

Ana Maria Cusumano



Short Bio/CV

After my graduation, I specialize in nephrology and obtained a Ph.D. at the University of Buenos Aires. I also performed scholarships in the specialty at Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore), and the Kidney Disease Section of the National Institute of Digestive and Kidney Disease, NIH, Bethesda.

At the Latin American level, I participated at SLANH in several committees, and in the Latin American Dialysis and Transplantation Registry from its creation, being its Director from the period 2000-2012. In the past, at ISN, I had been a member of the council and participated in several committees, among them the Committee on Kidney Health in Disadvantaged Populations.

Currently, at the CEMIC University Institute, I am a Consultant Professor of Medicine, Principal Investigator, and the Director of the postgraduate Career in Higher Education in Health Sciences. At the private level, I am the Associate Research Director at the Nephrology Pergamino Institute. I am also a member of the Editorial Scientific Committee of the "Revista de Nefrología Dialisis y Trasplante" (Journal of Nephrology, Dialysis, and Transplantation) edited by the Buenos Aires Renal Association.

My present interests are focused on CKD epidemiology, CKD progression, ESKD treatment, and gender in nephrology.

I have given numerous talks at the national and international, focusing on Argentina and Latin America. I have published nearly one hundred manuscripts in national and international journals, indexed and not indexed, several book chapters and 3 books.

Candidate's Statement

My statement on what I wish to accomplish as an ISN Regional Board leader and Councilor

If I am elected, my compromise is to work on:

- The development of policies that facilitate alliance with health authorities for improving kidney health at the population level, including CKD prevention and early detection and etiology diagnosis, taking into account that in LA the 3rd cause of admission to dialysis is unknown
- The design of training activities specially designed to increase the nephrologist workforce in countries where there is a shortage of it (in accordance with local nephrology societies)
- The elaboration of strategies directed to reducing the gender gap in nephrology with an emphasis on management and research areas
- The improvement of programs to bring in new members to ISN, especially young nephrologists

- The evaluation of the possibility of creating a “kidney biopsy network” with nephro-pathologists (scarce in the region)
- The stimulation of clinical research, offering the necessary training for it, especially in the youngest
- The development of activities to visualize science generated in LA, published in local journals
- The intensification of the links with SLANH and national societies, with the aim of leveling nephrology educational resources between high-income and low-income countries in the region