

## Alejandro Ferreiro-Fuentes



### Short Bio/CV

Dr. Alejandro Ferreiro-Fuentes graduated as Medical Doctor from the Universidad de la República of Uruguay (UdelaR) in 1991, completed the Internal Medicine Residency in 1994, the specialization in Nephrology in 1997, and the specialization in Health Services Management in 2011.

### Teaching.

He presents continuous teaching activity since 1988, in the Basic and the Nephrology Department of UdelaR. He has contributed to training of human resources in basic and clinical nephrology, participated in multiple workshops, congresses, and seminars as a guest speaker, having given more than 200 lectures in most Latin American and the Caribbean countries.

### Research.

His scientific production is focused on:

- 1) CKD and AKD: progression, treatment, epidemiology, and organization of kidney healthcare
- 2) Management and quality of treatment for kidney care: results and impact of different strategies and ICTs.

His research allowed to: 1) deepen the knowledge of the pathogenic mechanisms, epidemiology, and treatment of CKD and AKD 2) evaluate the impact of prevention programs for kidney disease, 3) contribute to the initiation and/or consolidation of dialysis registries in various countries of the Region.

The results of research were published in books, educational materials, and papers in high-impact peer-reviewed journals (<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Alejandro-Ferreiro/research>). He integrates the National System of Researchers and is a Latin American Society of Nephrology and Hypertension (SLANH) Fellow.

### Activity in Scientific Societies

Dr. Ferreiro was member of the Executive Committee of the Uruguayan Society of Nephrology for three periods, having been President on 2015-2016.

He joined the Executive Committee of SLANH for four periods, having been President on 2019-2021. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Uruguayan and the Latin American Registry of Kidney Dialysis and Transplantation, and the Committee on Acute Kidney Injury.

He has been a member of the Latin American Board of ISN since 2016 and collaborated with the GKHA, INet-CKD, and the ISN advocacy group. As President of SLANH, he signed a MoU with ISN that includes 10 areas of collaboration aimed at the development of nephrology in the Region

(joint scholarships, sister centers, ambassadors) and established lines of collaboration for the development of nephrology in the Anglo and Francophone Caribbean.

### **Advocacy/link with the community**

Dr. Ferreiro was member of the Technical Advisory Commission for the evaluation of high-cost technologies of the Ministry of Health. He is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Renal Healthcare Program. He made contributions in the writing of clinical practice guidelines, and public healthcare regulations related to kidney care.

He is actively involved in promoting Kidney Health. He is “Champion” of the WKD Organization. Of note is his contribution with SLANH, the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Ministries of Health of the countries, to promote the development of nephrology in Latin America.

He played a regional leadership role in the implementation of measures aimed at mitigating the impact of COVID-19. He contributed with PAHO in the prioritization of vaccination for both, kidney population and health workers, and the adoption of best practices for the prevention and care of all kidney patients.

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### **Candidate’s Statement**

ISN is currently in the process of selecting 10 new Councillors-Co Chair/Chair of the Regional Board, with functions within the ISN structure, but with a critical regional role.

To achieve this objective, the ISN Regional Board Chair/co-chair must execute regional leadership, built over years of work in the different areas of nephrology, capable of establishing a fluid dialogue from ISN with its members, transmitting the Mission and strategic guidelines of the Organization, but furthermore, the proposals and concerns of ISN members to the government bodies, catalyst of the constructive evolution of ISN.

This process must involve the National Societies of Nephrology, related professionals, patient associations, and health authorities in a constructive dialogue with ISN, establishing lines of collaboration and synergy, with shared efforts and common goals.

The near future imposes urgent challenges on us, as a scientific community with social responsibility: climate change, the explosion of kidney disease, the scarcity of resources for kidney health care, and the construction of equal opportunities. These challenges can only be addressed with the prospect of success if we do it in a coordinated manner with the participation of all the interested parties. ISN is called to lead this process.