This is ISN

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ISN Vision, Mission & Values

Vision
ISN aspires towards the elimination of kidney disease worldwide.

Mission
ISN is dedicated to advancing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of kidney diseases in the developing and developed world. It aims to achieve this philanthropic mission through collaborations, meetings, publications, outreach, and other activities that:

- Raise public awareness of the importance of early recognition and treatment of kidney diseases
- Connect professionals interested in kidney and related diseases around the world
- Support research to achieve optimal care of people with kidney diseases
- Provide nephrology education and training worldwide; and ultimately
- Reduce the frequency and impact of kidney diseases and their associated conditions

Values
The International Society of Nephrology:

- Values new knowledge and is committed to excellence in research, education, and patient care in the developed and developing world
- Will always act in a way that is politically neutral, humanitarian, and culturally diverse
- Values collegiality and interaction and is committed to diversity in membership, governance, committee structure, and programmatic activities
- Is committed to the scientific basis of nephrology and to advancing knowledge across all geographic, national, racial, religious and economic conditions

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ISN – The Scientific Society

Scientific education is an important part of ISN - an essential vehicle for the society to advance nephrology worldwide taking into account the needs of the developing and developed worlds. Networking and access to scientific knowledge are key attributes of ISN and it does this through meetings, courses, publications, ISN education, and supporting numerous scientific and clinical trial programs.

Meetings

ISN World Congress of Nephrology is the leading biennial educational event in international nephrology, attracting attendance from the worldwide nephrology community as well as other healthcare professionals involved in multidisciplinary nephrology care. It not only features a world-class scientific program but also reflects the unique role of ISN’s efforts in advancing renal care in the developing and developed world. www.wcn2017.org

ISN Nexus Symposia bridge the gap between basic research and clinical practice and offer a profound focus on translational medicine and clinical application. The Nexus symposia aim to address the increasingly multidisciplinary approach to kidney health issues. www.isnnexus.org

ISN Forefronts Symposia focus on emerging and groundbreaking research. They gather nephrologists and active investigators from surrounding medical areas to explore new scientific domains and review the latest developments in kidney disease. www.isnforefronts.org

Publications

Kidney International (KI), ISN’s official journal, is one of the most cited in nephrology and widely regarded as the world’s premier journal on the development and consequences of kidney disease. KI is peer-reviewed and publishes original research in both basic science and clinical medicine. It aims to inform the renal researcher and the practicing nephrologist on all aspects of renal research. www.nature.com/ki

Nature Reviews Nephrology, an official publication of ISN, is a peer-reviewed journal for nephrologists and affiliated healthcare professionals. Its clinical content is written by internationally renowned clinical academics and researchers and targeted towards readers in the medical sciences, from postgraduate level upwards. www.nature.com/nrneph

ISN Education

ISN Education is a comprehensive collection of educational resources with a database of articles, case studies, guidelines, presentations, and images. It also includes special resources like Ask the Experts and Global Outreach Postings. ISN Education integrates ISN’s educational activities, making training more accessible to nephrologists in developed and developing countries. www.theisn.org/education

Scientific Support

ISN provides both financial support and guidance through its many committees, including:

- **Acute Kidney Injury Committee** which develops uniform standards for defining and classifying Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) that can be used in clinical research (trials) in patients with AKI and provides consensus standards for diagnosing and classifying (staging) AKI.
- **Dialysis Committee** which develops treatment programs for AKI in the developing world including training of individuals in dialysis.
- **Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee** which evaluates, recommends and endorses clinical practice guidelines.
- **Interventional Nephrology Committee** which provides topical information and the best educational tools for the professional and successful performance of all aspects of interventional nephrology.
- **Renal Pathology Committee** which participates in and facilitates Continuing Medical Education Program (CME) activities, organizes courses and master classes, and awards grants to centers of pathological excellence.
- **Renal Disaster Relief Task Force (RDRTF)** which provides essential renal aid to people in the wake of natural disasters.
ISN – The Humanitarian Society

The ISN works to alleviate the growing socio-economic burden of Kidney Disease through a portfolio of global initiatives to enhance nephrology through education and research. These global initiatives are organized and managed through the ISN Programs, which identify the educational and clinical needs in emerging countries and offer valuable training and educational activities for kidney specialists of all levels.

Oby25 – An ISN Human Rights Initiative

The Oby25 initiative aims to eliminate preventable deaths from Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) worldwide by 2025. This initiative is supported by all of ISN’s capacity building programs and to achieve this ambitious goal, the mission is to call for globally applicable strategies that permit timely diagnosis and treatment of AKI for patients with potentially reversible diseases. This is a global initiative with a strong emphasis on developing countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America with disadvantaged populations and poor access to care. www.0by25.org

ISN Capacity Building Programs

The Sister Renal Centers Program (SRC) links renal centers in emerging countries with supporting centers of excellence in the developed world. With this educational support and guidance, self-sufficient renal centers are created in emerging countries.

Achievements: Each year, the SRC provides funding and education to some 55 sister-center pairs.

Application Deadline: October 1

www.theisn.org/src

The Fellowship Program helps educate physicians coming from emerging economies, giving them hands-on training opportunities unavailable in their home nations. Fellows are sponsored for a period of 3 to 12 months to train in a developed renal center, after which they return to their home country to implement their knowledge and improve standards of care there.

Achievements: Since the beginning of the Program, over 500 ISN-trained nephrologists from developing countries have taken on leading healthcare positions in their regions.

Application Deadlines: May 1 and October 1

www.theisn.org/fellowship

The Continuing Medical Education Program (CME) brings essential teaching and training to some 14,000 doctors in over 40 settings every year. CME meetings take place in the developing world, where expert speakers from the developing and the developed world share their knowledge and experience in clinical care and research.

Achievements: Each year, some 50 CME courses take place in over 30 countries, providing high-quality updates and clinical knowledge to 14,000 renal healthcare providers.

Applications: Throughout the year

www.theisn.org/cme

The Educational Ambassadors Program sends experts to developing renal centers for one to four weeks to provide hands-on training or help develop new services, community-based research or screening programs.

Achievements: Since the launch of the program in 2010, over 30 Educational Ambassadors have been mobilized.

Application Deadlines for Institutions: May 1 and October 1

www.theisn.org/eap

The Clinical Research Program aims to educate people in developing countries about the importance of having healthy kidneys. Many of the projects funded through the program set up screening and education activities aimed at raising awareness and improving the understanding of kidney disease.

Achievements: Over 28 research, prevention and screening programs in 19 emerging countries have been implemented.

Application Deadlines: May 1 and October 1

www.theisn.org/cr

These and other ISN programs work together to vastly improve standards of renal care in less developed countries. ISN members also contribute to and lend support to the educational and humanitarian work needed to further advance kidney care worldwide.

ISN Awareness Building Initiative

World Kidney Day (WKD), a joint initiative if the ISN and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) informs and educates health policy-makers, medical staff, and the general public worldwide about chronic kidney disease to drive the earliest possible diagnosis and optimal treatment.

The mission of WKD is to raise awareness of the importance of our kidneys to our overall health and to reduce the frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems worldwide.

Achievements: World Kidney Day has grown to become a worldwide success with local WKD activities taking place in more than 150 countries. It has achieved global media coverage, impressive prominence on social networks, and most importantly, catalyzed meetings between renal patients, medical professionals and government health authorities in many countries. www.worldkidneyday.org

Advancing Nephrology around the World
ISN – The Collaborative Society

The Society’s vision of reducing the incidence and impact of kidney disease worldwide has led to strategic partnerships and collaborations. To establish a more effective network among renal organizations worldwide, ISN has intensified relationships with national and regional renal societies by creating formal affiliations. ISN now collaborates with 76 national and regional nephrology societies around the world, representing about 20,000 professionals. In addition, ISN collaborates with many organizations around the world.

ISN is:

- In official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) to influence global health policy and represent the diverse challenges of nephrology on the world stage.
- Supporting the dissemination of Kidney Disease: Improvement of Global Outcomes (KDIGO) guidelines to improve the care and outcomes of kidney disease patients worldwide.
- In partnership with the International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) to promote education in the developing countries.
- Working with the Transplantation Society (TTS) in setting up the Istanbul Declaration on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism enforcing standards and prohibiting unethical practices worldwide.
- Collaborating with the International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD) in proving better care opportunities for low-resource health settings to look after AKI patients.

Make a Difference - Get Involved

Through Membership

ISN members work in collaboration with other nephrologists and help advance kidney care around the world. In addition, members receive many valuable benefits that significantly help them personally and professionally. They experience and support the ISN activities that contribute to improving the conditions and outcomes of people living with kidney disease. They learn more about new and diverse cultures and healthcare systems, giving them a better understanding of worldwide nephrology issues. And, by taking part in capacity-building programs, ISN members develop and contribute to renal knowledge within local communities and enhance their scientific knowledge through the diverse ISN education activities. Being part of ISN is not just about what members receive as part of their membership but also what they give. Members’ involvement contributes to the Society’s philanthropic and humanitarian activities, which greatly influence kidney disease diagnosis and treatment globally. www.theisn.org/join

Through Sponsorship & Support

As one of the leading organizations in providing access to nephrology education and training around the world, ISN welcomes partnerships with non-commercial and commercial entities to deliver its important healthcare mission. ISN’s many programs and activities offer countless possibilities for interested partners to collaborate with the Society. Specific opportunities are available via ISN’s publications, meetings, capacity building programs as well as many others.

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