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### Pioneers of Nephrology

On the occasion of the Congress in Paris, the ERA-EDTA Council decided to create an historical archive of the Association and of European Nephrology. This project includes a number of interviews to the Pioneers of Nephrology in Europe, done by Giorgina Piccoli, a nephrologist and an artist, in collaboration with film-maker and musician Gilberto Richiero. The interviews were published as a video document and as a photo album. Now it is also available on our website.

[read more about Pioneers of Nephrology](#)



### New Working Group - DESCARTES

A new ERA-EDTA Working Group has been launched. The acronym DESCARTES (Developing Education Science and Care for Renal Transplantation in European States) best summarizes the activity and mission of this group. DESCARTES was officially recognized as an ERA-EDTA working group during the Autumn Association's Council meeting in 2011 with the specific purpose of developing educational activities (specifically on preemptive transplantation and living donation), as well as promoting and developing both clinical and biological research in the field of kidney transplantation. DESCARTES is currently prospecting the possibility to start a controlled clinical multicenter trial focusing on optimizing the immunosuppression for elderly transplant patients. The background for such a study is the increasing number of elderly transplant candidates who only seldom have been the focus of clinical trials in the past.

[read more about DESCARTES and join the Working Group](#)

### Disclosure of Interest: activity in transparency

Following a proposal of the ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee, the ERA-EDTA Council approved the



"Disclosure of Interest" form. This form must be filled in, and constantly up-dated, by all members of all committees of ERA-EDTA, speakers at our Congresses and CMEs as well as by board members of ERA-EDTA publications. Nowadays transparency is getting more and more important and the ERA-EDTA wants to adhere to the highest standards in this field.

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