

ISPD President's Message

Dear ISPD Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the ISPD Executive and Council Teams, I would like to update you on the current and planned activities of the Society as it pursues its mission promoting the global uptake, practice and outcomes of peritoneal dialysis (PD) through enhanced advocacy, research and education to improve the health and wellbeing of people living with end-stage kidney disease.

If you would like to get involved in any of the ISPD's activities or have any suggestions about how we can improve our effectiveness, please contact us at admin@ispd.org. I look forward to working with you all over the next 2 years



David Johnson

Advocacy

ISPD will expand its efforts to improve access to PD, particularly for people living in low and middle income countries (LMIC), through both established and new initiatives:

- a) **Saving Young Lives (SYL) program:** The SYL initiative aims to develop sustainable programs for treating acute kidney injury using PD in sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia. ISPD is one of the 4 founding partners (along with International Society of Nephrology, EuroPD and International Paediatric Nephrology Association) and contributes its members' expertise and \$25,000 USD each year to this project.
- b) **International Liaison Committee:** Chaired by Fred Finkelstein (USA), this committee works with developing programs to help maintain sustainable, acceptable standards of PD care through supported problem-solving, educational programs, coordinated training for doctors and nurses, mentoring and establishing links with professional societies, government, non-governmental organisations, industry and philanthropic organizations.

- c) **End-stage Kidney Disease (ESKD) Care initiative:** ISPD is collaborating with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) through the ESKD initiative to better understand the global differences in ESKD care and develop a strategy to sustainably improve access to dialysis, particularly in LMIC. ISPD members have been actively involved in both the recent ISN ESKD Care Summit in Sharjah in March 2018, and the conduct of the Global Kidney Health Atlas (which will define the global status of global ESKD care structures and organisation in each country, as well as their capacity and readiness to provide universal health coverage for integrated ESKD care). A key mission of ISPD is to improve access to, and uptake of PD in LMIC, especially in Africa.

Education

The ISPD, through its Education Committee chaired by Sharon Nessim (Canada), is continuing to expand educational opportunities for ISPD members:

- a) **Online Lecture Series:** A suite of PD educational slides with audio (10-15 minutes each) delivered by international experts has been [uploaded in our website](#). 28 modules are planned and, thus far, 10 have been uploaded. This program has been supported by an educational grant from Baxter Healthcare.
- b) **Global PD Catheter Insertion Program:** This program for helping proceduralists to standardise and improve their PD catheter insertions skills and outcomes has been rolled out effectively in Europe and North America, with plans to expand further abroad.
- c) **Endorsement of Educational Programs:** The Committee has endorsed 16 programs over the last 2 years. Upcoming endorsed meetings can be found [here](#).
- d) **“Questions about PD”** on the ISPD website
- e) **Collaboration with ERA-EDTA and EuroPD:** ISPD has recently renewed agreements with both ERA-EDTA and EuroPD to work together more closely to disseminate PD knowledge through education and training.

The **Standards and Guidelines Committee**, led by Edwina Brown (UK), oversaw the publication of 2 ISPD Guidelines in 2017 (Catheter-related Infection Recommendations and Length of Time on PD and Encapsulating Peritoneal Sclerosis) and is currently co-ordinating 2 guideline updates (PD Access and PD for Acute Kidney Injury) and 2 new guidelines (PD Adequacy and Peritoneal Membrane). The ISPD Guidelines can be found [here](#).

The Society’s journal, **Peritoneal Dialysis International** (Impact Factor 1.557), continues to thrive under the leadership of Martin Wilkie (UK) and his editorial team. The current publishing contract expires at the end of 2018 and the ISPD Publications Committee will soon seek expressions of interest for a new publishing contract. Martin has flagged his plans to retire as editor after the Glasgow ISPD-EuroPD Congress 2020 and so we will begin working on a succession plan.

The recent **Vancouver ISPD Congress 2018** was an outstanding success with nearly 1450 delegates and an overall rating of 4.33 out of 5 based on feedback surveys. There was overwhelming support for patient involvement at the Congress such that we will endeavour to ensure this continues in future meetings. We would like to gratefully acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Daniel Schwartz, Paul Taylor, Stephanie Allen, Filomena Picciano, Peter Blake, Jeff Perl and the remaining members of the organising and scientific committees, supported by CSN, Western Canada PD Days, CANNT, Canadian Kidney Foundation and BC Renal Agency.

Preparations are now well underway for the next [ISPD Congress in Glasgow](#), Scotland, on 2-5 May 2020, which will be a joint meeting with EuroPD.

Research

In order to better inform shared decision-making between clinicians and patients in PD, the ISPD is committed to addressing the dearth of high quality PD evidence that currently exists through a series of strategic research initiatives:

- a) **Funding international research programs:** The International Studies Committee provides \$10,000 USD to support international research collaborations that address problems of importance to the international PD community (clinicians, patients, caregivers). Currently, one project is funded each year, but there are plans to expand this level of funding and to facilitate the formation of a Global PD Research Collaborative. More information can be found [here](#).
- b) **Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS):** Since 2012, ISPD has partnered with Arbor Research to design, conduct, analyse and report the [PDOPPS](#) in an attempt to identify modifiable practices that are associated with better outcomes for patients. In its first phase, 7629 patients were consented from 215 dialysis facilities in 7 participating countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the US). PDOPPS is now entering phase 2 and will soon be extending to South Korea and Colombia.
- c) **SONG-PD:** ISPD has provided funding and expert input into [SONG-PD](#), which aims to identify high priority core research outcomes that are important to clinicians, patients, caregivers and policymakers to enable patients and clinicians to make informed decisions about the relative effectiveness of PD interventions, based on outcomes of common importance.
- d) **International Paediatric Peritoneal Dialysis Network (IPPN) Registry:** ISPD provides financial support (\$10,000 USD per year) to this global consortium of paediatric nephrology centres dedicated to the care of children on chronic PD.

Other Member Benefits

Under the adept leadership of Xueqing Yu (China) who chairs the Membership Committee, membership has steadily increased from a nadir of 735 members several years ago to 876 at the end of 2017 to 1030 currently. In addition to individual memberships, ISPD is offering collective and institutional memberships to try to offer affordable membership options for people in LMIC. We are also planning to move to a new membership platform that will ultimately allow rolling membership, which will simplify promotion and facilitate recruitment and retention of members.

ISPD members are also able to access a number of other benefits:

- **Peritoneal Dialysis International** journal subscription and [online access](#).
- **ISPD Fellowships** to promote PD by encouraging eligible individuals to extend their knowledge and expertise in PD by visiting, for a period of up to 3 months, an established PD centre with experience in training new PD specialists. The ISPD Council has agreed to increase the number of funded fellowships to 10 per year (up to a maximum of \$5000 USD each) Please click [here](#) for more information.
- **ISPD Research grants** for international research collaborations. ISPD currently funds 1 project (\$10,000 USD) per year but is planning to expand the number of funded projects in the near future. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- **John Maher Award** (\$5000 USD) for outstanding contributions to the field of PD by an individual younger than 45 years.
- **Additional Program Support:** Recently, the ISPD called for expressions of interest for worthy PD programs/projects needing funding, culminating in the funding of the establishment of a Middle East PD Registry (\$10,000 USD), expansion of the International Paediatric Peritoneal Dialysis Network (IPPN) Registry (\$10,000 USD) and translation of ISPD guidelines (\$5000 USD). ISPD plans to call for further expressions of interest later this year, depending on available funds.
- **Special registration rates** for all ISPD Congresses, ISPD Chapter Meetings and the Annual Dialysis Conference (organized by the University of Missouri).

Please take a moment to check that your member profile is up to date by clicking [here](#).

We are also exploring further avenues that would provide additional value for ISPD members including exclusive access to key educational content. Please forward any suggestions for improved membership benefits or queries about membership to admin@ispd.org.

ISPD would like to thank its [Corporate Members](#) for their support which assists the society to fulfil its mission.

Governance

Following the ISPD General Assembly in May 2018, a number of positions have turned over within the society's [Executive and Council](#), and various [Committees](#). I would like to very gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our outgoing members:

Isaac Teitelbaum (President)
Olivier Devuyst (Secretary)
Peter Nourse (Africa Region)
Eric Goffin (Western Europe region)
Matthew Oliver (North America Region)
Gillian Brunier (Nurse representative),

as well as welcome the new Council members:

Xueqing Yu (President-Elect)
Adrian Liew (Secretary)
Anjali Bhatt Saxena (Treasurer)
Brett Cullis (Africa / Middle East Region)
Mark Lambie (Western Europe Region)
Jeff Perl (North America Region)
Hui-Kim Yap (Pediatric representative)
Helen Hurst (Nurse representative)

In particular, I would like to acknowledge and thank Isaac Teitelbaum for his great leadership over the last 2 years, which has left the ISPD in a very healthy position, with increasing membership, solid finances, augmented support for a suite of PD programs, and more robust and transparent governance.

Over the next few years, the Team will review its structure and functionality to further enhance transparency and communication, augment ISPD member engagement, and ensure that ISPD reflects the diversity of its members. We have also recently reviewed our processes to ensure that we are compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Communication

Recently, we revamped the Internet Committee to form the **Communication and Media Committee**, which will be chaired by KS Nayak (India) and include a strong team of social media-savvy ISPD members. Its aim will be to act as an avenue by which the Society disseminates knowledge to ISPD members, PD community, medical professionals, patients, caregivers, policymakers and people 'at large' on issues regarding PD and home dialysis.

We are also striving to refine and improve the [ISPD Website](#). Please forward any suggestions for improvement to admin@ispd.org.