Minister of Health of Morocco declared kidney disease as one the 5 most threatening diseases.

FMAIRTO can help to contact the Moroccan minority in The Netherlands, as they are an at-risk group for kidney failure. Details will be discussed during Budapest meeting.

Said El Kharazzi thanks Tom Oostrom for his hospitality

The website of NKF Kenya (formerly known as KHATO) was prepared by Turkish Kidney Foundation. NKF Kenya is to receive the domain name and other approvals from Kenya Censorship Authority. After the website is launched, a project will be started to find a permanent office for NKF Kenya.

NKF Canada and IKEAJ: The meeting minutes of IKEAJ CKD will be soon available.
10. PARTNERS AND SPONSORS: SOME LATEST NEWS

Fresenius has intensified their partnership for 2012. For mutual activities we refer to the section ‘IFKF Presence in Africa’. A number of activities have been organised during WKD with the support of Fresenius and IFKF. Around 1000 T-shirts have been distributed with the Fresenius and IFKF logo. Photos will be published on ifkf.org.

With Abbott we are continuing to work together on two projects: Kidney Health for Life (former Renal Health for Life).
- Paul Beerkens, member of the Steering Committee, has participated in a meeting in London in February. During this meeting an ambitious three-year plan has been discussed and in principle approved.
- Main objective of KH4L: “To develop a systematic international inventory to evaluate gaps and inequalities in care for CKD patients – with an emphasis on early detection and management of the disease – and to provide guidance/recommendations to address these gaps and inequalities to improve the standard of care.”
- At this stage of the project a list of countries in Europe, and Canada are targeted.
- IFKF will contribute to several items in the plan. Formal launch is foreseen during ERA EDTA in Paris, May 2012.

International Challenge
A competition within IFKF to find the best ideas and plans for medicine-use compliance is being developed. The set up is momentarily discussed with Abbott. Introduction of the project is now set for Budapest.

We are working on a continuation of our partnership in the Shire ‘Make the Difference’ project.

We are still working on the final agreement with MSD for the sponsoring of CVD/CKD workshops during Regional Meetings.

HemoCue is actively supporting screening programs in Kenya, organised by NKF Kenya (former KHATO) has organised a number of events. Screenings have been conducted with materials as provided by HemoCue AB, Sweden and Hemocue Kenya Ltd.