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President

Jorge B. Cannata-Andía, Spain

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FORMER AND CURRENT OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

HONORARY MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Year Started</u>
Kennedy A.C.	United Kingdom	1982
Drukker W.	The Netherlands	1982
Migone L.	Italy	1984
Kolff W.J.	U.S.A.	1985
Scribner B.H.	U.S.A.	1985
Kerr D.N.S.	United Kingdom	1986
Legrain M.	France	1987
Traeger J.	France	1988
Boen S.T.	The Netherlands	1988
McGeown M.G.	United Kingdom	1990
Watschinger B.	Austria	1991
Shaldon S.	Monaco	1994
Cameron J.S.	United Kingdom	1998
Cambi V.	Italy	2002
Davison A.M.	United Kingdom	2002
Ritz E.	Germany	2005

PRESIDENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Year Started</u>
Forminje B.	The Netherlands	1964*
Swinney J.	United Kingdom	1965*
Traeger J.	France	1966*
Thaysen J.H.	Denmark	1967*
Walsh A.	Ireland	1968*
Dutz H.	Germany	1969*
Rotellar E.	Spain	1970*
Alwall N.	Sweden	1971*
Migone L.	Italy	1972*
Kennedy A.C.	United Kingdom	1972
Thaysen J.H.	Denmark	1975
Legrain M.	France	1978
Andreucci V.E.	Italy	1981
Cameron J.S.	United Kingdom	1984
Klinkmann H.	Germany	1987
Botella J.	Spain	1990
Bernheim J.	Israel	1993
Berthoux F.	France	1996
Davison A.M.	United Kingdom	1999
Locatelli F.	Italy	2002
Cannata-Andía J.	Spain	2005

* From 1964 to 1972 the President of the Association was also the Congress President and remained in office for one year only instead of three

SECRETARY-TREASURERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Year Started</u>
Drukker W.	The Netherlands	1964
Carmody M.	Ireland	1969
Andreucci V.E.	Italy	1973
Boen S.T.	The Netherlands	1979
Botella J.	Spain	1984
Cambi V.	Italy	1990
Carrera F.	Portugal	1996
Cannata-Andía J.	Spain	2002
Covic A.	Romania	2005

CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Year Started</u>
Cambi V.	Italy	1996
Piera L.	Spain	1999
Coppo R.	Italy	2005

EDITORES EMERITI

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Year Started</u>
Davison A.M.	United Kingdom	1993
Ritz E.	Germany	1999
Drüeke T.B.	France	2005

EDITORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Year Started</u>
Kerr D.N.S.	United Kingdom	1964
Cameron J.S.	United Kingdom	1970
Moorhead J.	United Kingdom	1973
Robinson B.H.B	United Kingdom	1976
Davison A.M.	United Kingdom	1982
Ritz E.	Germany	1993
Drüeke T.B.	France	1999
Lameire N.	Belgium	2005

CHAIRMEN OF THE REGISTRY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Year Started</u>
Fritz, W.	Germany	1968 (June)
Michielsen, P.	Belgium	1968 (October)
Gurland H.	Germany	1969
Wing A.J.	United Kingdom	1976
Brunner F.	Switzerland	1985

Mallick N.B.	United Kingdom	1991
Valderrabano F.	Spain	1995
Briggs J.D.	United Kingdom	1997
Zoccali C.	Italy	2003

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Year Started</u>
Thaysen J.H.	Denmark	1964
Giovanetti S.	Italy	1964
Funk-Bretano J.L.	France	1964
Shaldon S.	United Kingdom	1964
Alwall N.	Sweden	1964
Michielsen P.	Belgium	1966
Orlowski T.	Poland	1966
Traeger J.	France	1966
Alexander G.P.J.	Belgium	1966
Fritz K.W.	Germany	1966
Kennedy A.C.	United Kingdom	1967
Mery J.P.	France	1967
Migone L.	Italy	1967
Valek A.	Czech Republic	1967
Bucht H.	Sweden	1969
Fries D.	France	1969
Schackman R.	United Kingdom	1969
Watschinger B.	Austria	1969
Berionade V.	Romania	1970
Shaldon S.	France	1970
Giordano C.	Italy	1970
van Ypersele C.	Belgium	1970
Gurland H.	Germany	1971
Lindstrom B.	Finland	1972
Mion C.	France	1972
Vereerstraeten P.	Belgium	1973
Pinggera W.	Austria	1973
Carmody M.	Ireland	1973
Cattel W.	United Kingdom	1973
Laurent G.	France	1973
Hoeltzenbein J.	Germany	1974
Klinkmann H.	Germany	1975
Brunner F.	Switzerland	1975
Boen S.T.	The Netherlands	1976
Gelin L.E.	Sweden	1976
Kerr D.N.S.	United Kingdom	1976
Legrain M.	France	1976
Schutterle G.	Germany	1976
Kock B.	Finland	1977
Bergström J.	Sweden	1978
Cambi V.	Italy	1978
Kokot F.	Poland	1978

Struyvenberg A.	The Netherlands	1979
Parson V.	United Kingdom	1979
Andreucci V.	Italy	1979
Mion C.	France	1979
Valek A.	Czech Republic	1980
Ringoir S.	Belgium	1981
Taraba I.	Hungary	1981
D'Amico G.	Italy	1981
Sieberth H.	Germany	1981
Botella J.	Spain	1982
Cameron J.S.	United Kingdom	1982
Jacobs C.	France	1982
Brynger H.	Sweden	1983
Wing A.J.	United Kingdom	1984
Klinkmann H.	Germany	1984
Cambi V.	Italy	1984
Dal Canton A.	Italy	1984
van Ypersele C.	Belgium	1984
Boen S.T.	The Netherlands	1985
Mery J.P.	France	1985
Taraba I.	Hungary	1986
Kokot F.	Poland	1987
Bergström J.	Sweden	1987
Grünfeld J.P.	France	1987
Koch K.M.	Germany	1987
Maiorca R.	Italy	1987
Cordonnier D.	France	1988
Valderrabano F.	Spain	1988
Brynger H.	Sweden	1989
Zucchelli P.	Italy	1990
Stumvoll H.K.	Austria	1990
Ritz E.	Germany	1990
Papadimitriou M.G.	Greece	1990
Bernheim J.	Israel	1990
Maggiore Q.	Italy	1991
Druet P.	France	1991
Pirson Y.	Belgium	1992
Berthoux F.	France	1993
Kokot F.	Poland	1993
Cannata-Andía J.	Spain	1993
Piccoli G.	Italy	1994
Carrera F.	Portugal	1994
Briggs J.D.	United Kingdom	1994
Fournier A.	France	1995
Pedersen E.B.	Denmark	1995
Davison A.M.	United Kingdom	1996
Schena F.P.	Italy	1996
Sonkodi S.	Hungary	1996
Kessler M.	France	1997
Krediet R.T.	The Netherlands	1997
Piera L.	Spain	1997

Locatelli F.	Italy	1998
Morales J.M.	Spain	1998
De Francisco A.L.M.	Spain	1999
Hörl W.H.	Austria	1999
Wiecek A.	Poland	1999
Nagy J.	Hungary	2000
Vanholder R.	Belgium	2000
Zoccali C.	Italy	2000
Coppo R.	Italy	2001
Floege J.	Germany	2001
Basci A.	Turkey	2002
London G.	France	2002
Olgaard K.	Denmark	2002
Covic A.	Romania	2003
Eckardt K.-U.	Germany	2003
Tsakiris D.	Greece	2003
Goldsmith D.	United Kingdom	2004
Macdougall I.	United Kingdom	2004
Frazão J.	Portugal	2005
Ronco P.	France	2005
Utas C.	Turkey	2005

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Watschinger B.	Austria	1973
Rosenfeld J.	Israel	1974
Thaysen J.H.	Denmark	1975
Schutterle G.	Germany	1976
Linstrom B.	Finland	1977
Önen K.	Turkey	1978
Struyvenberg A.	The Netherlands	1979
Valek A.	Czech Republic	1980
Funk-Bretano J.L.	France	1981
Botella J.	Spain	1982
Kerr D.N.S.	United Kingdom	1983
Cambi V.	Italy	1984
Ringoir S.	Belgium	1985
Taraba I.	Hungary	1986
Kessel M.	Germany	1987
Botella J.	Spain	1988

Brynger H.	Sweden	1989
Watschinger B.	Austria	1990
Cambi V.	Italy	1991
Jacobs C.	France	1992
Briggs J.D.	United Kingdom	1993
Stummvoll H.K.	Austria	1994
Mountokalakis Th.	Greece	1995
Donker A.J.M.	The Netherlands	1996
Bernheim J.	Switzerland	1997
Zucchelli P.	Italy	1998
Valderrabano F.	Spain	1999
Berthoux F.	France	2000
Hörl W.H.	Austria	2001
Olgaard K.	Denmark	2002
Ritz E.	Germany	2003
Carrera F.	Portugal	2004
Serdengecti K.	Turkey	2005
Locatelli F.	Italy	2005*
Fox J.G.	United Kingdom	2006
Cannata-Andía J.	Spain	2006*
Piera L.	Spain	2007
Cannata-Andía J.	Spain	2007*
Alvestrand A.	Sweden	2008
Cannata-Andía J.	Spain	2008*

* *Co-President*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT JORGE B. CANNATA-ANDIA

At the beginning of my term as President, I must say that it is an honour for me to hold this position. I would like to start my report thanking all of you for your support, confidence and comprehension during this first year as President of the ERA-EDTA. I want also to thank the former ERA-EDTA President, Francesco Locatelli with whom I have the pleasure of sharing the preparation of several initiatives which hopefully will see the light during my mandate.



I would also like to thank the ERA-EDTA officers, Adrian Covic, Rosanna Coppo, Carmine Zoccali, Norbert Lameire, as well as all the Ordinary Council members for their work and dedication in helping me run the ERA-EDTA ambitious Global Scientific Programme which covers almost all areas of Nephrology.

I am delighted to inform you about the growing interest for our CME Courses and also about the expansion and homogenization of our Basic and Advanced Educational Courses. This last year, our Society has developed an interesting and complete Programme of Courses touching different issues from different and complementary views, always trying to cover the topics "From the bench to the patient". All these Courses are organised by several groups of Scientists at the "highest possible level" under the coordination and leadership of Rosanna Coppo. I want to thank all for their work, efforts and dedication. For the near future, the ERA-EDTA has introduced some changes in order to give opportunities of hosting the ERA-EDTA educational activities in countries, or regions, which, in the past, never had the chance to have them.

In 2006 we launched our new Research Fellowship Exchange programme to help the mobility and training of young investigators and also to facilitate the consolidation of solid Renal Research Networks in Europe. Through the implementation of the Long and Short-Term Fellowship Programmes we will support the growing and progress of Basic and Clinical Excellence of Research in Nephrology in Europe. The first "wave" of ERA-EDTA Research Fellows will be awarded in 2006 with the help and advice of the ERA-EDTA Council and the recently created ERA-EDTA Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). We hope this fascinating initiative can grow, mature and expand during the following years.

The need for official economical support from the European Union for the Prevention, Treatment and Research in Renal Diseases is also a priority for the ERA-EDTA. In 2005 The ERA-EDTA Registry, chaired by Carmine Zoccali made the first attempt to involve the European Union in the ERA-EDTA projects. Furthermore, in 2006, together with the ISN and several other International Associations interested in Renal Disease, including Nurses and Patients Associations, we are working together to achieve the final goal of establishing Kidney Disease as a priority in the coming European Union Programmes. This new European Kidney Alliance, fully endorsed and supported by the ERA-EDTA, will continue working in order to increase the awareness and importance of Kidney Disease, focused now in the next European Union Framework Research Programme

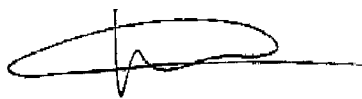
which it will be launched in 2007.

Another good example of the ERA-EDTA commitment to support Clinical Research is the launching in 2006 of the first ERA-EDTA-designed Interventional Pan European Research Project, "ARPA" ("Arrest Renal Disease Progression Aim"), chaired by Francesco Locatelli. This enterprise, together with previous ERA-EDTA initiatives, such as the QUEST project, should improve the knowledge and management of Chronic Kidney Disease in Europe.

All these recent ERA-EDTA challenges are growing with the complement and partnership of previous and well established ERA-EDTA activities such as the NDT Journal under the direction of Prof Norbert Lameire with the help of Jürgen Floege and David Wheeler, NDT-Educational directed by Carmine Zoccali and the recently created "Follow us", under the direction of Adrian Covic and Dimitriou Tsakiris. My sincere thanks to all of them for making these activities a success, as well as to all the ERA-EDTA administrative staff working in different countries and regions throughout Europe helping the progress of our Association.

Furthermore, another aspect I would like to highlight is the progressive aim for collaboration, cooperation and coordination between the ERA-EDTA and the ISN. Since 2003 when we successfully held the World Congress in Berlin, under the Presidency of E Ritz, we started a process of mutual involvement in order to work jointly in old and new initiatives. Our recent efforts to approach the European Union together, our common Educational Activities and also the good opportunity to join our strengths in the next World Congress that will take place in 2009, are good examples of our mutual wish to collaborate in the growing field of Kidney Disease.

Finally, I want to warmly invite members and non-members to attend the ERA-EDTA Glasgow Congress and, all ERA-EDTA members, to participate the ERA-EDTA General Assembly. I am sure about the success of this new edition of the ERA-EDTA Congress, thanks to all of you but particularly to those who have the main responsibility of the whole programme for Glasgow, Pierre Ronco, Jonathan Fox and David Goldsmith.



Prof. Jorge B. Cannata-Andía
ERA-EDTA President

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY - TREASURER ADRIAN-CONSTANTIN COVIC



At the beginning of my three years term as Secretary-Treasurer of the European Renal Association, I am proud to say that I am working with a wonderful team and continuing a series of excellent programs, initiated during his term by Prof. Jorge Cannata-Andía. Together with our Council's members, we aim to achieve new goals and further increase the image and contents of our Association.

At the Glasgow congress, three ordinary Council members - Kai-Uwe Eckardt, Gérard London and Dimitriou Tsakiris - are leaving their posts. Also, Carmine Zoccali as Chairman of the ERA-EDTA Registry is at the end of his term.

I am pleased to inform you that, according with the Constitution, Carmine Zoccali's second term was voted and approved at the Madrid Council meeting in 2006. He is the creator of NDT-Educational. The new online Journal of the ERA-EDTA is very successful and increasingly popular. The number of on-line accessing of the NDT-E Journal is increasing from 15122 in November 2004 to 20112 in December 2005 while the number of registered users augmented from 3860 (2004) to 5156 (2005). In addition, in his quality of Chairman of the Registry, Carmine Zoccali redesigned the mission of the Registry. The QUEST (QUality European STudies) initiative is an ambitious framework aimed at collecting data on clinical indicators, monitor guidelines adherence and form the basis for establishing well-pondered benchmarks. An important goal of the project is that of helping European investigators joining their forces to pursue common projects based on an enriched ERA-EDTA database. The QUEST initiative is a new opportunity for starting research programs on the epidemiology of renal diseases, created within the framework of the ERA-EDTA Registry.

Kai-Uwe Eckardt is leaving after three years (2003). He had an important role in the initiation and development of the Research Fellowship Exchange Program. This project will be a challenge to the young Nephrologists from all countries of Europe. Starting in 2006 the new ERA-EDTA fellowship program will support basic and clinical research in the field of nephrology in Europe, facilitate scientific exchange and collaboration between European research institutions and help young investigators, who are aiming for a scientific career in this area, to establish their own research program and profile. To support the program ERA-EDTA has initiated collaboration with the most successful fellowship program in Europe - developed by the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO).

Gérard London will leave the Council after four years (2002). He has been instrumental for the design of the new initiative of the Pan-European Research Project - ARPA. The final approval of ARPA was an important breakthrough. ERA-EDTA has decided to perform a clinical trial aimed at testing the influence of a stepwise, multifactorial intervention approach designed in such a way as to calibrate the treatment to the risk profile of the individual patient. The clinical trial will be developed by the joint effort of several working groups which are comprised of nephrologists, biologists, epidemiologists, specialists in statistical analysis, diabetic experts etc., from different European countries. The first version study protocol was developed by present and past Council Members under the

leadership of the Past-President of the ERA-EDTA Prof. Francesco Locatelli.

Dimitrios Tsakiris leaves the Council after three years (2003) of tirelessly work. Prof. Tsakiris contributed to the development of the ERA-EDTA Newsletter "Follow us". This new initiative is a great success, maintaining the members of the Association fully informed about all current Society's activities and future projects.

I am glad and proud to say that I worked with all of them "Thank you" for your contribution for the development and consolidation of our Association.

Keeping the line of developing existing programs and creating exciting new educational initiatives, ERA-EDTA has decided to increase significantly - by 50% - the funding reserved for travel grants to attend the ERA-EDTA Congress. The total sum of EURO 50.000 will be allocated to 89 grants: 23 for Basic Sciences, 23 for Nephrology, 23 for Dialysis and 20 for Transplantation. In addition, ERA-EDTA adopted various other flexible strategies to attract young Nephrologists:

- Reduced fee for the annual membership fee: EURO 50 for those less than 35 years in age and in their early career as a Nephrologists (which will give the right to be linked to NDT on line, to receive newsletters, ERA-EDTA mailing list of information and a reduced Congress fee).
- Extremely low Congress fee for students less than 28 years old (EURO 50), to invite the local students to follow the major ERA-EDTA Congress.
- Two travel grants for each CME Course for nephrologists that are less than 35 years old and early in their career as a Nephrologists, plus a free annual membership fee - as indicated in the first point.
- One grant to National Societies from Europe for the best presentations delivered by young Nephrologists, offering free Registration to the next ERA-EDTA Meeting plus a free three-year membership to the ERA-EDTA as indicated in the first point.

According with the Constitution, we are proposing a major change in our election system. In order to increase the number of voters at the ERA-EDTA elections (with the current system, voters at the ERA-EDTA elections are only 6% of those who are entitled to vote) it is necessary to adopt an electronic voting system. Additionally, this system is easy and convenient, saves time and money and may be accessed from almost any type of computer. The proposal was approved at the Autumn Council meeting in 2005 and will be presented at the General Assembly for the first approval in Glasgow. In order to adopt an electronic vote system, it will be necessary to amend two articles of the Constitution - Clauses VI 02 and IV 07.

According to the resolution of the Istanbul General Assembly the ERA-EDTA Council at its Meeting in London in October 2005 created an Ethical Committee. Such a new framework is important in light of the new challenges facing, the impact of biosimilar drugs, kidney donation for transplantation, research, and funding provided by the Industry. This board will propose specific rules regarding these matters, in according with the Constitution and the European law. A preliminary meeting took place at the end of April, 2006 and

Prof. J. Bernheim, who is part of this Committee, will present its composition as well as outline the targets and objectives of the same.

With so many projects "the SAB", "ARPA", "Fellowship", CME courses, "Follow-us", Ethical Committee and with precious contribution of the Officers and all who support the Association, the ERA-EDTA will become stronger, flexible, powerful and more attractive.

I wish you all a fruitful activity, a scientific and successful congress in the Scottish town of Glasgow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adrian Covic".

Prof. Adrian Covic
ERA-EDTA Secretary-Treasurer

ERA-EDTA ACCOUNTS

All the ERA-EDTA final account statements, starting 2002, can be found in the “Restricted Libraries” of the “ERA-EDTA Membership” section - www.era-edta.org/membership.htm. Access to this library is restricted to ERA-EDTA members only. Should you wish to receive a hard copy of the 2005 accounts please contact the ERA-EDTA Administration Office (Via I. Spolverini, 2; 43100 Parma; Italy - fax: +39-0521-959242; administration@era-edta.org).

Year ended 31 December 2005

Income & Expenditure

Activity		2005		2004		2003	
		€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Congress							
Income	- Registrations	2.138		1.923		2.772	
	- Exhibition space	1.510		1.678		3.203	
		3.648		3.601		5.975	
Expenditure	- expenses	-1.905		-1.262		-4.973	
Net Income on congress activity			1.743		2.339		1.002
Membership							
Income	- Subscriptions	505		539		533	
Expenditure	- Mgt charges (euromeetings)	-108		-65		-65	
Net Income on membership activity			397		474		468
Journal							
Income	- Volumes & supplements (gross)	1.725		1.614		2.029	
Expenditure	- Volumes & supplements (gross)	-1.056		-1.026		-1.310	
	- Editorial office expenses	-329		-198		-200	
Net Income on Journal activity			340		390		519
Registry (incl AMC)							
Income	- Registry Grants			45		276	
Expenditure	- Registry expenses - General	-25		-18		-15	
	- Registry expenses - AMC	-321		-262		-298	
Net expenditure on Registry activity			-346		-235		-37
Guidelines							
Income	- Guideline contributions	5		74		115	
Expenditure	- Guidelines	-31		-253		-233	
Net expenditure on Guidelines activity			-26		-179		-118
Educational							
Expenditure	- NDT-Educational						
	- CME courses						
	- Grants						
	- Fellowships						
Net expenditure on Educational activity			-129		-135		-129

Activity		2005		2004		2003	
		€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Grants							
Income	Donations & Grants	509					
Expenditure	Quest	-63					
Net income on Grant activity			446		0		0
Investments							
Income	- Investment income	74		49		37	
Expenditure	- Investment management charges	-8		-8		-3	
Net Income on Investment activity			66		41		34
			2.491		2.695		1.739
Administration							
Expenditure	Salaries	-79		-34		-46	
	Consultants fees	-240		-142		-81	
	Council meetings	-63		-82		-30	
Net expenditure on Administrative activity			-382		-258		-127
Other Income & Administrative							
Income	- Various	28		114		437	
Expenditure	- Various	-243		-165		-343	
Net expenditure on Other Income and Administrative activity			-215		-51		94
Net income for the year			1.894		2.386		1.706
Gains on Investment disposals & revaluations			58		84		43
Consolidation adjustments			3		-478		277
Reserves b/f @ 01.01.05			9.340		7.348		5.352
Reserves c/f @ 31.12.05			11.295		9.340		7.378

Notes to Income & Expenditure - Other Income & Administrative expenses

		2005		2004		2003
		€'000		€'000		€'000
Income						
	Currency exchange gains	19		106		427
	Other	9		8		10
		28		114		437
Expenses						
	Promotional activities	55		28		14
	Travel concerning projects to promote research	32				
	Research	43				
	Mail Printing & Publications	59		29		25
	Currency exchange losses	20		21		113
	Telecommunications	7		3		5
	Stationary	0		0		0
	Travel expenses	5		8		35
	EKRA fees	1				
	ASB	1				
	Miscellaneous	2		2		4
	Credit card commission and bank charges	37		34		65
	Bad debts	-24		37		75
	Corporation tax	0		0		0
	Depreciation	5		3		7
		243		165		343

Balance Sheet

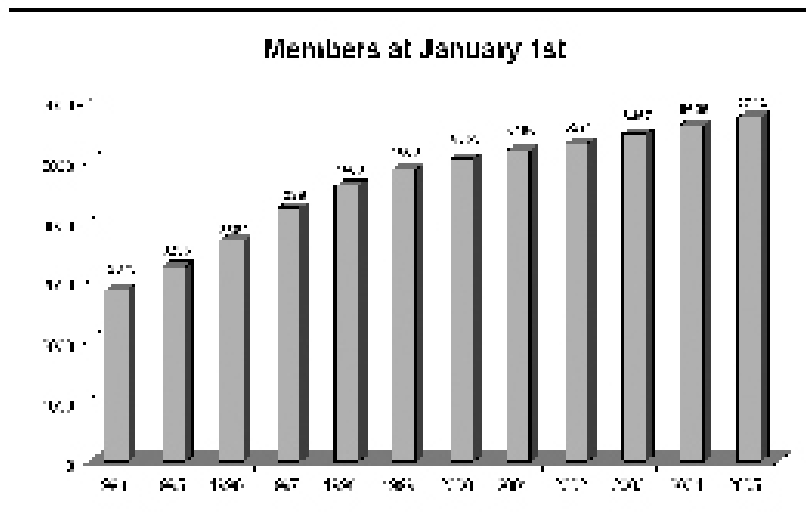
As at 31 December 2005

	2005		2004		2003
	€'000		€'000		€'000
Fixed assets:					
Tangible fixed assets	1		6		6
Investments	2.509		2.337		2.186
	2.510		2.343		2.192
Current assets:					
Debtors	950		655		938
Cash at bank	8.615		6.937		6.410
	9.565		7.592		7.348
Total assets	12.075		9.935		9.540
Creditors	-780		-595		-2.192
Net assets	11.295		9.340		7.348

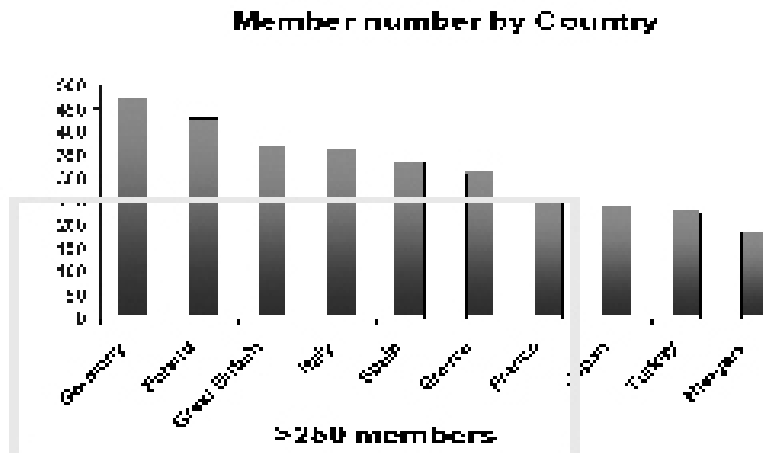
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MEMBERSHIP

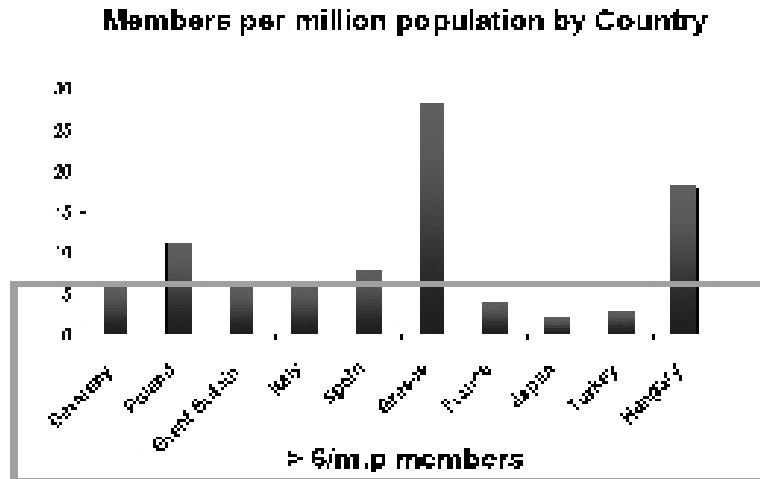
At December 31, 2005, the membership had reached 6,207. Below is the chart regarding the membership figures, starting 1994, at January 1st.



Considering Members from each European Country, Germany has the highest absolute figure, followed by Poland, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Greece and France which have >250 Members.

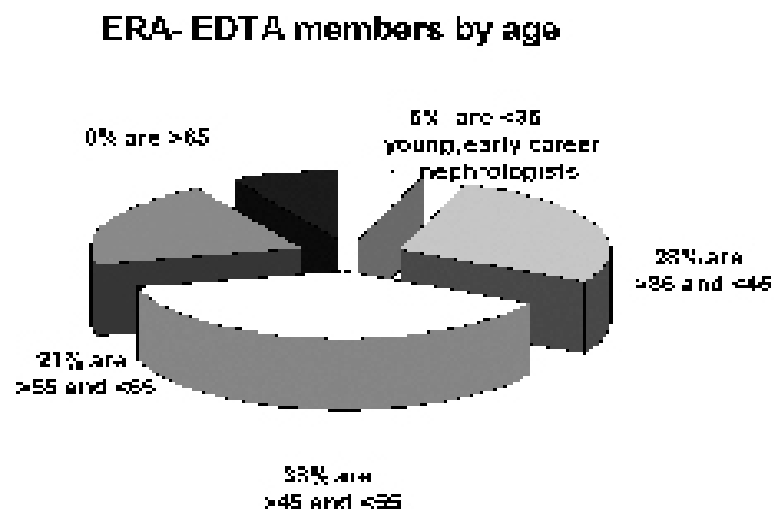


If we relate this number to the population of each Country, Poland has the highest ratio followed by Spain and Germany; Italy and Great Britain share the same member / population ratio. Considering extra European members, we have quite a relevant number from Japan with a member/population ratio similar to Turkey.



The analysis of the age of our Members gives rise to some considerations.

5% of our Members are <35 years old, 28% are between 35 and 45, 38% between 45 and 55, 21% between 55 and 65, and 8% >65 years old. Hence, two thirds of the ERA-EDTA members are represented by Nephrologists in the full activity age, thus between 35 and 55.



These middle-aged ERA-EDTA Members are likely to:

- need interaction with other Colleagues to compare their activities at a European level;
- keep their knowledge up-dated;

- get informed on large studies;
- receive new suggestions;

ERA-EDTA must keep considering their needs.

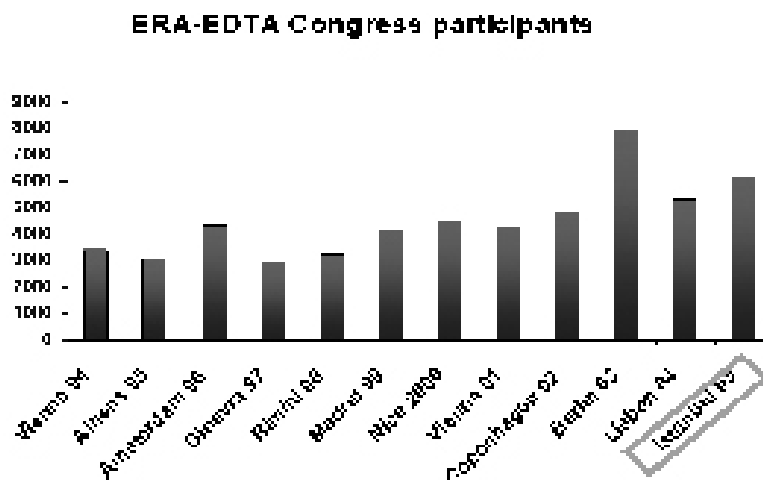
As far as young Nephrologists are concerned, they are not much attracted to be ERA-EDTA Members and, besides reasons of scientific interest, the cost/benefit ratio must be taken into account. It is an aim of our Association to more efficiently attract those young Nephrologists.

The following proposals were presented at the Autumn 2005 Council Meeting and accepted by Council:

- reduced fee for annual membership fee: EURO 50.00 for <35 years old early career Nephrologists (which will give the right to be linked to NDT on line, to receive newsletters, ERA-EDTA mailing list of information, reduced Congress fee);
- extremely low Congress fee for students < 28 years old : EURO 50.00, to invite the local students to follow the annual ERA-EDTA Congress when not far from their living area;
- 2 travel grants for each ERA-EDTA CME Course to <35 year old early career Nephrologists + 1 year free membership as for point a);
- 1 grant to all National Societies of Nephrology in Europe for the best presentation of a young Nephrologist from that Country, offering a free Registration to the ERA-EDTA annual Congress of the following year + 3 years free membership to our Society, still as for point a).

ISTANBUL CONGRESS

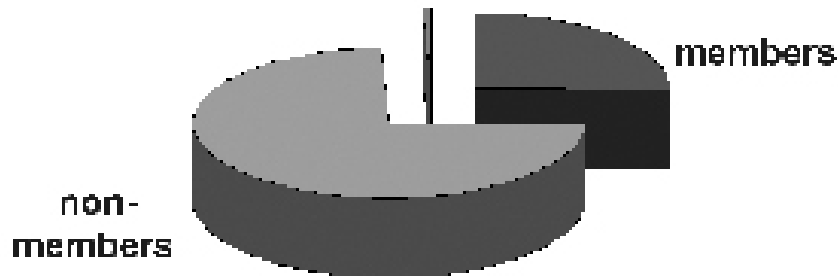
Apart from the figures of the 2003 Berlin World Congress, there is a further increase from the Lisbon Congress, in fact in Istanbul we reached 6,135 delegates.



Two thirds of all the participants, taking into consideration the paying delegates, were non-ERA-EDTA members. Only 22% were ERA-EDTA members.

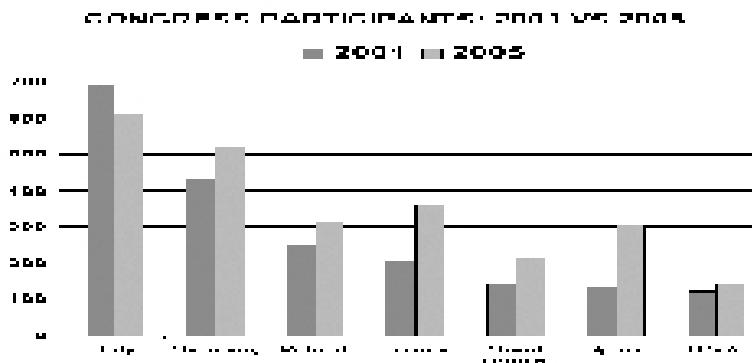
Istanbul 2005 Congress paying delegates

ERA-EDTA members	1378
Non Members	4322
Students	628
Total paying delegates	5728
Non paying delegates (mostly Members) 407	



Considering the participation according to Countries, Italy had the highest participation, though less than in 2001, while Germany, the second Country by Participants absolute number, has increasing attendance, as well as Poland, France, Great Britain and Spain.

2006 Istanbul Congress by Countries

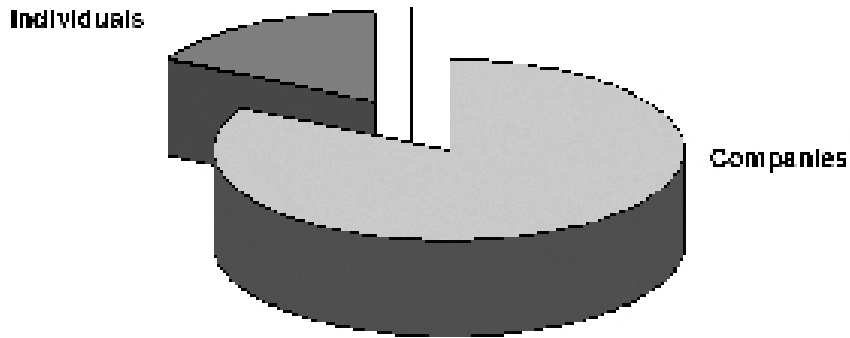


As a promotion for young researchers, over the past few years, grants were distributed to 60 young Nephrologists for a total amount of EURO 27,200.00. Moreover the Basic Science Forum distributed EURO 10,800.00; for a final total of EURO 38,000.00 given by ERA-EDTA towards travel grants for young investigators. As we mentioned before, further facilities for young Nephrologists will be given. A new proposal, which the Council approved, was to increase the amount devoted to travel grants for young nephrologists/ researchers to EURO 50,000.00, starting 2006.

As for other Congresses, most of the registration fees were covered by Companies.

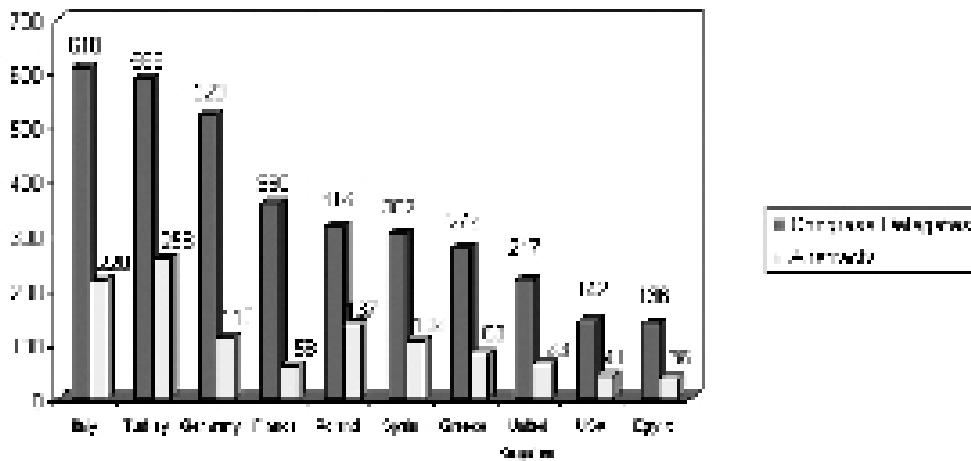
Istanbul 2005 Congress paying resources

Companies	4745
Individuals	983



Finally this is an interesting slide regarding the number of participants to the Congress from different Countries vs. the number of accepted abstracts, still according to Country.

Congress Delegates & Abstracts Submission



Prof. Rosanna Coppo
Chairperson of the Administrative Offices



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42nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Istanbul, Turkey
Monday, June 6th, 2005
6.30 pm - 7.30 pm**

MINUTES

01. Opening

The President of the Association announced that prior to closing the voting for the three Council vacancies, any full member who had yet to vote could do so before the General Assembly commenced. The voting was closed. The 42nd General Assembly began at 6.30 pm. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking the Congress President Dr. Serdengecti for organising the meeting and congratulated him on the very high number of registrations.

02. Minutes of the 41st General Assembly, Lisbon, June May 17, 2004

The minutes from Lisbon were approved.

03. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

04. Report from the President of the ERA-EDTA: F. Locatelli

The President began his report by pointing out that it had been a real honour to have been President of the ERA-EDTA: the Association was very much alive and the many initiatives that were being taken by the Council were extremely stimulating. At the end of his term he wanted to thank all the persons that had collaborated with the Association. First of all he thanked the entire Council for all its work and dedication, especially Prof. J. Cannata-Andía as Secretary-Treasurer and L. Piera as Chief-Controller.

He also thanked Prof. T. Drueke for the excellent job that he had done as Editor-in-Chief of NDT. Prof. C. Zoccali was also doing a very good job as Chairman of the ERA-EDTA Registry but also as Editor of the NDT-E the new electronic and educational journal of the Association which was more and more successful. Prof. R. Coppo had been very active in the difficult task of organizing the CME activity of the Association, special thanks also was due to Prof. Ritz and Prof. Wiecek for their role as ISN representatives in this activity.

Finally Prof. Locatelli also thanked the ERA-EDTA staff for their dedication and hard work – he confirmed that they all made his job as President much easier.

05. Report from the Secretary-Treasurer: Jorge B. Cannata Andía

The Secretary-Treasurer started his report by presenting the 2003 & 2004 accounts, that had already been approved by the Council, to the General Assembly. They were unanimously approved. Prof. Shaldon asked for a modification to the Constitution regarding this point – see below item 06.

Prof. Bernheim, seconded by Prof. Berthoux, asked to present a motion regarding ethical aspects of the Association's activities and the Council. He proposed the creation of an ethical committee to devise and write clear rules about the following matters:

- a) Ethical aspects of the publications, congress presentations, courses and other information that is divulged by ERA-EDTA;
- b) Guarantee that decision making at every level is independent and unbiased by private or economic interests;
- c) Specific rules that the Council Members should adopt during their term in the Council.

He also confirmed that the Council should be in charge of forming this committee as well as its function. The final suggestions of the committee must be presented to the General Assembly in Glasgow (July, 2006) for approval.

Prof. Locatelli confirmed that he totally agreed with this proposal.

Prof. Shaldon suggested that the members of this committee however should be neutral and external to Council.

The General Assembly approved both motions unanimously.

Prof. J. Cannata thanked Prof. Bernheim and suggested to continue with the next point.

06. Final ratifications to the modifications to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA – see appendix

Prof. Shaldon, seconded by Prof. Bernheim, asked that article IX 09 of the Constitution, regarding the final approval of the annual accounts, be changed as follows (see bold):

09. *The Secretary/Treasurer must present the annual financial statements of the Association, taking into account the Reserve Fund and the Registry, and present them to the Council for approval. The Council will forward the approved annual report containing the financial statements and the activities of the Association (as well as the yearly balance sheets of the Subsidiary Company, if existing) to all the **Honorary, Senior, Full and Associate members** of the Association for **final approval**, together with the Agenda of the General Assembly.*

This was unanimously approved.

All other final modifications were also unanimously approved therefore the changes proposed were now final.

07. Report of the Chief-Controller of the ERA-EDTA, L. Piera

The Chief-Controller began his report by informing the General Assembly about the current membership situation. As of January 2005, there were over 5000 members. There had been a net increase of 136 members in 2004, having 535 new members and considering that 399 members left. It was highlighted that Spain and Turkey had represented the highest net increase.

Concerning the Lisbon Congress, the Chief-Controller informed the General Assembly that there were 5322 paying delegates, which was the highest number apart from the Berlin World Congress. All countries had more attendees apart from Germany and Greece.

Dr. Luis Piera finished his last report as Chief-Controller by thanking the former and current Presidents, Prof. François Berthou, Prof. Alexander Davison and Prof. Francesco Locatelli.

He also thanked former and current Secretary-Treasurers, Dr. Fernando Carrera, Prof. Vincenzo Cambi and Prof. Jorge B. Cannata-Andía.

He finally thanked the Parma Office team for all their help, trust and understanding. Dr. Luis Piera, Chief-Controller, concluded that it was a great pleasure to work with them all.

After the Chief Controller's report, Prof. Kamil Serdengecti, President of the XLII Congress of the ERA-EDTA, presented the 2005 "unofficial" figures. He informed the General Assembly that the Congress had had at least 5800 paying delegates.

The President, Prof. Francesco Locatelli proposed then to move on to the report of the Chairman of the Paper Selection Committee, David Goldsmith.

08. Report of the Chairman of the Paper Selection Committee, D. Goldsmith

The Chairman of the Paper Selection Committee began his report by thanking Silvia Menoni and the whole Parma Office. He considered that a big part of the success is theirs.

Then, he proceeded to inform the General Assembly that the number of abstracts received for the Istanbul Congress was 1959, from which 1103 were accepted. Those abstracts scored 10.7 or above in a grading scale from 0-20 were accepted equating to a 56.3% acceptance rate. From these, 1000 were posters and 856 were rejected.

When reviewing the countries that submitted, Dr. David Goldsmith found that there had been an increase in the number of abstracts submitted. However, there were few abstracts on basic science and there were few abstracts from Northern Europe.

Full Member Prof. Jacques Bernstein congratulated David Goldsmith. He explained that he thought that the ERA-EDTA should make a change in the rules regarding the deadline in which the grades of the abstracts must be done.

Dr. David Goldsmith explained that the website is flexible and, for example, it is even possible to submit the grades afterwards if you had been sick.

This concluded the report from the Chairman of the Paper Selection Committee.

09. Report of the Chairman of the Registry, C. Zoccali

The Chairman of the Registry, Prof. Carmine Zoccali started his report by stating that a main effort should be done to collate data, clinical indicators and guidelines adherence.

Regarding the QUEST (Quality European Studies) convention, the Chairman of the Registry informed the General Assembly about this low budget intensive meeting. He explained that it is a difficult job. There have been steps forward but also setbacks. In any case he felt that it was worth taking risk.

Prof. Carmine Zoccali concluded his report as Chairman of the Registry by publicly thanking the Amsterdam staff.

Prof. Stanley Shaldon requested some information regarding the Middle East area, specifically the Mediterranean seaboard. He asked if Jordan would be allowed to contribute to ERA-EDTA Registry if Jordan is linked to Mediterranean Sea. Jordan has complete National Registry, therefore the possibility could be investigated.

The Chairman explained that regardless of their Geographical situation, all countries who adhere to ERA-EDTA and its Registry could contribute.

Accordingly, the President Francesco Locatelli stated that Jordan could contribute if it is geographically suitable.

10. Report of the NDT Editor-in-Chief, T. B. Drüeke

Prof. Tilman Drüeke started his report by informing the General Assembly that there had been an increase in submission, probably due to electronic submission. In many cases, reports submitted are most rejected. Between 2002 and 2004, a 32-35% of original abstracts and a 23-25% of case reports were accepted.

Supplements are going down, controlled by Deputy-Editor (and his successor, Prof. Norbert Lameire)

The NDT Editor-in-Chief stated that too many supplements from the Industry on similar topics are accepted.

The impact factor of the journal is 2.607. Prof. Tilman Drüeke explained that he hoped the success of the journal could pick up the impact factor. However, the impact factor is only one of the ways of evaluating the journal. For example, another way of evaluating the journal is taking into account the number of pdf's downloaded.

Prof. Tilman Drüeke concluded his last report as NDT Editor-in-chief by thanking the previous Council, who gave him the chance to become NDT Editor-in-chief, and the present Council for all their support. He also thanked his predecessors, Prof. Eberhard Ritz and Prof. Alexander Davison, who was the establisher of NDT. He finally thanked all subject, section editors and board.

There were no extra comments and Prof. Francesco Locatelli finally thanked Prof. Tilman Drüeke for his work as NDT Editor-in-Chief.

11. Election of the President of the ERA-EDTA for the term 2005-2008

The election of Prof. Jorge B. Cannata-Andía as President of the ERA-EDTA for the term 2005-2008 was unanimously ratified.

12. Election of the Secretary-Treasurer of the ERA-EDTA for the term 2005-2008

The election of Prof. Adrian Covic as Secretary-Treasurer of the ERA-EDTA for the term 2005-2008 was unanimously ratified.

13. Election of the Chairperson of Administrative Offices for the term 2005-2008

The election of Prof. Rosanna Coppo as Chairperson of Administrative Offices of the ERA-EDTA for the term 2005-2008 was unanimously ratified.

The new elected Chairman of Administrative Offices was also thanked for the Educational Activities.

Honorary member Prof. Stanley Shaldon asked whether the new position of "Chairperson of Administrative Offices" was equivalent to the previous position of "Chief Controlled", and thus, there was only a change in the name of the position. He was informed that was the case.

14. Election of the Editor-in-Chief of "Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation" for the term 2005-2008

Prof. Norbert Lameire was unanimously ratified as Editor in Chief of "Nephrology

Dialysis Transplantation” for the term 2005-2008.

15. Ratification of Prof. Eberhard Ritz (Germany) as an Honorary Member of the ERA-EDTA

Prof. Eberhard Ritz (Germany) was unanimously ratified as an Honorary Member of the ERA-EDTA.

16. Election of Ordinary Council Member (three vacancies)

At the Istanbul General Assembly the following three new Ordinary Council Members were elected: Joao Frazao (Portugal), Pierre Ronco (France) and Cengiz Utas (Turkey).

17. Correspondence and other business

There was no correspondence or any other business.

18. Date and venue of the next meeting

The 43rd General Assembly will be held in Glasgow, United Kingdom on July 17, 2006. The exact time and place of the meeting will be communicated in due time to all members.

19. Closure

The President thanked the President and Secretary of the Congress, Prof. Serdengeçti and Prof. Utas once again for all the work they had put in to making the congress a success. He also thanked all the Association’s members, the ERA-EDTA officers and the administrative staff.

Finally Prof. Locatelli confirmed that the 2007 ERA-EDTA Congress was going to be held in Barcelona (Spain) on June 21-24.

The General Assembly closed at 7.30 pm.

F. Locatelli
President ERA-EDTA

J.B. Cannata-Andía
Secretary-Treasurer ERA-EDTA

APPENDIX TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

A list of the clauses with changes proposed to the ERA-EDTA Constitution follows:

- I. "Name, purpose, address and legal representation"
Clauses 03 & 04
- II. "Membership of the Association"
Clauses 03, 04, 05, 08 & 09
- III. "Administration of the Association"
Clause 01
- IV. "General Assembly"
Clauses 04, 07, 10 & 11
- V. "The Council"
Clauses 04, 05, 07, 14 & 15
- VI. "Appointment of Ordinary Members of the Council"
Clauses 01, 03 & 04 (new numeration of clause)
- VII. "Appointment of ex-officio Members of the Council"
Clauses 01, 02, 03 (new clause) 04, 05, 06, 07, 08 (new clause numeration)
- VIII. "President of the Association"
Clauses 03, 05 & 06 (new clause numeration)
- IX. "The Secretary/Treasurer"
Clauses 01, 06, 08 & 10
- X. "The Chairman of Administrative Offices"
01, 02, 03, 04 as well as in the Chapter title itself
- XI. "Property"
No changes to any part of this chapter.
- XII. "The Reserve Fund"
Clauses 05 & 06 as well as the numeration of the chapter.
- XIII. "Education and research funds"
Clauses 02 & 03. Two new clauses, 05 & 06, have been inserted. The numeration of the chapter has also changed.
- XIV. "Subsidiary Company"
Clauses 01, 02, 05 & 06 (new clause)
- XV. "Annual report and annual return"
No changes to any part of this chapter.

- XVI. "Official Journal of the Association"
Clauses 01, 06 & 07.
- XVII. "The Registry"
Clauses 02, 03, 05, 06 & 07.
- XVIII. "Congress"
Clauses 02, 03, 04, 05 & 06.
- XIX. "Final and General Rules"
No changes to any part of this Chapter.
- XX. "Governing law and jurisdiction"
No changes to any part of this Chapter.



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**ERA-EDTA
43rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Monday, July 17, 2006
6.30 pm – 8.00 pm**

**Clyde Auditorium
Scottish Exhibition and Convention Center
Glasgow, Scotland, U.K.**

AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. Minutes of the 42nd General Assembly, Istanbul, June 6th 2005.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Report of the President of the ERA-EDTA, J. Cannata-Andía.
5. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the ERA-EDTA, A. Covic.
6. Approval of the 2005 accounts.
7. Proposed changes to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA, presented for the first time – see appendix below.
8. Report of the Chairperson of the Administrative Offices of the ERA-EDTA, R. Coppo.
9. Report of the Chairman of the Paper Selection Committee, D. Goldsmith.
10. Report of the Chairman of the Registry, C. Zoccali.
11. Report of the NDT Editor-in-Chief, N. Lameire.
12. Venue and date of future ERA-EDTA Congresses, J. Cannata-Andía.

13. Election of the Chairman of Registry for the term 2006-2009
- Nominated Candidate: C. Zoccali (Italy) – second term
14. Election of Ordinary Council Members (three vacancies)*.
15. Correspondence and other business.
16. Date and venue of the next meeting.
17. Closure.

* - The following candidacies have been proposed to the Secretary-Treasurer: D. Adu (U.K.); J.M. Grinyo Boira (Spain); M. Kuhlmann (Germany); L. Rosivall (Hungary); G. Spasovski (Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia); V. Tesar (Czech Republic); Y.F.C. Vanrenterghem (Belgium); C. Wanner (Germany); P. Warwicker (U.K.); A. Wiecek (Poland) and Y. Yagil (Israel).

All Full members of the ERA-EDTA will be able to vote for a maximum of three (3) candidates: the voting station, located in the Congress Registration Area, will be open from 07:45 – 18:15 on Sunday, July 16 and from 7:45 – 18:15 on Monday, July 17, 2006. A valid identification document (i.e. passport or national identity card) must be shown in order to vote. A short curriculum for each candidate will be on display at the voting station and also on the ERA-EDTA's web-site. Full members can also vote immediately before the start of the General Assembly at 18:30 in the main auditorium.

APPENDIX TO THE AGENDA OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION *(in bold, underlined, italic)*

1) Clause IV 07

IV. General Assembly.

07. Resolutions of the General Assembly shall be passed by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested by the Constitution or by twenty or more members who are entitled to vote. In this last case, **apart from as provided in clause VI 02**, the vote will be by ballot box with each voter providing evidence of his or her identity to the satisfaction of the President before voting. The count of votes will be public and under the direction of at least four members of the Association, who are entitled to vote.

2) Clause VI 02


VI. Appointment of the ordinary members of the Council.

02. The list of the candidates will be sent together with the Agenda of the General Assembly to all Full, Associate, Honorary and Senior members of the Association. The election will be made by secret ballot **and those eligible to**

vote shall cast their votes either at the General Assembly or by using the internet voting facility, if any, established for this purpose.

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