

HELLENIC SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY (HSN)

Year of the Society's foundation: 1970, Number of members: 650 (updated April 2018)

Current Council of the Hellenic Society of Nephrology (2018-2020)

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Society's webpage: <http://ene.gr>, **Society's medical journal:** Hellenic Nephrology (Ελληνική Νεφρολογία) ISSN 1105-140X (print), ISSN 1792-8907 (online) <http://www.ene.gr/en>; http://www.ene.gr/eneojs_new/index.php/en (Greek language with English abstract and references).

Society's Registries and Committees

National Registry on Renal Replacement Therapy. In 2000 a National Registry on Renal Replacement Therapy (Haemodialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis, Renal Transplantation) was established and since then every year it collects and analyzes individual patient data from almost all Greek Nephrology Centers and provides the resulting information to ERA-EDTA Registry.

Other Registries. Registry of IgAN (D. Goumenos et al, Clin Kidney J 2018; 11: 38), Registries of idiopathic membranous nephropathy (A. Papagianni et al, Submitted), FSGS, peritoneal dialysis, central venous haemodialysis catheters in progress.

Committee for Continuing Medical Education which is responsible, in collaboration with the Society's Council, for the Scientific Program of the Society's Meetings, Educational Courses and Congresses.

Grant Committee which evaluates the applications for funding of post-doctoral MD theses and clinical and research fellowships.

Activities in collaboration with international Organizations

HSN celebrates World Kidney Day and organizes events aimed to inform physicians, general population and national government about the epidemic of CKD and the preventive measures that should be applied. Also, collaborates with EKHA to improve kidney care at National level and with UEMS Renal Section to support education of its members in all fields of Nephrology and to promote the interesting of young doctors for Nephrology.

Educational opportunities for young doctors

• HSN organizes yearly a Scientific Meeting and a "Panhellenic Congress of Nephrology" in order to share scientific work results within its members, to present the latest scientific developments worldwide and to discuss important controversies in all fields of Nephrology.

• Since 2009 it organizes every year an intensive educational course for fellows in Nephrology that covers all basic topics of Clinical Nephrology, Haemodialysis-Peritoneal Dialysis and Renal Transplantation in order to prepare them for the board examinations. At the end of the course, participants give a written exam and a grant is awarded to the fellow with the higher score. All lectures of the courses are free accessible through the Society's webpage.

• Organizes every year several Seminars in different fields of Nephrology recognizing the need for continuing post-graduate education and up-dating of physicians.

Fellowship programs

• HSN institutes every year, clinical or research, short term (6 months) or long-term (1 year)

fellowship grants to its members through a call for competition. The aim is to improve the clinical skills of young nephrologists and to support the growth of young investigators in all fields of Nephrology. In addition, HSN in collaboration with ERA-EDTA and Stavros Niarchos Foundation institutes every year short or long-term clinical or research grants for Young Greek Nephrologists with the same scopes. Finally, HSN institutes to its members every year, PhD Thesis grants again through a call for competition

During the Panhellenic Congress of the Society, two grants ("S. Papastamati" Grant and ERA-EDTA National Grant) are given to the first author of the two abstracts with the higher scores who are not older than 40 years of age. In addition, six awards are given to the best 3 oral and 3 poster presentations.