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Our position on the world stage

Following on from March's ISN Global Kidney Health Summit and last month's Executive Committee meeting in Frankfurt, we are definitively seeing ISN build its global position and evolve internally as a Society.

In Frankfurt, we made headway on a number of important issues, including finessing the election process for the future ISN Council (which, from WCN 2019 onwards, will be made up of regional board chairs and deputy chairs), improving the framework under which committees and regional boards will operate, as well as our bylaws, and how leaders will be appointed to committees in the future.

Responding to the crisis facing Venezuelan patients with kidney disease, ISN and the Latin American Society of Nephrology and Hypertension have offered support to our colleagues in Venezuela. Read the full statement in English and Spanish [HERE](#).

In solidarity with the patient community and the Venezuelan Society of Nephrology, we are urging the Venezuelan government to recognize kidney disease and ensure that all kidney health programs providing dialysis and transplantation are restored and adequately resourced.

We are also pleased to have recently become [a full member of the NCD Alliance](#) to accelerate political commitment and action on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) worldwide, including kidney disease. We are especially delighted to work with colleagues from other disease communities to keep the pressure on United Nation Member States and governments to ensure NCDs, including kidney disease, get the attention they deserve.



David Harris

ISN President

BRIDGING THE GAPS

Spotlight on kidney disease at United Nations High Level Meeting

ISN is calling on member states to address kidney disease as a priority at the upcoming United Nations (UN) High-Level Meeting (HLM) on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) on September 27, 2018 in New York. The [priorities briefing paper](#) informs contributors to the UN HLM process about the importance of kidney disease and highlights best practice policy solutions.



Despite being a rapidly-growing disease burden and a prominent co-morbidity of heart disease and diabetes, kidney disease has yet to be included in global health policy discussions. We look to this 2018 HLM to address this crucial policy gap and improve the kidney health of future generations.



Adeera Levin

ISN Past-President

Presenting the Kidney Collection

The ISN Kidney Collection [survey](#) was carried out by ISN at the end of 2017 to assess how care is delivered and decisions are made when providing dialysis and end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) care in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC). 133 individuals from 39 LMIC's took part. They helped collect and collate 95 original documents and guidelines from 14 countries in the areas of dialysis eligibility, procurement, care and outcomes monitoring.



ISN will now review the data and provide feedback to the respondents and produce relevant guidance to support a comprehensive and sustainable approach in managing patients with ESKD in LMIC.



Valerie Luyckx
ISN Kidney Collection



Roberto Pecoits-Filho
ISN Kidney Collection

BUILDING CAPACITY

Help us consolidate our philanthropic work

The ISN Programs are at the core of what we do. The educational opportunities they provide are crucial in shaping future leaders and building more sustainable care programs in all regions.

To build more capacity worldwide, we want you to reach out to medical communities in more low- and middle-income countries to raise awareness about the current grants, programs and initiatives available through ISN. Help us address the needs of regions and countries that are missing out and identify which communities can benefit from training. Send us your



suggestions via the contact details on the [Region Board page](#) on the ISN website.



John Feehally
Programs Chair

Focusing on Latin America's needs

The recent [ISN Regional Workshop in Colombia](#) helped share knowledge and discuss the major issues faced by Latin America's nephrology community in 2018. Presidents of ISN, the Latin America Society of Nephrology and Hypertension (SLANH) and the Colombian Society of Nephrology weighed in on these issues and connected with participants. Program highlights included a global overview of end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) treatment by ISN President David Harris followed by a commentary on the challenges of ESKD treatment in Latin America by SLANH president Alfonso Cueto Manzano. Also, under discussion were the challenges of renal care during natural disasters.



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SLANH helps offer more training resources

Thanks to our growing partnership with the Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nefrología e Hipertensión (SLANH) we are now able to publish more training resources in Spanish, helping this community learn more. Spread the word on the ISN Academy webinar program in Spanish, the first broadcast was held on Tuesday, May 22 at 4PM CEST, entitled '[Afrontando el reto de la enfermedad renal en Latinoamérica](#),' with SLANH President Alfonso Cueto-Manzano. Be sure to also check out SLANH's AKI curriculum in Spanish on the [ISN Academy](#).



ISN Program sponsors: Kidney Research UK and The Renal Association

Our community helps us offer more training opportunities for our members. As an ISN partner since 1990 and the leading UK charity committed to developing treatments, patient information and raising vital public awareness, [Kidney Research UK](#) has so far sponsored over 40 fellows.



Supporting us since 2011, [The Renal Association](#) is the leading professional body for the UK Renal Community, dedicated to improving services and outcomes for patients and families through education, research and training for prevention and effective treatment of kidney disease. The Renal Association has co-funded six fellowship trainings. Many thanks to both organisations for giving us continuous support over the years and opening doors to more vital training for our members.

SOCIETY

ISN Awards: get nominating!

The ISN awards acknowledge exceptional contributions to nephrology. Help us recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to basic or clinical nephrology-related research, education in nephrology and medicine, excellence and leadership in PKD research, and the understanding of acute renal failure. We also want to reward doctors who have carried out extraordinary efforts to advance nephrology in their specific country or region. Prizes will be presented at the 2019 World Congress of Nephrology and regional events in 2019.



Encourage your members and affiliates to nominate worthy candidates for these various awards. Discover more [HERE](#)

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