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## European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association

### “RUN for KIDNEYS” raised more than 4,500 EUR for Médecins Sans Frontières

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On May 22nd the “RUN for KIDNEYS” took place during the ERA-EDTA Congress in Vienna. The ERA-EDTA Council decided to donate its proceeds, a sum of 4,535.00 EUR, to MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) and, thus, to contribute to the important work of this organization.

MSF brings humanitarian medical assistance to victims of conflict, natural disasters, epidemics or healthcare exclusion. It offers basic healthcare, performs surgery, fights epidemics, rehabilitates and runs hospitals and clinics, carries out vaccination campaigns, operates therapeutic feeding centres, and provides mental healthcare. Financial help is crucial for MSF to provide these life-saving humanitarian activities all over the world – and ERA-EDTA wanted to support it.

ERA-EDTA thanks all runners who participated in the run and helped to raise funds as well as awareness for MSF. 100% of the registration fee of 20 EUR went straight into the fundraising project as well as the proceeds from the “Run for Kidneys” t-shirt sale. The runners’ contribution and commitment are very highly valued and ERA-EDTA hopes that even more congress delegates will attend the “Run for Kidneys” at the Congress in Madrid next year!

#### **About ERA-EDTA**

With more than 7,000 members, the ERA-EDTA (“European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association”) is one of the biggest nephrology associations worldwide and one of the most important and prestigious European Medical Associations. It supports basic and clinical research in the fields of clinical nephrology, dialysis, renal transplantation and related subjects. The ERA-EDTA supports a number of studies as well as research groups and has founded a special “Fellowship Programme” for young investigators as well as grant programmes. In order to involve young nephrologists in all activities of the ERA-EDTA the Council decided to create a Young Nephrologists’ Platform (YNP). Besides, it has established various research networks and different working groups to promote the collaboration of nephrologists with other medical disciplines (e.g. cardiology, immunology). Furthermore, a “European Renal Best Practice” (ERBP) advisory board has been established by the ERA-EDTA to draw up and publish guidelines and position statements. Another important goal of the ERA-EDTA is education: several series of CME-courses as well as the annual congress offer an attractive scientific programme to cover the need of continuous medical education for doctors working in the fields of nephrology, dialysis and transplantation. The association’s journals, NDT (Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation) and ckj (Clinical Kidney Journal), are currently



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the leading nephrology journals in Europe. The ERA-EDTA Registry is a large epidemiologic database comparing countries by assessing nephrology practice throughout Europe. Finally, ERA-EDTA is member of the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA), a consortium of renal societies that actively interacts with the European Parliament. For more information please visit [www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org)