



Dear colleagues,

As you probably know, I am currently Council member of the ERA-EDTA, the European Renal Association - European Dialysis and Transplant Association, one of the fastest growing medical organizations and one of the largest Nephrological Societies.

I am contacting you to provide information on the activities of ERA-EDTA and what it means to become a member of our Association. ERA-EDTA is an organization of which the purpose is to encourage and to report advances in the field of clinical nephrology, dialysis, renal transplantation and related subjects. Being a Member of ERA-EDTA means being part of one of the most important and prestigious European Medical Associations. It is open to all qualified workers in the fields of interest to the society.

By becoming a Member of the Association you will enjoy all the initiatives of the organization with an extremely favorable cost/benefit ratio. Some of these membership benefits are:

- Subscriptions to NDT and Clinical Kidney Journal (CKJ);
- Full access to the presentations of ERA-EDTA CME Courses;
- Active participation in the decision making policies of the Association;
- Special discounted registration fees at the annual Congress;
- Special discounts on the purchase of Oxford University Press (OUP) books.

We trust that this letter will give you cause to visit our website <http://www.era-edta.org/> or to have a look at the PowerPoint-presentation here enclosed explaining more in detail about our activities and that this encourages you to become a part of our still growing organization.

Could you be so kind also to transmit this email and attachments to your younger colleagues and to your non-nephrologist coworkers who might be interested in becoming a member.

Kind regards,

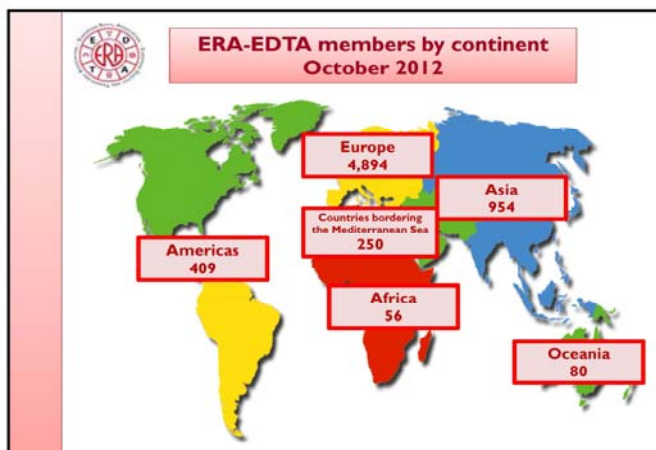
Prof. Dr.

Enclosed: PowerPoint-presentation on ERA-EDTA



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**www.era-edta.org**



**NDT EDUCATIONAL**

An educational website featuring case studies, presentations from congresses, literature review and other tools that are made available for free.

**NDT EDUCATIONAL**  
FOR KIDNEY & BLOOD PRESSURE RELATED DISORDERS

[www.ndt-educational.org](http://www.ndt-educational.org)

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

NDT-Educational presents:  
**Literature Review**  
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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.

<http://www.ndtedu-literaturereview.org>

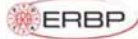
**NDT / CKJ (former NDT Plus)**

NDT (Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation) 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.

Current Issue:  
<http://ndt.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>



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### EUROPEAN RENAL BEST PRACTICE (ERBP)

ERA-EDTA has provided nephrological guidelines since 1999. The ERA-EDTA Council has nominated an advisory board to discuss and define the future of European nephrology guidelines. The 21 members of this board met for the first time in January 2008, in Paris.

Due to a substantial change in philosophy it was decided to change the name of the initiative from European Best Practice Guidelines (EBPG) to European Renal Best Practice (ERBP).

ERBP's main purpose is to help to increase the visibility and implementation of evidence based guidance and to enhance the quality of European and worldwide nephrology practice.

#### Topics and subtopics

**Clinical Nephrology** (Choice of dialysis modality, Hepatitis C, Anemia, CKD/MBD)  
**Haemodialysis** (Catheter infection, Choice of dialysis modality, Choice of membrane, Hepatitis C, Anemia, CKD/MBD)  
**Transplantation** (Hepatitis C, Anemia, CKD/MBD)  
**Peritoneal dialysis** (Choice of dialysis modality, Evaluation of the membrane, Hepatitis C, Anemia, CKD/MBD)

For further information about ERBP please visit the official website  
[www.european-renal-best-practice.org](http://www.european-renal-best-practice.org)



### ERA-EDTA SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUPS



EUropean Renal and CArdiovascular  
Medicine Working Group



ERA-EDTA Immunonephrology Working Group



Working Group on Inherited Kidney Disorders



European Dialysis Working Group



Developing Educational Science and Care for Renal Transplantation in European States

[www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org)  
section "ERA-EDTA Scientific Working Groups"



### ERA-EDTA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME



The purpose of the ERA-EDTA Fellowship Programme is to support basic and clinical research in the field of Nephrology in Europe. In particular, to favour the growth of young investigators, to spread specific clinical techniques of Nephrology to all the European Countries and to improve the clinical skills of young nephrologists.

**Deadlines for application:**  
**February 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013**  
[www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org)  
section "Fellowship Programme"



### ERA-EDTA RESEARCH PROGRAMME



The ERA-EDTA Research Programme is settled to contribute to the establishment of high level European networks of Research including TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS and CLINICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS.

[www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org)  
section "Research Programme"



### JULY 2009 CALL

#### 1. VITA-VASK STUDY

**VITAMIN K2 TO SLOW VASCULAR CALCIFICATION IN HEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS**

Project submitted by: Prof. JÜRGEN FLOEGE

Project length of time: 36 months

Requested budget: 1.800.810,00 EUR

Assigned budget: 1.800.810,00 EUR

#### 2. 4C STUDY

**THE CARDIOVASCULAR COMORBIDITY IN CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (4C) STUDY**

Project submitted by: Prof. FRANZ SCHAEFER

Project length of time: 48 months

Requested budget: 668.000,00 EUR

Assigned budget: 668.000,00 EUR

#### 3. VALIGA

**EUROPEAN VALIDATION STUDY OF THE OXFORD CLASSIFICATION OF IGA NEPHROPATHY**

Project submitted by: Prof. ROSANNA COPPO (endorsed by the ERA-EDTA working group of Immunonephrology)

Project length of time: 18 months

Requested budget: 190.000,00 EUR

Assigned budget: 190.000,00 EUR



### MARCH 2011 CALL

#### 1. STARMEN

**MULTICENTER AND OPEN-LABEL CONTROLLED RANDOMIZED TRIAL TO EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF SEQUENTIAL TREATMENT WITH TACROLIMUS-RITUXIMAB VERSUS STEROIDS PLUS CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE IN PATIENTS WITH PRIMARY MEMBRANOUS NEPHROPATHY**

Project submitted by: Prof. MANUEL PRAGA

Project length of time: 42 months

Requested budget: 595.500,00 EUR

Assigned budget: 595.500,00 EUR

#### 2. LUJST

**LUNG WATER by Ultra-Sound GUIDED TREATMENT TO PREVENT DEATH AND CARDIOVASCULAR COMPLICATIONS IN HIGH RISK END STAGE RENAL DISEASE (esrd) PATIENTS WITH CARDIOMYOPATHY**

Project submitted by: Prof. CARMINE ZOCCALI (on behalf of the EURECA-m, an ERA-EDTA working group)

Project length of time: 24 months

Requested budget: 1.647.500,00 EUR

Assigned budget: 900.000,00 EUR

#### 3. The EuroCYST Initiative

The EuroCYST Initiative: Building a reference centre network across EUROPE to establish a large scale longitudinal observational cohort of polycystic kidney disease patients

Project submitted by: Dr. ANDREAS L. SERRA

Project length of time: 36 months

Requested budget: 1.840.000,00 EUR

Assigned budget: 1.000.000,00 EUR



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### ERA-EDTA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME 2013

The need of continuous up-dating for Doctors working in the fields of Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation is one of the missions of ERA-EDTA. The series of Courses disseminated in several Western and Eastern EU Countries, as well as Countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea is an extremely useful and successful initiative!

<http://www.ndt-educational.org/eracourses.asp>

### ERA-EDTA REGISTRY

#### ERA-EDTA Registry

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**Welcome**

Welcome to the website of the Registry of the European Renal Association - European Dialysis and Transplant Association.

**What's new**

- The latest Annual Report 2012
- The agreement ERA-EDTA Registry Newsletter
- The 2012 ERA-EDTA Registry Annual Report & Press [NDT Plus 2012.1-12](#)

**ISO 9001**

The management of the ERA-EDTA Registry takes place in the field of medicine, informatics of the Academic Hospital Center (HCC) in

A European Registry that collects and processes data from several countries, obtaining significant epidemiological and statistical data about kidney diseases and their treatments.

<http://www.era-edta-reg.org>

### BECOME A MEMBER

- 1) ERA-EDTA has over 6,500 members all over the world.
- 2) ERA-EDTA is one of the most important and prestigious European Medical Associations, founded in 1963.
- 3) The Association's purpose is to encourage and to report advances in the field of clinical nephrology, dialysis, renal transplantation and related subjects.
- 4) It is open to all qualified workers in the field of interest of the Association.

[www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org)  
section "Members" > "Become a Member"

### Some of the Membership Benefits

- NDT and CKJ subscriptions;
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#### Benefits for Young Members

- Very low membership fee: EUR 50.00, which include all the "normal" membership benefits, including online access to NDT and CKJ.
- Very low on-site congress registration fee: EUR 250.00.
- Be part of the Young Nephrologists Platform (YNP).
- Travel grants, Young Investigator Award

## YNP

### YOUNG NEPHROLOGISTS PLATFORM

The main objective of the YNP is to invite young nephrologists to different activities of the ERA-EDTA.

*This initiative is meant to give young nephrologists, members of ERA-EDTA, the opportunity to cooperate, share experience and influence the Association from the point of view of younger generation!*

If you are younger than 40 years old nephrologist and you have at least one accepted paper at the international congress go to:

[www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org)

and submit your application to YNP!