PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

IFKF was founded in 2000. The first annual meeting was held in Turkey and I am the 6th President of IFKF and also come from Turkey. IFKF is now serviced through a permanent office with Paul Beerkens, Jan Lantink and Els de Weerd since May 2010. This has accelerated many aspects of our federation. This newsletter shows examples. Our membership is gradually growing. The income from membership fees has increased considerably compared to 2010, in spite of the economic crisis affecting so many countries.

I wish you all the best for 2012, with less stress, more success and prosperity. Let us serve our communities with devotion and dedication by challenging CKD and increasing kidney transplantation.

With kind regards,
Timur Erk

Our January newsletter covers the following topics and issues:
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2. Regional Meeting in Albena, Bulgaria
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1. 2012 ANNUAL MEETING IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

August 22 – 25, 2012: summer in Europe
A dedicated webpage for the 13th Annual Meeting is under construction. The domain name is www.ifkfbudapest.com. We will inform you when the site is live. On the site you will find details about the programmes, registration, accommodation and other facts.

Budapest and the Blue Danube
2. Regional Meeting in Albena, Bulgaria

**IFKF at the boarders of the Black Sea May 20 and 21, 2012**

Zdravko Kraev and his team designed an interesting programme 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

One special item on the programme is the workshop on the ‘Understanding of Cardiovascular Risk in Chronic Kidney Disease’. This workshop will be sponsored by MSD; the scientific basis for this workshop is the SHARP study, well known to many of you, published in The Lancet in June 2011.

Venue for the Albena meeting is the Flamingo Hotel, one of the resorts on the Black Sea.

3. OTHER REGIONAL MEETINGS AND IN 2012: AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME

The IFKF policy to promote regional meetings is taking shape in 2012. Besides the regional meeting in Bulgaria, regional meetings are planned in Australia (July?), India (Mumbai, June 8-10), Brazil (probably September, for the northern Brazilian region and neighbouring countries), and Switzerland (Geneva, end of October, for the Western European countries, organised by the ‘Fondation du Rein’ (France, Switzerland, Belgium)

The Mumbai conference will focus on CKD and nutrition. Marianne Vennegoor, with the help of Joel Kopple and others, has published guidelines for organising these types of courses. The document can be found on the IFKF site.

4. IFKF IS BUILDING MORE PRESENCE IN AFRIKA

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. We have sponsored speakers during Kampala Renal Week in Uganda. Fanie du Toit from NKF South Africa will speak about WKD activities in the past and in 2012. Dr Nicola Dave-Wearne will cover the subject of CKD and HIV. Val Imonje from KHATO will represent IFKF during the week, and will hand out IFKF information cards and leaflets.

The next round of activities will be WKD 2012 in Nigeria, the KRA meeting in Kenya and the preparation of the AFRAN meeting in Ghana in February 2013. During this main event IFKF will have exposure in a special area of the Fresenius booth. One spin-off is the intended membership of kidney foundations in Uganda and Ghana.
5. NEW WEBSITE: TO BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY

Before launching the new website Board members and others have been provided with the link to the Beta version. Their comments have and will lead to changes, which are processed at this time. Expected launch will be late January or early February. We are still updating the current site, but if you are missing information please send an email to Els de Weerd elsdeweerd@ifkfms.com.

On the new website you will also be more regularly informed about activities organised and/or produced by members. To give you a small taste of recent events: an event with Rotary to raise funds for the Renal Care & Research Centre in Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka and the production of an animation video for WKD activities by the Deutsche Nierenstiftung.

On the website there will be a page with relevant links. We will review the links on the current site, and new links will be added on permanent or temporarily basis. One example is the site of the ‘First World Renal Nutrition Week’. On the homepage the IFKF logo is shown as a sign of endorsement.

6. MEMBERSHIP AND CATEGORIES ARE NOT CHANGED FOR 2012

The level of membership fees in 2012 for the different categories of members – depending on income from grants and other sources - will be the same as in 2011. 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.

7. SeeKD®

A new version of the SeeKD® programme has been written by Marcus Bastos and Nadine Valk, chair and co-chair of the programme committee. After approval by the Board, it will be further introduced to our members. We are discussing the sponsoring of a (software) programme for worldwide data collecting with Abbott.

8. KIDNEY FOUNDATIONS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: THE STATUS

DKF Netherlands and FMAIRTO: On January 18, a delegation of 8 people from FMAIRTO will visit DKF Netherlands and hold a meeting about their future collaboration. Turkish Kidney Foundation and KHATO: Turkish Kidney Foundation has finished the design of KHATO’s website and KHATO approved the Project. We are waiting for the domain name purchase by KHATO. The website will be live by the end of the second week of January. KFOC Canada and IKEAJ: Dr. Joanne Kappel of KFOC Canada is planning to speak at IKEAJ’s CKD meeting in March 2012 and during this meeting both sides will have a meeting for the future plans.

9. PARTNERS AND SPONSORS: SOME LATEST NEWS

We have met with current and new partners in the last part of 2011, either at ASN – where we had meetings with Abbott, Fresenius and made new contacts. With Fresenius we had an important end-of year meeting in Bad Homburg, Germany. With MSD and Shire we had contacts during teleconferences.

Fresenius has confirmed their partnership for 2012. For mutual activities we refer to the section ‘IFKF Presence in Africa’.
With Abbott we are continuing to work together on three projects:

- **Renal Health for Life.** The programme covers a period until the end of 2013. Paul Beerkens is on the Steering Committee, chaired by Adeera Levin, well known to many of you. Paul will contribute to the further development of the programme.
- **Renal TNT courses on nutrition.** Miguel Riella has been appointed to the Renal TNT Editorial Board. The Editorial Board will be instrumental in developing the content for the courses. First course under the Renal TNT brand is planned for 2013
- **International Challenge:** a competition within IFKF to find the best ideas and plans for medicine-use compliance. We hope that we can announce a winner during the Budapest Annual Meeting.

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

We are about to sign an agreement with MSD for the sponsoring of workshops as described above in the section about the Bulgarian Regional meeting.

These workshops fit into a programme designed to achieve a number of MSD communication goals.

**10. WORLD KIDNEY DAY 2012**

The website is constantly updated; more country pages are under construction and materials with the Kidneys For Life theme are available on the WKD site under MATERIALS.

During ASN in Philadelphia we successfully distributed T-shirts and door hangers and IFKF postcards with our positioning statement.
The 2012 Scientific Editorial has been submitted to over 80 Journals. The SE is published on the IFKF site in a shortened version. Recently we have asked IFKF members around the world to make liaisons with editors of Journals that we have not yet reached.

World Kidney Day 2012 highlights the success of kidney transplantation as a therapy for kidney failure. Kidney transplantation is superior to dialysis for the quality and quantity of life. Nowadays, patients can expect transplant survival rates of at least 90%.

Transplantation is cost effective, an important fact in any health care system, especially under the current global economic outlook. Kidneys from living and deceased donors can be used for transplantation. The World Health Organization (WHO) supports both ways of donation.

Kidney transplantation is now routine clinical practice in more than 80 countries. However, almost every country face growing waiting lists and only 10% of the global demand is met. The major restrictions are the shortage of donated organs, lack of funding and infrastructure, and insufficient trained workforce, resulting in poor access to transplantation in most of the world’s population.

National programs are badly needed to increase the quality of life for millions of kidney patients around the world and in your country!

World Kidney Day 2012 focus on the only ‘back to normal’ strategy for kidney patients: kidney transplantation! You can help spreading this message to governments, health authorities, and communities across the world.

In addition to WKD materials on the WKD website, IFKF has produced an ad for free placement in the printed press, which can also be used as a poster or a banner on your website. The copy is based on the 2012 Scientific Editorial, of which Guillermo Garcia Garcia has been one of the co-authors. The ad is available on the IFKF website. Upon request you can ask for a source file that enables you to change the language and add your own logo.
WKD 2012 gets also exposure on websites of our members. One example is NKF South Africa; on the site not less then 8 WKD activities are announced: www.nkf.co.za