PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Welcome to the early summer 2013 newsletter.

I will step down as President of the IFKF in October 2013 at the Annual Meeting in Mexico, when Guillermo Garcia Garcia will take over as our new President.

After a financially strong 2011 year, IFKF experienced a tough 2012. We will have to work hard to make 2013 a successful financial year once again as sponsorship from industry is very difficult to obtain at the global level. I think you will also have seen this locally.

Nevertheless we have succeeded in a number of our goals, the most important being:

• Positioning IFKF as a leading multidisciplinary federation in the kidney world. We have established and communicated this successfully in our updated promotional material and presentations
• Increasing awareness of IFKF as an important player.

This newsletter shows examples of our increased presence in the kidney community at WKD and at leading conferences and congresses

Another important topic in this newsletter is the 2013 Annual Meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico. Guillermo and the international and local program committees have made impressive progress in organising the event.

I hope all of you will attend this important meeting, as we have an exciting and informative agenda that should cater for all our diverse membership needs.

Timur Erk, President

Topics in this Newsletter:

• 2013 Annual Meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico
• IFKF: New positioning translated in promotional materials
• IFKF at ERA-EDTA Istanbul
• IFKF at WCN Hongkong
• Membership: new members, membership fees 2013
• WKD 2013: Highlights

You will also find latest news on our new website www.ifkf.org
1. 2013 ANNUAL MEETING IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

We cordially invite you to attend its 14th International Annual Meeting: “The Roles of Kidney Foundations in the Emerging World” to be held October 6th-9th, 2013, in the beautiful city of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. The meeting will focus on important issues such as government advocacy, advancing CKD in the public health agenda, novel strategies in fundraising, and the set-up and successful operation of kidney foundations, among others. The conference will be an excellent platform to discuss and debate the important issues related to kidney foundations.

Also known as “The Pearl of the West”, Guadalajara is Mexico’s second largest city and, in many respects, can be considered the quintessential Mexican destination. This is the birthplace of mariachi music, tequila, and charreada, the national sport. UNESCO has recognized mariachi music as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The Tequila Agave Landscape and the Hospicio Cabañas are listed among UNESCO’s World Heritage sites. Built at the beginning of the 19th century, the Hospicio Cabañas was designed to provide care and shelter for the disadvantaged. In the early 20th century, the chapel was decorated with a superb series of murals, now considered one of the masterpieces of Mexican art. The murals are the work of José Clemente Orozco, one of the greatest Mexican muralists of the period.

We hope you will join us in Guadalajara, for what we believe will be a very successful conference. For more information, please visit the meeting website: www.ifkguadalajara.org

In Guadalajara WKD 2013 was of course celebrated.

In de streets, with Guillermo on the right.

More about WKD 2013 in this newsletter under WKD 2013 Highlights.
2. IFKF’S NEW POSITIONING TRANSLATED IN PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Communication and promotional materials have been updated according to the new IFKF positioning, about which we reported in an earlier newsletter.

IMPROVING KIDNEY HEALTH WORLDWIDE

IFKF is a major multidisciplinary organization in the kidney world that brings together health authorities, medical and healthcare professionals with volunteers and patients in local foundations. All share a vision to improve the outcome for patients and people at risk from kidney disease. Through member’s activities in local communities, we make a valuable contribution to the global improvement of kidney health. The multidisciplinary approach is a proven recipe for an effective and efficient approach to cost effective health care.

IFKF’s mission is to help develop local kidney foundations, not-for-profit organizations and individuals, enabling and empowering them to improve health, well being and the quality of life for all individuals under threat from kidney disease.

Annual meeting, regional meetings, Partnership Program KFPP, SeeKD® screening program, educational programs and seminars for health care workers on nutrition and other topics. Joel D. Kopple Award for outstanding performance, International Challenge for innovative ideas for compliance with medicine use.

More information on www.ifkf.org

World Kidney Day, in cooperation with ISN

Visual of new postcard.
3. IFKF: EXPOSURE AT 50th CONGRESS OF ERA EDTA, ISTANBUL

Timur and Ayse have reported on the IFKF exposure during the 50th ERA-EDTA Congress experience. IFKF was presented in a 9m² booth. Posters were used to decorate the booth. Two to four people were always present at the booth. Turkish, English and French languages were available for the visitors. In addition to standard booth area and equipment paid respectively by IFKF and Fresenius Turkey, an extra desk was rented by the Turkish Kidney Foundation.

First day’s program was the opening ceremony and welcome reception. Second and third days were very crowded with both visitors and delegates. We have distributed the IFKF postcards and pencils to all visitors who asked about IFKF, membership and World Kidney Day. We also served our “kidney shaped cookies” and Turkish tea as a tasty treat.

We could meet with IFKF members and friends: Prof. Dr. Laszlo Rosivall, Prof. Dr. Maurice Laville, Prof. Dr. Nobuo Ito of IKEAJ and Yumi Suzuki, Prof. Dr. Anna Koteva of Bulgaria, Prof. Dr. Guillermo Garcia-Garcia, John Davis of KDIGO, Prof. Trepenoski of Macedonia who had joined the Regional Meeting in Albena/Bulgaria last year and trying to establish NKF Macedonia and Sara Martin.

We have encouraged people to visit IFKF web site for membership and distributed membership forms as well. Associate membership seemed very attractive for most of the people. We hope to get some new members.

We had visitors from Colombia, China, Pakistan, Iraq, Taiwan, Bangladesh, India, Spain, Russia, Serbia, Poland South Africa and Italy, who asked substantial questions and requested detailed information. I hope there will be satisfying returns from them. Almost 10 people were interested in Associate Membership.

Timur has been invited to a special dinner with Presidents of 35 National Nephrology Associations, members of ERA-EDTA. Timur has presented IFKF as it stands today in a short speech and presentation.

General statistics about the 50th ERA EDTA congress:
Total number of delegates: 7,665
Total number of free full registrations, exhibitors and visitors: 266
Total: 10,331

Participants according to geographical regions:
59% Europe, 17% Asia, 8% Middle East, 7% Africa

Number of delegates according to countries:
606 Italy, 443 Germany, 359 Turkey, 316 France, 312 Spain

Number of exhibitors:
25 Germany, 11 Italy, 9 Turkey
4. IFKF AT WCN HONGKONG

We are very grateful to Dr Lui Sui-Fai of the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, that he has promoted IFKF and has sponsored the IFKF exposure at the HKKF booth.

*Dr. Lui Sui-Fai at the booth.*

*Dr. Lui Sui-Fai was present at a WKD presentation by John Feehally (ISN).*
5. MEMBERSHIP

New members:

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About membership fees:
Many thanks to all members who already paid their annual membership fee. We very much thank you for your support of IFKF and improving Kidney Health Worldwide! Unfortunately from some members we haven’t received their payment. So please give it your prompt attention.

Please note that payment can be done through PayPal recently:
Take a look at our website http://www.ifkf.org/about-ifkf/financial-and-legal.html

6. PARTNERS AND SPONSORS: SOME LATEST NEWS

Fresenius Medical Care

Fresenius Medical Care has decided to support WKD 2014 on a Benefactor level.

FMC and IFKF will continue to work together on Africa projects. The current project is the founding of the National Kidney Foundation of Nigeria. FMC will financially support the development, IFKF will provide services: best practices from other countries, also one of the topics during the 2013 Annual Meeting, how to create a new foundation, essentials of local fundraising etc.

Founder of the new foundation is Adeyemi Adewole, CEO of Adcem Healthcare, for many years the distributor for FMC in Nigeria. Adeyemi is a pharmacist by education.

Abbott

KH4L Kidney Health for Life, Report by Charles Kernahan:

As many council members will know, AbbVie (previously known as the Abbott Pharmaceuticals division) is funding an initiative to support improvements in kidney care both at the local and international level. Examples of this are the local initiative in the UK known as Kidney Health 2032 (KH2032) and the international initiative KH4L involving 19 Nations around the world. We understand that the initiatives will continue to be supported during 2013, but no further funding from AbbVie for future developments from the current initiatives is envisaged. IFKF and ISN may explore joint funded initiatives in 2014, but this is still at an embryonic phase.

The KH4L international initiative, which is jointly supported by the ISN and IFKF, has carried out an audit of Chronic Disease Management and Care in the 19 Nations and is approaching closure for data collection. An initial report will be reviewed by the International Steering Committee (Charles Kernahan acting as the IFKF representative) during June with a plan to have a final version for July 2013.

The project will be closed by a number of local ‘webinars’ for participating countries and a one-day international meeting for country leads and policy makers in November or December 2013.
A number of ideas and plans have been submitted from around the world. The competition is still open for additional submissions. The Award winner or winners will be announced during the Mexico meeting.

7. WKD 2013: HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the highlights:
- New website with more tie in possibilities for social networks like Facebook.
- 542 events have been reported from 157 countries.
- 46 journals published the 2013 WKD Scientific Editorial.
- Official endorsements by institutions like the European Medicines Agency and the US National Institutes of Health.
- Health authorities in many countries have attended events.
Music in Guadalajara at a WKD event.

The pdf document with 2013 highlights can be downloaded from the IFKF website www.ifkf.org. More pictures from around the world also on this website.