



2020 Annual Report by the **ERA-EDTA Officers on behalf of the Council**

The officers of the European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA) (Christoph Wanner, President; Ivan Rychlik, Secretary-Treasurer; Danilo Fliser, Renal Science Chair/Chair of the Administrative Offices; Ziad Massy, Clinical Nephrology Governance Chair/Chair of the Registry and Denis Fouque, Editor-in-Chief of NDT - “Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation”) together with the entire ERA-EDTA Council are very pleased to present this report on the activities of our Society regarding the past year (2020). We are very pleased to confirm that during the last year, notwithstanding the worldwide pandemic, all the ERA-EDTA activities have been very successful and active, furthermore 2020 was yet another good year also for the financial consolidation of the Society.

We cannot start this report without highlighting the role that ERA-EDTA had in deciding to continue providing excellent education and science in the field to all its members by switching in only 11 weeks from a traditional Congress to a fully virtual one thus not postponing or cancelling its major annual event. This experience was so successful that the Council decided, from now on, to keep a very substantial virtual component in our annual Congresses thus making it more inclusive and sustainable.

Education, which is a key role of ERA-EDTA, in 2020 was also delivered through a completely new series of webinars called “E-Seminars” focusing on hot topics in the field of nephrology and related subjects.

Our world underwent many changes in 2020 and this also happened with our Society. The worldwide pandemic highlighted without any doubt the need to focus on efficiency and delivery to all our members, for the final benefit of our patients, information, science and education in a rapid and straightforward way, thus also carefully analyzing the cost/efficiency and output of various initiatives. Governance is in fact another important matter that Council has actively addressed in 2020 and, after many years of having an “in house” PCO decided to outsource these services thus transforming “fixed costs” into variable ones still however keeping some key providers so as to still deliver an excellent annual meeting.

Furthermore, Council decided to change the mission of the ERBP (European Renal Best Practice) Committee by no longer actively producing guidelines but keeping an excellent group of experts in a very needed role to support our members with position statements and implementation of already existent guidelines in the field. The entire Council is extremely grateful to all the ERBP Advisory Board members of these past years for all the very hard work done and the growing reputation that ERA-EDTA has benefitted from.

An important decision taken by Council that went into effect in 2020 was charging author fees for the Society’s Open Access Journal (Clinical Kidney Journal – CKJ) which saw a steady increase in submissions thus demonstrating how the recently acquired Impact Factor has allowed a higher recognition and reputation in the nephrology community of our Journal: for this we wish to thank the current Editor in Chief, Alberto Ortiz for his great efforts.

In 2020 ERA-EDTA supported/endorsed initiatives have received EU funding support: NEPHROPATH (Nephrology Pathway) and CONNECT (Cognitive decline in Nephro-Neurology: European Cooperative Target). Furthermore, a project created by our committee NNPC (Nephrology and Public Policy Committee) – PANACEA (imProving clinical mANagement of pAtients with CKD using rEal-world dAta) - received an excellent rating by the EU commission even if, unfortunately, no funding.

2020 saw the finalization of grouping under one single website many other external sites of core initiatives of our Society: Registry, ERBP and all our webcasts of our courses/congresses. We will continue our efforts with the aim of making it even more “simple and easy”.

In 2020 the Council had only two face-to-face meetings: Glasgow, UK (February 20-22) and Frankfurt, Germany (July 21). A new initiative that was introduced by our current President was that of having virtual Council meetings every two weeks. This initiative, driven by necessity, will be kept even in the future as it allows a much better collaboration among all Council members for a better understanding and thus implementation of all the many initiatives of the Society.

Below you can find reports from all the specific bodies and activities of ERA-EDTA performed in 2020: behind every one of these there are hardworking members/volunteers of our Association assisted by our staff and for all these efforts we would like to thank them very much.

Finally, we are delighted to invite you to participate actively in any of the many

initiatives mentioned below as well as in our up-coming [2021 Congress](#).

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

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EDUCATION



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Young Nephrologists' Platform

[YNP \(Young Nephrologists' Platform\)](#)



[ckj \(Clinical Kidney Journal\)](#)



NEPHROLOGY EDUCATION PORTAL

[Nephrology Education Portal \(NEP\)](#)



European Renal Best Practice

[ERBP \(European Renal Best Practice\)](#)

SCIENCE



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ndt (Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation)



ERA-EDTA Registry

NETWORKING



ERA-EDTA Endorsements



Collaboration with other Societies



Collaboration with National Societies of Nephrology



EKHA (European Kidney Health Alliance)

INSTITUTIONAL



ERA-EDTA Membership



Electronic Communication Committee (ECC) (Social Media, Website)



NEPHROLOGY NEWS FLASH



PRESS RELEASE

Nephrology News Flash



ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee

Press activity



Election of Ordinary Council Members 2021



Green Nephrology Committee

ERA-EDTA Green Nephrology Committee (GNC)

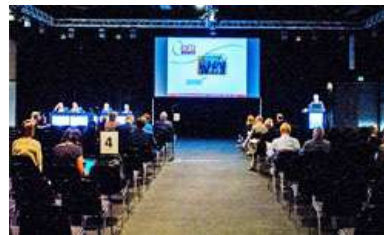


Nephrology and Public Policy Committee

ERA-EDTA Nephrology and Public Policy Committee (NPPC)



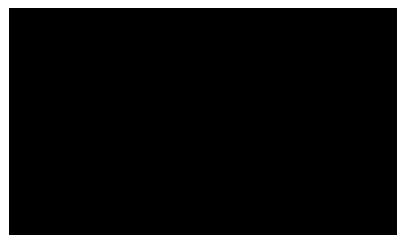
FERA (Fellow of the European Renal Association)



ERA-EDTA General Assembly 2021 (Agenda and instructions)



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