

Dear ISPD Friends and Colleagues,



I hope that you and your families had a relaxing festive season break and a wonderful New Year's celebration together. At the start of the New Year, I would like to inform you regarding the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD) highlights/achievements of 2019 and its plans for 2020. There has never been a better time to get involved in ISPD activities. I would like to thank all ISPD members for their continuous support through your membership. Right now, more than 80% of the members have renewed their membership for 2020. If you haven't done it yet, please visit the [renewals section on the ispd.org website](#). Please let us know at admin@ispd.org if you have any suggestions about how we can better achieve our mission.

On behalf of the ISPD, I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020.

Best wishes,

David Johnson
ISPD President

2019 ISPD Highlights/Achievements

1. Advocacy

- In partnership with the International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) and International Society of Nephrology (ISN), ISPD continues to support (USD \$25,000 per year) the Saving Young Lives (SYL) project, which aims to promote PD for the treatment of AKI in low and middle income countries (LMIC). The program has delivered acute PD treatment to over 400 children across 15 centres within Sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia with plans to extend to South America. To date, two-thirds of these children have survived and not required chronic dialysis (40% have experienced completed kidney function recovery).
- ISPD continues to support LMIC to improve their capacity to care for people with kidney disease through dedicated programs targeting education, research and clinical fellowship programs.
 - ISPD increased its Fellowship programs from 5 x \$3,000 to 10 x \$5,000 Fellowships.
 - The work has led to a sustainable PD program in Fiji.
 - The African ISPD chapter helped to facilitate a dialysis course run in Dakar in May 2019, a PD hands-on workshop in Mombasa in September 2019 and a PD Academy in Marrakech in October 2019.
 - Indonesia and Sri Lanka are moving towards PD first programs.

- In partnership with ISN, a white paper on increasing access to integrated ESKD care as part of universal health coverage was published in *Kidney International* (95: S1-S33, 2019). PD was identified as a key strategy within this document for achieving this goal.
- ISPD contributed USD \$10,000 towards the establishment of a Middle East PD Registry by the Middle East PD Chapter.
- ISPD provided USD \$10,000 to continue to support the International Paediatric PD Network (IPPN) Registry, which includes 3729 children on PD from 128 centres in 43 countries.

2. Education/Training

- The ISPD Education Committee has updated the Online Lecture Series to improve accessibility and user friendliness. To date, [10 modules are available on the ISPD website](#), with plans for a further 10-15 modules to be completed by May 2020. This education series has been generously supported by a \$50,000 unrestricted educational grant from Baxter Healthcare.
- Following feedback from conference organisers, ISPD has reviewed its endorsement process into 2 tiers depending on whether or not PD is the main component or a small component of the overall conference program. Further details can be found [here](#).
- ISPD renewed its education/training agreements with ISN, ERA-EDTA and EuroPD.
- The 9th Asia-Pacific Chapter Meeting was held in Nagoya, Japan in September. Under the very capable leadership of Professor Yasuhiko Ito, this highly successful meeting attracted 449 abstracts and 1184 delegates from 25 countries.
- A highly successful ISPD Europe PD University for Surgeons was held in Vienna in December and was attended by over 40 surgeons from Belgium, UK, Portugal, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, Austria and Germany.
- A PD day course has been developed for WCN 2020 in Abu Dhabi.
- ISPD committed USD \$15,000 to translation of ISPD Guidelines into different languages.
- International Liaison Committee project in association with ISN and SLSON for a CME and hands-on workshop in January in Kandy, Sri Lanka

3. Peritoneal Dialysis International

- SAGE has been appointed as the new publisher for PDI and the transition from Multimed has now been completed. This has been a very challenging process and I would particularly like to thank Professor Simon Davies, Chair of the Publications Committee, for his masterful handling of this matter.
- Jeff Perl has been appointed as the new Editor-in Chief. He will assume increasing responsibilities from outgoing EIC Martin Wilkie during next year with the transition process expected to be completed by October 2020.
- Martin Wilkie has been an outstanding EIC and I would like to personally thank him for his remarkable stewardship of PDI through a particularly tumultuous period.

- Jeff Perl brings with him a strong track record of teaching, research and scientific publications and has expressed great ideas to strengthen the place of PDI.
- The 2019 Impact Factor for PDI was 1.934.

4. Research

- Funding of international research programs by the International Studies Committee increased from USD \$10,000 to USD \$20,000. Programs funded in 2019 included Fissel et al (\$10,000), Sotiris et al (\$6,000) and Chakera et al (\$4,000).
- SONG-PD has now been completed – the 5 core PD outcome domains have been identified as PD infection, cardiovascular disease, mortality, PD failure and life participation. Work is underway to develop standardised outcome measures for PD infection, technique failure and life participation.
- The Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS) expanded from 7 to 9 countries with South Korea and Colombia now participating. To date, 19 abstracts have been submitted, 3 papers published and 16 papers are in preparation.
- In partnership with ISN, the second iteration of the Global Kidney Health Atlas was released and can be found [here](#). This important research and advocacy tool provides comprehensive coverage of the availability, accessibility, affordability, quality and within-country variation of PD care in 160 countries (covering >98% of the world's population). The main paper was published in the British Medical Journal ([GKHA paper link](#)) and a PD-specific paper has been prepared and submitted for publication. ISPD is working on an implementation plan for improving PD availability, accessibility, affordability and quality.

5. Membership

- ISPD membership continues to remain above 1000 members.
- Rolling membership was established in 2019 to replace the problematic calendar year subscription system.
- A new category of collective membership was established to make membership more affordable for clinicians in over 100 eligible countries based on income (allowing 10 members to join for the price of 1, even when not affiliated with the same institution). The updated list of LMIC can be found [here](#).
- Special rates have also been developed for Society memberships (so far used by the Hong Kong and Chinese Societies of Nephrology).
- Visit [our website](#) to [renew your membership](#) (or [become a new member](#)) of the ISPD.

6. Governance

- The structure, functionality, membership and governance of ISPD Committees have undergone a major overhaul to augment ISPD member engagement, enhance transparency and communication, membership renewal, and ensure that ISPD reflects the diversity of its members.

- Nominations for ISPD Council/Office Bearers has been completed. Online voting will be available 1 February 2020 and the results will be reported at ISPD-EuroPD 2020 in May 2020.

7. Nursing

- The ISPD Nursing Committee has been refreshed and augmented, and is currently chaired by Helen Hurst
- ISPD has provided USD \$5,000 to fund nursing activities and engagement within ISPD

8. Communication and Media

- The ISPD Communication and Media Committee, chaired by Dr KS Nayak, has established a quarterly ISPD Newsletter. 3 newsletters were circulated to ISPD members in 2019 and have received strongly positive feedback.
- The committee has also maintained the ISPD website and maintained and updated social media channels.
- Cross linking has been established between the Communication and Media Committee and the Education Committee to enhance visibility/PD education through the social media platform.

9. ISPD Mission and Values

- After consultation of the ISPD membership, the ISPD Mission statement has changed from a knowledge-focused statement to one that better matches ISPD's current activities and patient-centred approach:
 - *"The purpose of the ISPD is to increase the global uptake, promote quality practice, and achieve optimal outcomes of peritoneal dialysis through enhanced advocacy, research, and education, in order to improve the health and well-being of people living with end-stage kidney disease or suffering from acute kidney injury."*
- Accordingly, the Vision of ISPD is now:
 - *"A future in which PD is freely available and equitably accessible worldwide as a reliable, affordable, sustainable and life-saving option for patients with acute kidney injury or end stage kidney disease."*

Plans for 2020

1. Advocacy

- ISPD continues to work with ISN to ensure that PD is considered an important and viable option to the expansion of ESKD services and promote strategies for the expansion of PD services globally.
- ISPD is currently negotiating with SLANH and the Latin America chapter regarding providing support for a PD registry in Latin America.
- We aim to develop a PD training team in Africa who could move into individual countries to perform hands-on PD training workshops upon formal request to ISPD.

- We will try to look at a similar model for Latin America.
- ISPD is working in partnership with ISN and WHO to advocate for closing the key gaps in global PD care identified in the Global Kidney Health Atlas (i.e. workforce, fluid availability, co-payments, quality monitoring).

2. Education/Training

- Plans for ISPD-EuroPD 2-5 May 2020 are well underway. [Register now](#) before the early bird deadline on 31 January 2020. Members from Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC) can access reduced fees. The updated list of LMIC can be found [here](#).
- The 7th regional congress of the Latin American Chapter of ISPD will take place on 27-28 March in the city of Cartagena de Indias (Colombia). The preliminary program is already [available here](#).
- Funds have been provided for 3 speakers for a PD conference in Sri Lanka Jan 2020.
- The ISPD Guidelines on Prescribing High Quality PD, chaired by Edwina Brown, will soon be published in PDI in the first quarter of 2020.
- ISPD Guidelines on PD for AKI (chaired by Brett Cullis and Fred Finkelstein) and Peritoneal Membrane Function and Preservation (chaired by Simon Davies and Javier de Arteaga) will commence in 2020.
- 3 Home Dialysis University courses, sponsored by the North American chapter, will take place between January and May 2020. More information can be obtained from here: [HDU for Fellows](#), [HDU for Physicians](#)
- PD university for Surgeons will take place in Tampa Florida April 17th 2020. More information can be obtained from here: www.pdurgeons.com
- PD University for Interventionalists will take place in Tampa Florida April 18th 2020. More information can be obtained from here: www.pduinir.com.
- A combined ISPD-ISN webinar on PD is planned for 10 July 2020.
- ISPD Congress 2022 will take place In Singapore.

3. Research

- Funding of international research programs by the International Studies Committee in 2020 will be increased from USD \$20,000 to USD \$30,000.
- 3 SONG-PD consensus workshops will be held on Saturday 2 May at ISPD-EuroPD 2020 to establish standardised outcome measures for PD infection, technique failure and life participation.
- ISPD Council is planning to establish a large (~\$100,000) grant to fund disruptive research innovations in the application of PD.

4. Governance

- Expressions of interest will be called for chairs/members of ISPD committees to replace outgoing members.
- Formal agreements/terms of reference will be developed to explicitly detail the relationships between ISPD and its chapters.

- ISPD will attempt to draft and negotiate an agreement with the Latin American Society of Nephrology and Hypertension (SLANH) in conjunction with the Latin American Chapter.

5. Communication and Media

- The Communication and Media Committee will implement a digital communication plan and will liaise with PDI to enhance social media communication of PDI articles.