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## Connecting everybody in our community

We've just held another successfully well-attended webinar for ISN council members, regional board chairs and deputy chairs.

Council webinars are a way for participants to stay up to date about ISN activities in between face-to-face meetings and participate in open discussions. During the February edition, I spoke about the next steps for ISN's governance and strategic planning process, which will require a revision of ISN's bylaws to permit the implementation of the strategic plan and a change in the election processes to allow for a new council composition starting in April 2019.

We also discussed more about ISN's position on human rights and ethical issues, and updates on some new ISN activities, including a project to improve access to sustainable kidney care in Indonesia, the Affordable Dialysis project, and the Kidney Care Network project, which aims to develop sustainable and integrated models of education and implementation to improve kidney disease care in low- and middle-income countries.

Some 30 participants, including councilors and Regional Board Chairs and ISN staff, attended the webinar, getting engaged on many questions and comments. These are a great addition to the multiple opportunities for council members to give their input to ISN strategy plans.

We are looking forward to organizing many more in the future!



**David Harris**

ISN President

## ISN and WHO: non-state actor status renewed

ISN is now among the 66 non-state actors to have their status renewed for 2018-2020, meaning they can continue contributing to the World Health Organization's (WHO) objectives. Over the next three years, we will collaborate with WHO to provide technical assistance to low-and-middle-income countries wanting to expand end-stage kidney disease care. We will also promote the uptake of the technical HEARTS package, gather evidence on chronic kidney disease of unknown origin and raise the profile of the second edition of the Global Kidney Health Atlas.



Congratulations to the advocacy team and leaders for making this happen!



**Adeera Levin**

Advocacy Portfolio Director

## Support of DICG concerns on kidney transplant pairing scheme

ISN has published a summary that reiterates the key points of a [recent position paper](#) of the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group ([DICG](#)) on the Global Kidney Exchange Program created by the Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation. While esteemed well-intentioned, ISN and the DICG warn of its potential to create a new category of international organ trafficking and encourage health authorities in both HICs and LMICs to prioritize other means of increasing deceased and living related donation instead, as well as to develop domestic kidney paired donation programs, and generally to improve access to transplantation in their countries. Access the ISN summary [HERE](#).



#### BUILDING CAPACITY

## SYL training gives hope to DRC's young AKI patients

We were moved by this happy image of a young boy whose life was saved thanks to Saving Young Lives training. A pediatric nephrologist and a nurse from the University of Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo) visited the University of Cotonou (Benin). Learning the latest catheter insertion techniques, they set up their own peritoneal dialysis service to treat children with acute kidney injury more effectively. About the hope SYL brings to families and little patients, François Lepira Bompeka from University of Kinshasa says: 'This indicates that we are on the right track and we must persevere.'



Great work to all involved in this fantastic partnership!  
Read more [HERE](#).



**John Feehally**  
Saving Young Lives

## Results are out: ISN Programs 2018

Congratulations to a [new set of fellows](#) and [ISN Sister Renal and ISN-TTS Transplant Centers partnerships!](#) They will each start or continue their program journeys in 2018. The outcome of the last Clinical Research Program Grant application session also means that teams behind [four projects](#) have each been awarded between 10,000 and 20,000 USD to set new local research programs.



We are especially grateful to our supporters for generously co-funding these selected applications. Thank you for helping us offer more training opportunities to the ISN community!

Watch out for the next call for applications closing on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.



**Allison Eddy**  
ISN Fellowship Program Chair



**Marcello Tonelli**  
ISN Clinical Research Program Chair



**Peter Kerr**  
ISN Sister Renal Center Programs Chair



**Dirk Kuypers**  
ISN Sister Transplant Center Program Chair



**Paul Harden**  
ISN Sister Transplant Center Program Chair

## Supporting nephrology in Asia Pacific

ISN and the Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology (APSN) have joined forces, building on their common expertise to bridge the gaps that exist in providing valuable care for kidney disease patients across Asia Pacific. Among many sponsorship activities, APSN co-fund several programs every year to increase capacity in East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania. We are also co-hosting the next World Congress in Australia. Regional partnerships are especially valuable as they help us build a future where all people have equitable access to sustainable kidney health. Discover more [HERE](#).



**Philip Li**  
APSN President

## Reduced ISN membership rates for low-income countries

ISN tiered membership packages are now more tailored to the needs of everybody within the global nephrology community. We now offer reduced membership rates to potential ISN members in low-income and low-middle-income countries can access all that ISN has to offer at a reduced rate.

[Please share this with your network.](#)



SOCIETY

KI Reports now in PubMed Central

[Kidney International \(KI\) Reports](#) has now been fully accepted and is live in PubMed Central (PMC). PMC indexed back to Volume 1, Issue 1 and there are 177 article records at present. We will feed new articles as they are published directly to PMC for indexing. KI Reports article records can also be found by doing a general search in PubMed.



## ISN Social Media Task Force report is now available

The Nephrology Social Media Campaigns Year-In-Review gives an in-depth examination of educational events in Nephrology in 2017. The ISN Social Media Task Force led by Tejas Desai analyze the effective combination of modern medical education and social media. Read more [HERE](#).



## Get your meeting endorsed by ISN

The ISN meeting endorsement policy has been updated. Find out more [HERE](#).

### Upcoming events

World Congress of Nephrology 2019

April 12-15, 2019

Melbourne, Australia

[www.isnwc2019.org](http://www.isnwc2019.org)

[Calendar of events](#)

### Upcoming deadlines

May 1, 2018

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