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ANNUAL REPORT BY THE ERA-EDTA OFFICERS

The officers of the European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA) (Andrzej Więcek, Secretary-Treasurer; Markus Ketteler, Chairman of the Administrative Offices; Christoph Wanner, Chairman of the Registry; Carmine Zoccali, Editor-in-Chief of “Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation” and Raymond Vanholder, President) together with the entire ERA-EDTA Council are greatly honored to report on the activities of our Society, essentially regarding the past year but also previous years. ERA-EDTA as a Society encourages information, teaching and research in the fields of clinical nephrology, dialysis, renal transplantation and related subjects and reports advances in those fields.

All summarized accomplishments would have been impossible without the generous help of the chairs, co-chairs and members of the many committees, advisory boards and work groups of ERA-EDTA that have been appointed to serve on specific themes, and above all the hard work of the support team in Parma offering invaluable logistic and secretarial assistance.

We furthermore should stress that we built on the accomplishments of previous officers and Council members, and without them it would have been impossible to stand where we stand right now. We can only hope that we can continue their good work and keep the successes of our Society going in this positive trend.

ERA-EDTA Membership

ERA-EDTA is a quickly growing Society. Whereas we had 5,620 members 1st of January 2010, 5,794 1st of January 2011, and 5,885 1st of January 2012, we are now at 5,939 (6% rise vs. 2010). The more members we have, the stronger we can be on the European political scene and in international nephrology! In that context, it is interesting to note that more than 25% of our membership is from out of Europe (6% from the Americas half of which
from the USA and more than 13% from the Middle East and Asia). We especially see a fast growth among members from Middle Eastern Countries and Asia.

ERA-EDTA Congresses

The ERA-EDTA Congresses become more and more attractive and are attended by a growing number of delegates.

The meeting in Prague was a big success: 1,989 abstracts were received, of which 132 were accepted as a free communication and 1,151 as a poster, while the meeting was attended by 7,826 colleagues from 126 different countries. These figures were beaten by our latest
Congress in Paris: here 2,672 abstracts were received, of which 159 were accepted as a free communication and 1,453 as a poster, instead 8,531 participants were there from 136 different countries. For the 2013 Istanbul congress, 2,397 abstracts were submitted. In this context we have to stress the hard work of the local organizing committees and the scientific committees and their leadership (for Prague, Vladimir Tersar, President; Ivan Rychlik, Secretary; Raymond Vanholder, Chairperson of the Scientific Committee; for Paris, Pierre Ronco, President; Dominique Chauveau, Secretary; Jürgen Floege, Chairperson of the Scientific Committee; for Istanbul, Gültekin Süleymanlar, President; Cengiz Utas, Secretary; Rosanna Coppo, Chairperson of the Scientific Committee) and that of the Paper Selection Committee, chaired by Markus Ketteler.

With regards to the number of participants, Paris saw a growth of about 9% if compared to Prague, that by itself was characterized by an increase in participants by 14.5% if compared to the previous Congress organized by ERA-EDTA alone which was in Stockholm in 2008. In between the Congress had been organized together with the German Society of Nephrology (Munich in 2010) and the International Society of Nephrology (Milan, 2009) which makes a comparison of participant numbers more difficult. A substantial increase was observed in the participation from countries outside Europe, as much as from Europe itself. In Prague there were 201 delegates from the United States, 261 from Japan, 242 from China, and 922 from Middle Eastern countries and other Asian countries. In Paris these numbers were even more impressive: 274 (US), 327 (Japan), 291 (China) and 1,050 (Middle Eastern countries and other Asian countries).

We are looking forward to our next Congress to be held in Istanbul where we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Society, and to our future Congresses that will be held in Amsterdam (2014), London (2015), Vienna (2016) and Madrid (2017).

ERA-EDTA CME Activity

The still growing series of educational courses covering the whole of Europe as well as the countries bordering Europe and the Mediterranean are two other examples of our
commitment towards education. The continued medical education (CME) activities, under the leadership of Goce Spasovski, in 2011 included a total of 35 very successful courses while in 2012 there were 34. For 2013, 39 CME courses are planned.

Whereas traditionally, our CME-activities have been focused on Europe and the Mediterranean, ERA-EDTA from now on will also organize CMEs outside our traditional area, with emphasis on the emerging world and with preference for countries with non English speaking background.

Up to now this initiative is organized together with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). The first two CMEs of this program were held in October 2012, respectively in Bukavu in the Democratic Republic Congo and in Douala in Cameroun. For 2013 nothing has yet been programmed we are therefore looking forward to receive new applications for this initiative. Finally, the CME group also started a new project, which is to develop a web-based learning tool. A first topic on Nephrotic Syndrome has almost been finalized and will soon be posted on our website. Once this first project has been finished, it will be easier to implement new instruments on other topics.

ERA-EDTA Fellowship Program, ERA-EDTA-ISN Fellowships, and ComIA Fellowships

SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM ERA-EDTA FELLOWSHIPS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT

The fellowship program offering opportunities for young researchers and clinicians to accomplish short or long stays abroad for extending their research or for learning new skills was also very successful with 41 applications submitted to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) co-chaired by Heini Murer in 2011, 78 applications in 2012, and 29 applications
for the first half of 2013. Of all the received applications in 2011 and 2012, in total 20 long-
term and 16 short-term fellowships were approved by the Council.

Starting with 2013, ERA-EDTA also offers the opportunity for physicians or researchers
living outside Europe and the countries bordering Europe and the Mediterranean Sea
to apply for essentially clinical fellowships, if the training program is taking place in a
country traditionally considered as the area of activity of ERA-EDTA. This fellowship is
coordinated by our new Committee for International Affairs (ComIA), chaired by Ziad
Massy. These initiatives go along with the fellowships offered in collaboration with the
International Society of Nephrology (ISN), that up to now have been totally funded by
ERA-EDTA, to inhabitants of developing countries of the European area (essentially
Eastern Europe and the countries bordering Europe and the Mediterranean) (see more
details also below).

**ERA-EDTA Research Program**

To encourage broader scientific networks, our Association launched the ERA-EDTA
Research Program the main purpose of which is to favor international nephrologic
research collaboration throughout Europe. Like in 2009, also in 2011 three extended
research projects were accepted, covering the broad field of nephrology: 1. STARMEN –
EUR 595,500 – coordinator Manuel Praga; 2. LUST – EUR 900,000 – coordinator Carmine
Zoccali; 3. The EuroCYST Initiative – EUR 1,000,000.00 – coordinator Andreas Serra.
Consequently, a total amount of EUR 2,495,500.00 was invested in European research at
the occasion of this round of support.

We would like to express our gratitude to Giovanni Cancarini as well as to all the
Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) members for their great efforts in the management of
the fellowship and the research programs, in fact the process of judging all the submitted
projects is very delicate and quite time consuming.

For 2012 it was decided not to grant on any additional large research projects, in view of
the fact that the total investment in large research projects since the start of this program
in 2009 has reached 5,179,310.00 €. We likely will make a new call in late 2013 or early
2014.

**ERA-EDTA Working Groups and endorsed Working Group**

In 2012 the ERA-EDTA supported the activities of 5 work groups: 1. IWG - the
Immunonephrology group chaired by Rosanna Coppo; 2. EURECA-m which deals with
the link between chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular disease and chaired by
Gérard London (previously chaired by Carmine Zoccali); 3. the EUDIAL work group
on hemodialysis and related techniques, under the leadership of Peter Blankestijn; 4. the
WGKD group on rare and inherited kidney disorders, chaired by Olivier Devuyst; and
5. DESCARTES, on transplantation, with Daniel Abramowicz as chair. Two other groups
are under development and are currently structuring their future activities: a group on
Chronic Kidney Disease – Metabolic Bone Disease (CKD-MBD) currently coordinated
by Mario Cozzolino, and one on diabetes and obesity, the Diabesity group, currently
coordinated by Esteban Porrini (this last WG is still under review process of the Council).

EUTox is an ERA-EDTA endorsed work group focusing on research on uremic toxicity
which acts under a shared umbrella with the European Society of Artificial Organs (ESAO) with Angel Argiles as chair. All these work groups have their own scientific activities, organize their own CMEs, and may take political action if this is deemed appropriate. All ERA-EDTA members are invited to actively take part in these Work Groups.

ERA-EDTA Collaboration with other Societies

During the last few years, ERA-EDTA extended its international activities. Our collaboration with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) was consolidated. The agreement to sponsor fellowships presented to ISN by young nephrologists living in developing Countries of the ERA-EDTA area was changed into a permanent commitment for two long term or 1 long-term plus two short term or four short-term fellowships (see also above). In addition, ERA-EDTA sponsors together with ISN a number of common CME courses in the ERA-EDTA area, which allows the organizers to increase the number of international speakers lecturing in their courses. As already mentioned, to these existing courses other ones were added to be held in emerging countries outside of the traditional ERA-EDTA geographical area.

Also the contacts with the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) were renewed. Starting with the ERA-EDTA Congress in Istanbul, ASN will have a highlight session about topics discussed at their latest congress, and vice versa, thus also ERA-EDTA will have a highlight session at the next ASN meeting (Atlanta, GA), which will be devoted to the activities of some of the ERA-EDTA Work Groups.

At the congresses in Prague and Paris contacts were made with the colleagues of the Chinese Society of Nephrology (CSN), and following this, a first common CSN/ERA-EDTA session will be held at our Istanbul Congress in 2013. The ERA-EDTA leadership and Council will also meet again with our Chinese colleagues, as was also the case the two previous years. We made also a connection with the American Society of Interventional Nephrology which will organize two hands on courses in Istanbul. In collaboration with the Sociedad Latinoamericana de Nefrologia e Hipertension (SLANH), ERA-EDTA will endorse a fellowship of a Latin-American colleague at the ERA-EDTA Registry. Finally, we were also asked by the Australia/New Zealand Society of Nephrology and the Brazilian Society of Nephrology to start collaborations of various types.

ERA-EDTA is obviously open for contact on common activities with any other society with common goals as ERA-EDTA and to this aim a chart with possible collaboration options was composed by Ziad Massy, chair of ComIA.

ERA-EDTA has also been contacted by the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and there will be a common ERA-EDTA/ESC session at the upcoming ESC meeting in Amsterdam.

Finally two special tracks regarding respectively Transplantation and Pediatric Nephrology will be organized in Istanbul, thus strengthening the collaboration between the European Society of Organ Transplantation (ESOT) and the European Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ESPN). With regard to the latter, the ERA-EDTA has been giving an annual very substantial grant to finance the Paediatric ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry.
Collaboration with the National Societies of Nephrology

Also our contacts with the European National Societies of Nephrology were reconsidered and consolidated, and thanks to Christoph Wanner, the yearly meeting with the Presidents of National Societies was given a new impulse. ERA-EDTA is further working on the formula, and thanks to the suggestions by Ziad Massy as well as Christoph Wanner we will come up with an additional initiative that will consist of a half day face-to-face meeting with the leadership of the National Societies, back-to-back with the Autumn Council meeting in Würzburg (Germany).

ERA-EDTA also gives special grants for young presenters at national society meetings: these include free ERA-EDTA membership for three years as well as a free registration for one of our Congresses. Finally, the meeting in Istanbul will contain a session that is specifically devoted to offer a platform to National Societies of countries that usually do not get the opportunity to present their accomplishments at international fora.

ERA-EDTA and the European Community

ERA-EDTA is also strengthening contacts with the European Community. We are part of the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA), a joined platform of ERA-EDTA together with the ISN, the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF), the European Dialysis and Transplantation Nurses Association / European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA) and the European Kidney Patients’ Federation (CEAPIR). The intention is to make renal diseases and their consequences more visible to the European Community and its administrators as well as its politicians, so that more European support is offered for research and other kidney related initiatives. We are grateful to Norbert Lameire and Yves Pirson for their continuous supportive efforts making this possible.

As part of EKHA we are also involved in other initiatives, such as the European Chronic Disease Alliance (ECDA) which gathers several groups involved with different chronic diseases. EKHA has its own lobbying company that takes care of making the appropriate contacts with the many European bodies. As a consequence, contacts with Members of European Parliament (MEPs) have been strengthened.

As ERA-EDTA instead we are a member of the Biomedical Alliance which is specifically focused on European lobbying for more funding for research.

ERA-EDTA initiatives for young persons and the Young Nephrologists’ Platform

To attract young nephrologists, as well as to help nephrologists from developing countries, our Society continues to offer reduced membership fees to those members; this initiative has now been extended to include members from all over the world and not only from Europe and the Mediterranean Area.

Travel grants are offered throughout the year to young nephrologists both to participate in our annual Congress as well as in our CME Courses: a total of 174 grants were given in 2011, for 2012 the count was 137 (starting 2012 the procedure has become more selective), and for 2013 we are now at 6 grants given out in the first two months of the year.
The Council also decided to involve more actively the group of young nephrologists and young researchers in nephrology in its activities (20% of all ERA-EDTA members are under 40 years of age). To allow this, a “Young Nephrologists’ Platform” (YNP) was created under the impulse and coordination of the Secretary Treasurer, Andrzej Więcek. The structural outline of this body and its duties has now been finalized. At the end of 2012, a first group of seven Board Members has been confirmed by the ERA-EDTA Council; from these seven members this same group elected its Chairman: Miklos Molnar. The board started its first activities at the end of January 2013, and is quickly progressing in its development and outline of future activities.

ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee and DoI

Since 2010 the activities of the Society have been crosschecked by the ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee, chaired by Jacques Bernheim. We are grateful for their useful suggestions. Under their control and with the input of Jonathan Fox, the Council developed a Declaration of Interest (DoI) form that is now to be filled in by all Council members as well as the members of all ERA-EDTA committees: all the filled in forms are posted on the ERA-EDTA website, to increase transparency.

ERA-EDTA Awards

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ERA-EDTA Publications: NDT, CKJ and NDT-Educational

With regard to the two ERA-EDTA journals, Nephrology Dialysis and Transplantation (NDT) and NDT-Plus, 2011 was characterized by a partition of the two editorial boards, essentially to obtain an impact factor for the latter journal. Carmine Zoccali became Editor-in-Chief of NDT and succeeded Norbert Lameire who was nominated Editor Emeritus by the Council. Alain Meyrier was nominated Editor-in-Chief of NDT-Plus. In addition, it was decided to change the name of NDT-Plus into Clinical Kidney Journal (CKJ) which became effective starting February 2012.

We wish to thank the editors and the editorial boards for their continuous efforts to improve the standard of both journals. The current planning is to become more selective in the acceptance rate for NDT, and on the other hand, we hope that we will finally obtain an impact factor for CKJ in 2013.

Our gratitude also goes to Peter Stenvinkel for his efforts in keeping our electronic educational journal (NDT-Educational) up to date as well as intellectually and visually attractive.

ERA-EDTA Registry

The ERA-EDTA Registry, under the leadership of Christoph Wanner and Kitty Jager, has continued to offer essential epidemiologic and statistical information about kidney disease in Europe, and has been essential, for quite a few years now, in generating scientific information about these issues, in communications at congresses as well as publications in peer reviewed journals. In 2011, the Registry published 32 papers, in 2012 this figure amounted to 26. In addition, the Registry gave three Introductory courses in Epidemiology for nephrologists and one NDT course for Reviewers-to-be. Preparations have been made for several studies, one of them being the international EQUAL study in pre-dialysis patients. In December 2012 the Registry’s Coding and Definitions working group chaired by Keith Simpson published a new coding system for primary renal disease including 273 new codes that are linked to ICD-10 via SNOMED. This provides new opportunities for research, especially in the area of rare diseases.

ERBP

The European nephrological guidance body, which changed its name in 2008 from European Best Practice Guidelines (EBPG) to European Renal Best Practice (ERBP), remains active in producing guidelines, guidance and position statements and endorsements of other guidelines, e.g. of Kidney Diseases Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO). At the beginning of 2012, ERBP published also its first large guideline text on crush syndrome in disasters, chaired by Mehmet Sukru Sever and Raymond Vanholder; this monograph is to be followed soon by guidelines on the preparation for transplantation chaired by Daniel Abramowicz and Pierre Cochat; one on hyponatremia chaired by Goce Spasovski; and one on the treatment of diabetes in advanced Chronic Kidney Disease chaired by Wim Van Biesen.

Next projects in the pipeline are one on vascular access, management of advanced CKD in the elderly. In 2013 there will be a special series in Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation on the ERBP’s vision on guidance, and on methodological problems. Since June 2011, the ERBP advisory board is coordinated by Wim Van Biesen; furthermore since 2010, ERBP has its own evidence support team, which now consists of 5 members (Evi Nagler,
Davide Bolignano, Ionut Nistor, Maria Haller and Sabine van der Veer) who offer support in the development of the major evidence based guidelines. This initiative was developed in collaboration with the Cochrane group in Australia. In 2011, ERBP produced 3 monographs. In 2012 instead, 1 full guideline and 8 monographs were generated.

FERA

In 2011, ERA-EDTA started allotting the title of Fellow of ERA (FERA) to colleagues who fulfilled the necessary criteria. In 2011, 89 people received this affiliation, but the society is currently actively working on extending this group. In 2012, another 7 colleagues received the title. For the beginning of 2013, this number is 4, bringing the total number at 100.

Follow us

Under the active impulse of Andrzej Więcek, our quarterly report on the activities of the Society, Follow us, has been given a new impulse, and first together with Kostas Siamopoulos and then with Mehmet Sukru Sever a new attractive format has been created. This year, ERA-EDTA also starts with a new initiative, Follow us Flash, which will offer brief email blasts on breakthrough initiatives by the Society that will be sent out every two weeks.

ERA-EDTA Regulations and Administration

Hence, the Society is very active in many areas, with the intention to propagate scientific and clinical progress and visibility of European nephrology. This is only possible thanks to the effort of many, a meticulous organization, and the generous support by unrestricted grants of many patrons. A lot of structural changes are being accomplished which need to be condensed in tenable and foolproof regulations. Also this has taken a big deal of work and time from a large number of people, especially in the ERA-EDTA administrative offices. The updated regulations were approved in autumn 2012, which does not however mean that this is an ongoing process. A brief outline of the structure of the Administrative Offices together with an indication of who is responsible for what is given below.

ERA-EDTA OPERATIVE HEADQUARTERS
To end this long report, we would like to spend a few words on one of the activities that will go on in the nearby future, which is our next 2013 Congress in Istanbul, Turkey. First of all two of our colleagues will leave the ERA-EDTA Council. Great appreciation and thanks should go to Peter Blankestijn (The Netherlands) and Marian Klinger (Poland). During their 3-year term they effectively were involved in many Council activities. Peter Blankestijn in collaboration with the ERA-EDTA Headquarters was instrumental in the improving of ERA-EDTA website. He was also one of the creators of the EUDial Working Group. Marian Klinger contributed in the launching of the Young Nephrologists’ Platform. He was one of the main initiator and a core-member of the Working Group on Transplantation – DESCARTES, which was launched in 2012 with a very promising programme. It is also important to stress that both Peter Blankestijn and Marian Klinger have participated in all Council Meetings during their term during which they expressed many valuable comments and suggestions. We wish them a lot of successes and new great challenges.

The ERA-EDTA Congress in Istanbul is a very significant one since at this occasion we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Association, and has for that reason been enriched by a number of initiatives commemorating the history of the ERA-EDTA, but also the scientific part has been extended with a broad array of CMEs on the complete pre-congress day. The whole organizing group is working hard to make from this Meeting a truly memorable event. We therefore would be delighted to welcome you in Istanbul, but also would like to encourage you to take part in any of the initiatives mentioned above.

If anything about all these many initiatives mentioned in this report is unclear, more details can be found at our website, www.era-edta.org.

Raymond Vanholder
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Christoph Wanner
Chairperson of the Registry
ERA-EDTA Award for outstanding scientific achievements

Francesco Locatelli is the recipient of the 2013 ERA-EDTA Award for outstanding scientific achievements. He started his nephrological activities more than 40 years ago and worked essentially at the Alessandro Manzoni Hospital in Lecco, Italy where he started in 1971. He was active in a broad range of topics related to nephrology going from hypertension to nutrition, Chronic Kidney Disease progression, adequacy of dialysis, electrolyte homeostasis, especially sodium and calcium, IgA nephropathy and anaemia.

He is a prolific writer and was involved in a large number of important clinical trials, such as the Low protein Northern Italian Cooperative Study, the MPO Study, the CREATE Study, the IGA Nephropathy Italian Study, the AIPRI trial and the Italian CONVESTUDY. He is also a welcome guest and speaker at many scientific meetings. In addition, he was involved intensively in guidelines where he first served as a chairman of the European Best Practice Guidelines on anaemia. He was also on the board of the National Kidney Foundation Dialysis Outcome and Quality Initiative (NKF-DOQI) guidelines on anaemia. Later on, he became a member of the first Board of Directors of Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO). Finally, since 2008 he is member of the Advisory Board of European Renal Best Practice (ERBP), the new guidance body of ERA-EDTA for which he produced several well-cited position statements on renal anaemia. He is Past President of ERA-EDTA and he was President of the World Congress of Nephrology in Milan in 2009 (a joint congress of ERA-EDTA and the International Society of Nephrology (ISN)). He authored and co-authored more than 600 original publications, of which several ones in major journals (New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, etc.).

Francesco Locatelli is truly one of the giants of nephrology who was at the basis of a broad array of clinical information that has its repercussion today and will continue to impact nephrology practice for many years to come.

ERA-EDTA Award for outstanding contributions to ERA-EDTA

Jorge B. Cannata-Andía is the recipient of the 2013 ERA-EDTA award for contributions to ERA-EDTA. He became a member of ERA-EDTA in 1982 and served his first term in the Council of the Association from 1993 to 1997 as an ordinary Council member. In 2002, he became Secretary-Treasurer till 2005, after which he became President up to 2008.

In his first term he collaborated with Jacques Bernheim on the successful re-launching of the ERA-EDTA Registry by making a number of adaptations according to the new needs and objectives of the Association. His main contributions, however, came during the periods he was Secretary-Treasurer and President. He played a crucial role in many of the Society’s activities such as making the ERA-EDTA administrative offices versatile and flexible to deal with all aspects of the Society, the
creation of “Follow us”, setting up Post-Congress Council Meetings and creating the title of “Chairperson of the Administrative Offices”. Thanks to his initiative the ERA-EDTA started supporting collaborative clinical trials and observational studies, as well as supporting translational research projects. Furthermore, during his terms as an Officer in the ERA-EDTA Council, he played a crucial role in improving or initiating a number of scientific and educative activities such as increasing the number of CME Courses, the launch of Fellowship Programs in 2006, the creation of NDT Educational in 2004 and NDT Plus in 2008, the installation of the first Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) in 2006, the establishment of ERA-EDTA Registry Courses in 2005 and starting lobbying for financial support for the QUEST project, and, now, thanks to this amount kept aside the ERA-EDTA has been able to finance the EQUAL project. In 2006 the ERA-EDTA Registry obtained, for the first time in the ERA-EDTA history, funds from the European Union for a project called “NephroQUEST” led by Carmine Zoccali and Kitty Jager. He was also instrumental in ERA-EDTA becoming part of EKHA, which is currently very active lobbying the European Community both for funds for renal diseases, but also for awareness issues. Currently he is the representative for ERA-EDTA at the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS).

This impressive list of actions has in part been the basis for the ERA-EDTA’s current successful activities and the present ERA-EDTA Officers are extremely fortunate to build further on this solid basis.

In addition, Jorge B. Cannata-Andía is also a respected and laudable scientist with a large number of highly appreciated publications in peer-review journals.

**Stanley Shaldon Award for Young Investigators**

Julien Zuber is the recipient of the 2013 Stanley Shaldon Award for Young Investigators.

For this award, the Award Committee chooses among the best young authors of abstracts presented during the past three ERA-EDTA Congresses. After study of their curriculum, a shortlist of 3 candidates is selected by the Award Committee and out of this shortlist, the Council selects the final winner.

He accomplished the largest part of his career at Necker Hospital in Paris, France, but is currently working at Colombia Centre of Translational Immunology in New York, USA, where he is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright research fellowship.

Next to being MD and PhD, he also obtained master degrees in enzymatic biochemistry, medical epidemiology and biological therapeutics. He is a qualified nephrologist. He was awarded 5 grants for a total amount above 100,000 EUR and received next to his Fulbright fellowship also an award by the paper selection committee of the Paris 2012 ERA-EDTA meeting for the excellence of his presentation. He ranked number three in the French National Medical competitive examination.

He published in total an impressive amount of 51 original publications, some of which in renowned journals such as Blood, Gastroenterology, Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, Kidney International, Nature Reviews Nephrology. In addition, he has close to 20 publications in the American Journal of Transplantation. He came out first among three high quality short listed candidates with a remarkable publication list, which offers bright perspectives for the future. We are looking forward to the further evolution of his scientific career.
ELECTION OF THE 2013 EX-OFFICIO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

General Assembly 2013

All ERA-EDTA members are invited to participate in the above mentioned annual meeting. Access is open to current members only: please have your ERA-EDTA membership card with you to allow access to the meeting (access to the meeting room will be monitored). Full ERA-EDTA members have voice and vote during the meeting; Associate ERA-EDTA members have voice, but no vote. The 2013 meeting will take place on May 21st, 2013 from 10.30 to 11.30 in room “Beylerbeyi Hall” located on Floor B2 of the Istanbul Congress Center.

ERA-EDTA Council Elections for 2013

The ERA-EDTA Council at its last meeting (March 1-3, 2013) nominated the three ex-officio officers mentioned below whose term will begin in 2014. They must be elected at the General Assembly in Istanbul (see above). They should normally participate in the Council for one year before taking office (Amsterdam – June 3, 2014) with voice but without vote: however, in this particular case, all the nominated persons are already full Council members for the year 2013-2014 and, as such, have full powers within the Council (voice and vote):

Nominated ERA-EDTA President-Elect: Andrzej Więcek (Poland).
Nominated ERA-EDTA Secretary-Treasurer-Elect: Jonathan Fox (UK).
Nominated NDT Editor-in-Chief – second term: Carmine Zoccali (Italy).

ELECTION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

During the General Assembly two new Ordinary Council Members must be elected, in fact Peter Blankestijn (The Netherlands) and Marian Klinger (Poland) are leaving the Council due to the end of their term. The following candidacies have been proposed to the Secretary-Treasurer (listed below in alphabetical order according to last name):

- Alberto M. Castelao (Spain)
- Dimitrios S. Goumenos (Greece)
- Michel Jadoul (Belgium)
- Petar Kes (Croatia)
- Jacek Manitius (Poland)
- Gert J. Mayer (Austria)
- Robert Zietse (The Netherlands)

All Full members of the ERA-EDTA will be able to vote for a maximum two (2) candidates. Both electronic and paper ballot voting will be possible. If however a member has voted electronically he/she will NOT be allowed to vote a second time on-site with the paper ballot. Electronic voting will be open from April 10, 2013 to May 10, 2013 inclusive. All Full
ERA-EDTA Members will receive, by post, a letter prior to April 10, 2013 with the precise details regarding the procedure to be followed as well as the Username and Password to be used.

Voting on-site in Istanbul will also be possible: in this case however only the traditional paper ballot will be available.

The voting station, next to the ERA-EDTA Membership Office, in the Registration Area will be open from May 18, 2013 until May 21, 2013 (following the opening hours of the Registration Desks). On May 21, 2013 the voting station will however close at 10.00. In any case immediately at the beginning of the General Assembly (see details above) it will still be possible to vote.

A valid identification document (i.e. passport of national identity card) of the Full member who wishes to vote must be personally shown in order to vote. Vote by proxy is NOT possible.

A short curriculum for each candidate will be on display at the voting station and is also on the ERA-EDTA’s website (www.era-edta.org), click on “About ERA-EDTA” and then on “ERA-EDTA Council Candidates 2013”.

01. Opening.

The President welcomed ERA-EDTA members to the meeting. The President of the Association, Raymond Vanholder, informed that he received a sealed envelope with the results of the electronic voting for three Council vacancies. The President announced that prior to closing the voting any full member who had yet voted could do so before the General Assembly commenced. The voting was closed and the President asked for four ERA-EDTA full members to count the votes. Francesco Paolo Schena, Vladimir Tesar, Peter Blankestijn and Gérard London were designated for counting the votes.

02. Minutes of the 48th General Assembly, Prague, Czech Republic, June 26th, 2011.

The President reminded that the Minutes were published in the Annual Report. There were no remarks to the Minutes. The minutes from the General Assembly in Prague were approved.

03. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no other pending issues.

04. Report of the President of the ERA-EDTA, Raymond Vanholder.

The President began his report by presenting ERA-EDTA’s current situation and few, among many, activities:
- There were 6,166 ERA-EDTA members in February 2012. More and more members are
joining the Association from Asia and Mediterranean area.  
- Literature Review is a renewed service that NDT-Educational offers to its registered users. Leading experts in kidney related diseases regularly select and comment the most interesting articles published on the Medical Journals. Literature Review is an important tool that gives you the possibility to be always updated. 
- NDT (Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation) is currently the leading nephrology journal in Europe. Together with the bimonthly CKJ it is available by subscription and is given for free to all members. Moreover ERA-EDTA is providing free subscription to over 1,200 institutions and libraries in developing countries worldwide. Both journals are receiving a facelift. 
- A new Working Group on Transplantation is being launched. 
- Fellowship and Research Programmes are going on. 
- The Young Nephrologists Platform is being installed. It is meant to increase the activity of young nephrologists within the Society.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

05. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the ERA-EDTA, Andrzej Więcek.

The Secretary-Treasurer expressed gratitude and congratulations to persons responsible for preparing the Congress in Paris: 
- the Presidents: Pierre Ronco and Raymond Vanholder; 
- the Congress Secretary: Dominique Chauveau; 
- Chairman of Scientific Committee: Jürgen Floege; 
- Chairman of Paper Selection Committee: Markus Ketteler; 
- Christoph Wanner for organizing the dinner with the Presidents of National Societies. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the activity of the ERA-EDTA Council since the previous General Assembly with dates and venues of the Council Meetings and the personal turnover in the Council. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the achievements of Rosanna Coppo, Markus Ketteler, Peter Barany and Kostas Siamopoulos who finished their terms in the Council. Markus Ketteler will become the Chairman of the Administrative Offices. During the last year several Council regulations were created with a huge amount of work done by Mrs. Monica Fontana-Faughnan. They compose a very important document that complements the ERA-EDTA Constitution giving very clear and transparent rules regarding Council Activity. All ERA-EDTA members can access this document which is regularly updated. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the efforts of the International Committee (Council’s body) and thanked its members Rosanna Coppo, Ziad Massy, Jonathan Fox and Raymond Vanholder.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

06. Approval of the 2011 accounts.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2011 accounts which were published in the Annual Report. At the end of the year 2011 the overall Net assets were 14,302,000 EUR. The accounts were unanimously approved by the General Assembly.
07. Proposed change to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA, presented for the first time “ERA-EDTA Constitution” Article XII-03.

The President presented the proposed change in the ERA-EDTA Constitution - adjustment of the “Reserve Fund Maximum Amount” from EUR 2.5 ml to EUR 6 ml.
The cause of such change is the insurance against a potential failure of the Congress.

There were no remarks and no questions.

The change in the Article XII-03 of the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA was unanimously approved by the General Assembly for the first time.

08. Proposed change to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA, presented for the first time “ERA-EDTA Constitution” Article XVIII-04.

The President presented the proposed change in the ERA-EDTA Constitution – composition of the Congress Scientific Committee.
Current wording of the regulation is (words in bold are to be erased):
“The Council will appoint the Chairman of the Scientific Committee. The Council will also appoint a Scientific Committee consisting of no less than 15 and no more than 20 members, to be chosen from Full, Associate, Senior and Honorary Members of the Association; exceptions can be made to this rule only for non nephrologists. The Presidents of the Congress, according to clause XVIII-02, will be part of the Scientific Committee. Apart from the Presidents of the Congress, no more than two members of the Scientific Committee can be from the same country.”

The proposed wording of the regulation is:
“The Council will appoint the Chairman of the Scientific Committee. The Council will also appoint a Scientific Committee consisting of no less than 15 and no more than 20 members, to be chosen from Full, Associate, Senior and Honorary Members of the Association; exceptions can be made to this rule only for non nephrologists. The Presidents of the Congress, according to clause XVIII-02, will be part of the Scientific Committee.”

The President presented also the current wording of the Council Regulations related to this matter:
ERA-EDTA Council Regulations
XVIII. Congress. Article 7-b:
“The composition of the Scientific Committee should be balanced to reflect the international nature of the Association. For this reason no more than 1/5 of the members of the Scientific Committee can be of the same nationality. Exceptions to this rule can only be made in case of joint congresses organized together with national societies.”

The President informed that the reason of such change is to increase the flexibility in composing the Scientific Committee.

Krzysztof Marczewski asked for the definition of nationality.
The President answered that in the case of the regulation the nationality is understood as the status of belonging to a particular nation by origin, birth, or naturalization. It should be understood as what is in the persons passport and if anybody has more than one he can choose.
Dominique Chauveau asked how the composition will be influenced by representatives of the local society. The President answered that ERA-EDTA doesn’t interfere with decisions of the local societies but it should be considered to obey the rules also with organizing the joint congresses.

There were no more questions.

The change in the XVIII-04 of the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA was approved by the General Assembly for the first time with one abstention.


Rosanna Coppo began her report by presenting details of the membership in various aspects. Considering members from each country, Germany has the highest absolute number, followed by Italy, Turkey, Poland, UK, Spain, Japan, France, Greece, and Romania. The analysis of the age gives rise to a few considerations: 17% of members are less than 40 years old, 30% between 40-50 years, 32% between 50-60 and 22% more than 60 years old. About 28% of ERA-EDTA members are Associate members who are not from a European country nor from one bordering the Mediterranean Sea. Rosanna Coppo presented also various aspects of the Congress in Prague participation and fields of interest of the participants.

Rosanna Coppo thanked for all help received the ERA-EDTA Headquarters during her term as Chairperson of Administrative Offices.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

10. Election of Ordinary Council Members.

The President presented the results of the election of the Ordinary Council Members. Denis Fouque (France), Loreto Gesualdo (Italy) and Mehmet Sever (Turkey) were elected.


Goce Spasovski presented a short summary of the CME activities. The series of Courses disseminated in several Western and Eastern EU Countries, as well as Countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea is an answer to the need for continuous updating by Doctors working in the fields of Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation. An electronic survey was made to identify the potential needs in education and places where they occur. The applications have been carefully evaluated. From this year a NEW OBJECTIVE SCORING SYSTEM (OSS) has been used to score proposals. CME Committee also prioritizes CME courses that favor the use of modern learning techniques and interaction with the audience: Interactive problem-oriented Learning (POL), ‘Meet the Expert’ sessions, ‘hands-on’ sessions, clinical case workshops and round tables. The intention of the ERA-EDTA is to provide medical education to as many doctors as
possible and therefore to be able to organize educational distance learning modules on a variety of subjects regardless of the availability of sponsors. The ERA-EDTA asked MedEd Global (appointed supplier) to provide quotes of their services where ERA-EDTA was prepared to support learning modules entirely, without any sponsor involved.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.


Markus Ketteler presented a short summary of abstract review process. From the 2,672 submitted abstracts at the ERA-EDTA Congress in Paris, 60% (1,612) were accepted. The score of rejected abstracts was <9.9/20. The score of accepted abstracts was between 10.0/20 and 17.4/20. 33% of submitted abstracts were on clinical nephrology, 31% on dialysis, 23% on basic science, 10% on transplantation, 3% on pediatric nephrology. Markus Ketteler commented that in some cases 4 reviewers scored between 10 and 12 points and 1 reviewer scored with 2 points what could decrease the total score. In the future the Council will discuss cutting the extreme scores. Markus Ketteler also compared the abstract submission in the years 2006-2012 and presented the spheres of abstracts from different fields of nephrology.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.


The Chairman of the Registry presented his report beginning with presenting the database of the Registry and papers published by the Registry. He presented also the ongoing courses, studies and the project of new coding system PRD. At the end the Chairman showed a letter sent to the New England Journal of Medicine by the representatives of the Registry.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.


The Editor-in-Chief began his report with the statement that since everybody is receiving the NDT every month, the changes in NDT should be known. Carmine Zoccali presented his vision on NDT for the next three years. He wanted to introduce new content, improvement in external and internal communication and improved graphics. The changes should allow to match the competitors. Carmine Zoccali reorganized full reviews and editorials. The new sections “Cutting Edge” and “In Focus” were created. The rejection rate has increased from 75% to 86%. In the field of communication there are some innovations like newsletters and blogs. In relation to the graphics Carmine Zoccali presented the new font which will be used, the idea of color printing and the policy he intends to follow with the cover pages. At the end of his report Carmine Zoccali asked for sending him remarks and comments about the implemented changes.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.
15. Ethics Committee, Jacques Bernheim.

Jacques Bernheim presented a few aspects related to:
- The ERA-EDTA, with the help of the Ethics Committee (E.C.) and Jonathan Fox, has prepared some very clear rules regarding transparency issues of all ERA-EDTA Committee members, including the Council.
- Declaration of Interest (DoI) will be published on the ERA-EDTA website, and fully adopted by ERA-EDTA immediately after this Congress.
- The DoI form will be an online fully accessible document, that must be regularly updated by each ERA-EDTA Council and Committee member: this is only the first resolution regarding these very important issues that will be adopted by ERA-EDTA.

At the end of his report Jacques Bernheim stated that the ERA-EDTA has become an extremely successful Society and its image with regard to ethics is getting more and more important: one of the tasks of the ERA-EDTA E.C. is to make sure that the image of our Society is and remains a truly independent medical and scientific Association. Jacques Bernheim invited all ERA-EDTA members to view the new regulations and to send any suggestions they might have directly to the Chair of the E.C.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

16. Venue and date of future ERA-EDTA Congresses, Raymond Vanholder.

The President announced the date and the venue for the next Congresses.
The 50th Congress is planned to be in Istanbul, 18th–21st of May 2013.
The 51st Congress is planned in Amsterdam, 31st of May – 3rd of June 2014.

17. Date and venue of the next meeting, Raymond Vanholder.

The President announced the date and the venue for the next General Assembly – 21st of May 2013 in Istanbul.

18. Correspondence and other business.

There was no correspondence and no other business.

17. Closure.

The President thanked all members for their participation.
The General Assembly was closed at 11.30 am.

Raymond Vanholder
President
ERA-EDTA

Andrzej Więcek
Secretary-Treasurer
ERA-EDTA
50th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, May 21st, 2013 – 10.30-11.30 am
Beylerbeyi Hall
Istanbul Congress Center – Floor B2
Istanbul, Turkey

AGENDA

1. Opening.


3. Matters arising from the minutes.

4. Report of the President of the ERA-EDTA, Raymond Vanholder.


6. Approval of the 2012 Accounts.

7. Proposed changes to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA:
   
   - Adjustment of the “Reserve Fund Maximum Amount” from 2.5 ml to 6 ml - “ERA-EDTA Constitution” Article XII-03 – **presented for the second time**.
   
   - Proposed change to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA, **presented for the second time** – see appendix I.

   - Proposed changes to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA, presented for the first time – see appendix II.

   - Proposed changes to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA, presented for the first time – see appendix III.


13. Ethics Committee, Jacques Bernheim.

14. Venue and date of future ERA-EDTA Congresses, Raymond Vanholder.

15. Election of the ERA-EDTA President for the term 2014-2017
   - Nominated Candidate: Andrzej Więcek (Poland).

16. Election of the ERA-EDTA Secretary-Treasurer for the term 2014-2017
   - Nominated Candidate: Jonathan Fox (United Kingdom).

17. Election of the NDT Editor-in-Chief for the term 2014-2017 – second term:
   - Nominated Candidate: Carmine Zoccali (Italy).

18. Election of Ordinary Council Members (two vacancies)*.

19. Correspondence and other business.

20. Date and venue of the next meeting.


* - The following candidacies have been proposed to the Secretary-Treasurer:
  • Alberto Castelao (Spain)
  • Dimitrios Goumenos (Greece)
  • Michel Jadoul (Belgium)
  • Petar Kes (Croatia)
  • Jacek Manitius (Poland)
  • Gert Mayer (Austria)
  • Robert Zietse (The Netherlands)
Appendix I

PROPOSAL FOR THE ERA-EDTA CONSTITUTION
PRESENTED FOR THE SECOND TIME

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Reasoning: the current ERA-EDTA Constitution is too binding with regard to the nationality of the members of the Congress Scientific Committee. It is essential to reflect the international nature of the Society in this committee, however it is also very important to have committed persons as well as established experts in the various fields.

Current article:

XVIII. Congress. - 04. The Council will appoint the Chairman of the Scientific Committee. The Council will also appoint a Scientific Committee consisting of no less than 15 and no more than 20 members, to be chosen from Full, Associate, Senior and Honorary Members of the Association; exceptions can be made to this rule only for non-nephrologists. The Presidents of the Congress, according to clause XVIII-02, will be part of the Scientific Committee. Apart from the Presidents of the Congress, no more than two members of the Scientific Committee can be from the same country. TO BE REMOVED!

PROPOSAL:

XVIII. Congress. - 04. The Council will appoint the Chairman of the Scientific Committee. The Council will also appoint a Scientific Committee consisting of no less than 15 and no more than 20 members, to be chosen from Full, Associate, Senior and Honorary Members of the Association; exceptions can be made to this rule only for non-nephrologists. The Presidents of the Congress, according to clause XVIII-02, will be part of the Scientific Committee.

Appendix II

PROPOSAL FOR THE ERA-EDTA CONSTITUTION
PRESENTED FOR THE FIRST TIME

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

Reasoning: the ERA-EDTA Council has decided that it would be a good thing to give free online access to NDT and CKJ to all ERA-EDTA Senior Members. In order to do this, an amendment, and addition, to the current Constitution must be made (see bold-underlined text).
Current article II-03-c (amendment) and II-03-d (addition):

03. Senior members have a right to attend and speak at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly, and the right to vote if they were formerly Full members. A Senior member cannot be elected member of the Council. A Senior member will not be required to pay an annual membership fee. Senior membership will be granted by the Council upon request of the interested party having the relevant qualifications. The relevant qualifications are that: the member must be a Full or Associate member; he/she must have been a member of the Association for 15 or more consecutive years; he/she must have reached 60 years of age and, he/she must have retired from practice.

Every Senior member is entitled to:

a) receive information about the activities of the Association.

b) Congress membership at a reduced membership fee.

c) receive, on specific request, the print copies of the official Journal of the Association at production cost.

d) receive free online access to the official Journal of the Association.

Appendix III

PROPOSAL FOR THE ERA-EDTA CONSTITUTION

PRESENTED FOR THE FIRST TIME

PRESENTING ERA-EDTA MEMBER FOR NEW MEMBERS

Reasoning: according to the current Constitution all new ERA-EDTA members must be presented by two current members. It was thought that currently this rule is no longer of relevance since one of the main reasons for applying for ERA-EDTA membership is to receive our Journals.

Current article II-04 (removal of text) and II-05 (removal of text):

04. Full members have the right to attend, speak and vote at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly. They can be elected members of the Council. Full members will be required to pay an annual membership fee.

Candidates for Full membership must be proposed by two Full, Associate, Honorary or Senior members and – TO BE REMOVED! submitted to the Chairperson of Administrative Offices. The latter will forward the proposal to the Council which, before passing the resolution as to the granting of the membership, may request further information on the proposed new members.
05. Associate members have the right to attend and speak at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly but may not vote. Associate members cannot be elected as a member of the Council or as a member of the Registry Committee. Associate members will be required to pay an annual membership fee.

Candidates for Associate membership must be proposed by two Full, Associate, Honorary or Senior members and – TO BE REMOVED! submitted to the Chairperson of Administrative Offices. The latter will forward the proposal to the Council which, before passing the resolution as to the granting of the membership, may request further information on the proposed new members.
ERA-EDTA 2012 ACCOUNTS

All the ERA-EDTA final account statements are public and can be found by going to our web site (www.era-edta.org) and clicking on “About ERA-EDTA” and then on “ERA-EDTA Accounts”. Should you wish to receive a hard copy of the 2012 accounts please contact the ERA-EDTA Administration Office (Via I. Spolverini, 2; 43126 Parma; Italy - fax: +39-0521-959242; administration@era-edta.org). Please notice that at the time of printing the auditing is still going on: if there are any slight changes in these accounts they will be presented during the General Assembly prior to their approval.

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Notes to Income & Expenditure - Administration - Various

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