President's Message

Dear members,

This is our last communication this year and I am happy to share with you in this Newsletter many new developments. You will notice that we continue to increase our membership with new added members, more support from industry and new partnerships.

World Kidney Day has a new theme for this year and cartoons have been developed accordingly. The WKD Editorial is ready and is being sent to Journals for publication. You will also see that our office is now well established in Amsterdam.

Our next annual meeting in Vancouver preceding the World Congress of Nephrology is well organized and we expect a record attendance. Please check our website for registration, accommodation and a look at the preliminary program.

Don’t forget about the Joel D.Kopple Award and to prepare posters to present your work and activities.

Wish you all Happy Holidays, to your family members and your friends.

Miguel Riella
IFKF President

Abbott supports WKD 2011 and IFKF

Abbott has decided to support WKD 2011 and will be an Official Partner. Apart from the financial contribution Abbott will organise a WKD related symposium in Madrid, Brazil and probably Mexico.

The title of the symposium is ‘Don’t Let Your Kidneys Break Your Heart’. These symposia will be webcasted live for those who cannot attend in person. A link on the WKD and IFKF website will direct those who want to follow the live symposium to the webcast.
The highlights of the symposium will be available on DVD and will be available for download. A link on the WKD and the IFKF website will lead you to this downloadable version of the symposium.

**Abbott and IFKF**

I myself, Paul Beerkens and Jan Lantink have followed up on contacts with an Abbott team during the past summer. That has resulted in a partnership between Abbott and IFKF. Apart from financial support Abbott will sponsor a special Joel D Kopple Award for the best idea, which will lead to better compliance of the medicine use of kidney patients.

More about this special Joel D Kopple Award will be published on the IFKF website.

**HemoCue, a new IFKF partner**

For a couple of years now we have serviced HemoCue in different ways. HemoCue has now decided to support IFKF as a partner. One of the projects HemoCue is working on is a video about measuring albuminaria. This video can be used by our members in educational sessions or otherwise. The video will also be shown and explained during our Vancouver meeting.

**Fresenius Medical Care, Partner since 2009**

Fresenius Medical Care is our longterm partner. We will define WKD and/or IFKF related projects for 2011. We will keep you posted.

**World Kidney Day 2011 update**

Changes in the website are in full progress, using the experiences from WKD 2010. One of the major changes will be the introduction of Country Pages, on which past and planned WKD activities will be described and highlighted. The introduction of Country Pages reflects the understanding by joint WKD partners ISN and IFKF, that the success of World Kidney Day is the collective result of many effective and creative local activities, aimed at bringing across the message of the growing
worldwide threat of chronic kidney disease, and the necessity of prevention by active screening on high risk factors.

**Scientific Editorial**
The Scientific Editorial under the title ‘World Kidney Day 2011. Protect Your Kidneys, Save Your Heart’ and written by Bill Couser (COMGAN) and myself is in the stage of final editing. It will be presented for publication to more than 60 Journals all over the world.

**IFKF at World Congress of Nephrology, April 8 - 12, Vancouver**

During ASN Renal Week Jan Lantink has made a deal to make it possible to present IFKF at WCN 2011. Part of the ISN exhibition space will be used for World Kidney Day exposure. IFKF will have a small booth connected to the WKD space. We will produce a leaflet as a handout for those who are interested in IFKF, its mission, the membership and other relevant information.

**IFKF and Bridge of Life**

In Denver we had several discussions with John Ball, one of the founding fathers of Bridge of Life, an initiative that is supported by DaVita. In the upcoming period and in Vancouver we will discuss with the Board and with you if and how a partnership with Bridge of Life could benefit our members, in particular in developing countries.

**Kidney Foundation Partnership Program**

On behalf of Joel Kopple, Timur Erk and Ayse Onat I am very pleased to announce the formal creation of our new Kidney Foundation Partnership Program (KFPP) whereby a developed kidney foundation can partner with a developing kidney foundation to assist in the growth and development of the latter. Although the IFKF has already been successfully carrying out such activities for some time, the KFPP is designed to formalize and increase the effectiveness of these programs. A developing kidney foundation or a developed kidney foundation can apply to the IFKF to participate in this program by filling out the form, which can be found on the IFKF Website. The application should be sent to Mrs. Els de Weerd elsdeweerd@ifkfms.com who will keep records in the IFKF central files. The
application will immediately be forwarded to Ayse Onat of the Turkish Kidney Foundation, where the management of the program is located.

If a developing or developed kidney foundation has already identified a partner with which they wish to work, simply enter the names of both foundations into the KFPP Application in the appropriate entry slots. If either type of foundation has not identified a partner, the IFKF will work with the foundation to identify an appropriate partner. The IFKF offers to work with the applying foundations to develop goals and specific outcome measures to assess the success of the partnership.

Please contact Ms. Onat ayse.onat@tbv.com.tr for any questions. We hope that you will take advantage of this exciting program.

New members

We are proud to welcome the following new members in the following countries:

- Brazil
- Colombia
- Indonesia
- Mexico
- Nepal
- Zambia

Some of these new memberships are pending for approval by the Board.

Membership fees 2011

The Board has decided to introduce a new system for membership fees. Basically we had since the start of IFKF only to levels of fees: large organisations and all other organisations. A further professionalization of our federation asks for a better and more rightful system, that reflects the present differentiation in size and income. We have decided to introduce 4 categories:

- Tier 1: well-established, mainly paid staff, high income from donations, sponsors etc.
- Tier 2: well established, paid staff and volunteers, income relatively lower compared to first tier.
- Established, small: small staff, almost all is volunteers, modest income.
- Pioneer stage: starter or modest growth, small, volunteers, low income.

We will maintain a very low fee for members in category 4. The main change will be a higher fee for categories 2 and 3.
In a special letter, that will be sent to you by email we will explain the new fee system.

IFKF Annual Meeting Vancouver
Organised by The Kidney Foundation of Canada

Our website is constantly updated with ‘Latest News’. Under this button you will find the latest version of the very ambitious and interesting program, which the Program Committee under the leadership of Dr Guillermo Garcia Garcia is developing.

Like last year those of you who are not able to fund the travel cost to Vancouver can apply for a travel grant. The Board has decided that travel grants will be made available for representatives those foundations that have not applied for a travel grant before.

Regional Meetings
In the recent past regional meetings were organised on the initiative of one or more of our members, with the support of local and regional sponsors. We will see more initiatives in the future. The Board will discuss and circulate a short document about the necessity and purpose of IFKF supported regional meetings. The issue will also be discussed in Vancouver.

Joel D Kopple Award

Like last year a Jury under the leadership of Dr Sudhir Shah will award the incoming descriptions of an outstanding performance in the spirit and the mission of IFKF. In the menu on the left side of our website you will find a special button ‘Joel D Kopple Award’. Guidelines and procedure are available for download.

IFKF Management Services in the Netherlands
During the ASN Renal Week there was a special meeting by those Board members who participated in ASN Renal Week. During this meeting I have signed as President the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with IFKF Management Services in the Netherlands. The Board has approved this SLA after a number of amendments in the original draft were discussed and finalized.
Charles Kernahan as the new IFKF Treasurer has asked Anne Wilson of Kidney Health Australia, the provider of services for so many years, to make a final financial report and close all accounts. That has been done in the last week of November. IFKF Management Services in the Netherlands has now made its formal start. All details about personnel, bank account information etc can be found on ifkf.net.

**For more information**
Check our website for frequent updates. Or write an email to Paul Beerkens <paulbeerkens@ifkfms.com>, Jan Lantink <janlantink@ifkfms.com> or Els de Weerd <elsdeweerd@ifkfms.com>