The 18th IFKF Conference, 2018 was hosted by the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) and Tamilnad Kidney Research (TANKER) Foundation at Hotel Savera, Chennai, India on 10th, 11th, 12th of December, 2018 which brought together Kidney Foundations, Doctors, Kidney Patients, Care givers, Dialysis Technicians, Staff, Donors and individuals who are associated with the cause of Kidney Disease.

The Conference was a three day Program involving the best of National and International Speakers and Participants for both Lectures, Consensus Sessions, Panel Discussions which provided the platform for a wide range of learning opportunities.

It was a great opportunity for all Foundations, NGO’s and likeminded people to meet and understand and take forward Kidney disease Awareness & Screening camps, Advocacy, Dialysis methods, Nutrition and Diet, Fund raising methods, Donors and Transplantation and much more.
Sessions on Day 1

The Sessions & Panel Discussions - Lead by Dr. Suresh Shankar

Climate Change & Kidney Health - Dr. Santhosh Varghese, India
Chaired - Prof Gamal Saadi & Prof. Georgi Abraham

Raising Awareness: 12 years of CKD Screening in Jalisco, Mexico - Dr. Guillermo Garcia, IFKF
Chaired - Dr. Edwin Fernando, Head of Nephrology, Stanley Hospital

Acute Kidney Injury in Africa - Ms. Esther Obeng, Africa
Chaired - Dr. Edwin Fernando, Head of Nephrology, Stanley Hospital

Leveraging Social Media for Foundations - Dr. Arvind Canchivaram, India
Prof. Kamyar Kalantar, IFKF
Chaired - Dr. Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee, Mohan Foundation, India

Policy Dialogue for Kidney Health - Dr. Zaki Morad, IFKF & Dr Guillermo Garcia, IFKF
Chaired by - Dr. Narayanan, Nephrologist, PIMS, India
Sessions on Day 1

CKD and Nutrition: A Pediatric Perspective - Dr. Arpana Iyengar, India
Chaired - Dr. Narayanan, Nephrologist, PIMS, India

Women & Kidney Health in Emerging Countries - Dr. Manisha Sahay, India
Chaired - Dr. Narayanan, Nephrologist, PIMS, India

Kidney Donors: Recognizing a Blind Spot - Dr. Gopalakrishnan, HOD Nephrology Rajiv Gandhi Medical College, Chennai, India
Chaired - Dr. Balaraman, Nephrologist, Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital, Chennai, India

Saglikser Syndrome - Dr. Yahya Saglikser, Turkey
Chaired - Prof. Joel Kopple, IFKF

Chronic Interstitial Nephritis in Agricultural Communities a Worldwide Spread Toxic Nephropathy - Prof. Marc De Broe, Belgium

Genetics of Uddanam CKDU - Dr. Sudhakar DVS, India
Chaired - Dr. Prabdeep Kaur, Scientist C, National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai, India

Session on Renal Transplantation - Dr. Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee, Mohan Foundation, India
Chaired - Dr. Santosh Varughese, Nephrologist, CMC Vellore, India

POSTER PRESENTATIONS
Chaired - Prof. Joel Kopple, IFKF & Dr. Georgi Abraham, India
Sessions on Day 2

Awards Ceremony Held at Radisson Bay Hotel
12th Dec 2019
Awards distributed to the Winners by “Chief Guest - Dear Prince Nawazada”

Winners of the “World Kidney Day Activities” Poster Competition

1st - Bhutan Kidney Foundation
2nd - TANKER Foundation

Winners of the “Kidney Foundation Activities” Poster Competition

1st - Kidney Foundation for Children, India
2nd - National Kidney Foundation, Malaysia

Winner of Joel D Kopple Award 2018
Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi, Tanker Foundation, India

Management & Fund raising for Foundations - Mr. Paul Beerkens, Netherlands
Chaired - Mrs. Latha Kumaraswami, Managing Trustee, TANKER Foundation, India

The Consensus Session on “Slowing CKD Progression with Management of Nutrition / Obesity / Dietician Support”

Participants - Dr. Joel D Kopple, Prof. Gamal Saadi, Prof. Kamyar Kalantar, Dr. Tilakavati Karupiah.
Sessions on Day 3

Awareness & Screening in Tamilnadu - Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi, Advisory Member, TANKER Foundation.

"25yrs of TANKER Foundation & the Milestones Achieved" - Mr. Venkatesan, Trustee, TANKER Foundation.

Managing HCV - Prof. Gamal Saadi, IFKF
Chaired - Dr. Subramanian, India

Panel Discussion: "CKD & Care – Evolution: Global Learning, Transplant, Dialysis"
Panel Members - Dr. Joel D Kopple, Prof. Kamyar Kalantar, Dr. Sunil Shroff, Prof. Gamal Saadi, Dr. Guillermo Garcia
Moderator - Dr. Suresh Shankar

"Public Education on Kidney Failure & Kidney Donation- How Media Can Influence Awareness"
Dr. Sumana Navin, India & Mr. Ananthakrishnan, India
Chaired - Mrs. Rajalakshmi Ravi & Mr. Paul Beerkens

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