



## ISPD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we draw close to the end of 2017 I am pleased to be able to share with you some of the achievements of the Society in 2017 and future plans for 2018 and beyond.

In this edition of my President's Report I announce the location of the joint ISPD/EuroPD meeting in 2020, updates on the ISPD Congress in Vancouver in 2018 and increase in funding to the ISPD Scholarship (Fellowship Program).

### Announcement: Joint ISPD/EuroPD meeting in 2020

At the 2016 ISPD Congress in Melbourne, ISPD agreed to hold every 4<sup>th</sup> ISPD Congress in Europe jointly together with EuroPD, commencing in 2020.

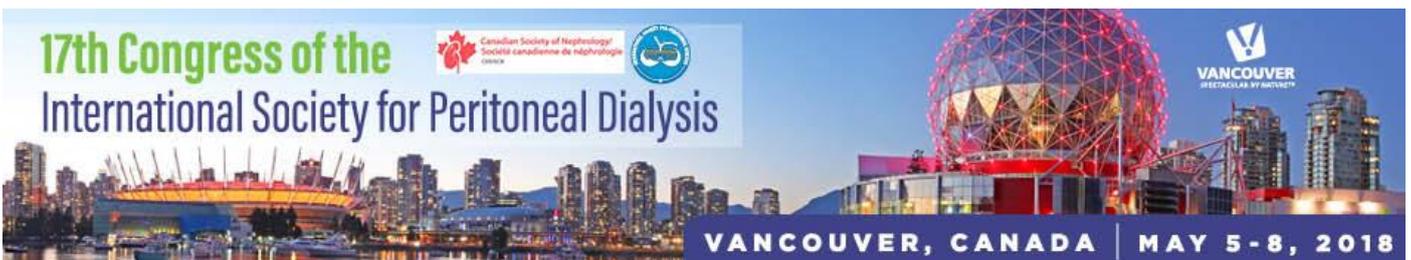
Much of the second half of 2017 was dedicated to the bidding and site selection process for the joint meeting, concluding with a EuroPD leadership and ISPD Council decision on the destination in early November.

On behalf of ISPD and EuroPD leadership, I am pleased to announce that the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, which will be held jointly with the 15<sup>th</sup> EuroPD meeting, will take place in **Glasgow, Scotland**.

I would like to thank all the cities that submitted bids. It was a very competitive process and we received a number of outstanding applications.

Please make sure you save the anticipated meeting dates in your calendars: **30 April to 5 May 2020**.

### ISPD Congress 2018 update



Drs Daniel Schwartz and Paul Taylor together with their dedicated local organizing team are gearing up to deliver a fantastic [17<sup>th</sup> ISPD Congress in beautiful Vancouver, Canada from 5 to 8 May 2018](#).

The congress program is developed around the theme of "*Patient Centered Care*" and is geared towards physicians and other allied healthcare professionals. The preliminary congress program is available online [here](#).



The **abstract submission deadline has been extended** from 31 October to **30 November 2017**. Please make sure you take advantage of the extension of the submission deadline. [Click here](#) to submit your abstract.

You may **register for the congress** [here](#) (sign up today to take advantage of the early bird rate) and **book your accommodation** [here](#).

## ISPD Scholarships & Awards update

### Increase in number & amount for ISPD Scholarships (Fellowship Program)



The ISPD runs two scholarship rounds a year which gives successful applicants the opportunity to extend their knowledge and expertise of peritoneal dialysis by visiting a host institution for up to 3 months.

The deadline to submit applications is 31 March and 30 September each year.

I am pleased to announce that ISPD Council recently resolved to **increase**:

- the **number of scholarships** offered by ISPD **from 6 to 10 per year**, and
- **funding** for each scholarship **from \$3,000** up to a maximum of **\$5,000 USD** (subject to the amount requested being fully justified by the applicant's needs).

More information about the scholarship, eligibility criteria and instructions on how to apply is available [here](#).

### Nominations for 2018 ISPD John Maher Award

The John Maher Award was established by the ISPD to honour young individuals who have contributed substantially to the field of peritoneal dialysis. Candidates must be younger than 45 years old by 30 November 2017 and have demonstrated expertise in either the scientific, medical or nursing aspects of PD.

The amount of the award is \$5,000 USD in addition to which the ISPD will cover travel costs (airfare and 4-nights' accommodation) for the successful candidate to attend the ISPD Congress 2018 in Vancouver, Canada (5-8 May 2018) if not already in the speaker program.

The nomination deadline has been extended until **30 November 2017** so if you wish you to nominate a colleague for this prestigious award, please submit the required documentation by this date.

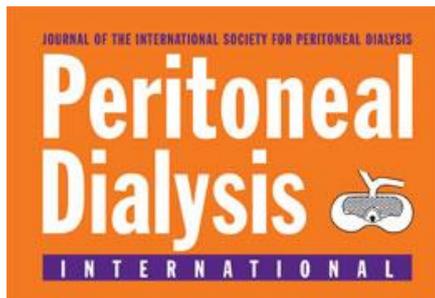
Please click [here](#) to visit the John Maher Award page on our website, which includes the details of past awardees.

### Education Initiative: Development of PD training videos

The Education Committee is in the process of creating of a series of short (10-15 min) educational video clips covering the entire spectrum of PD-related topics, including modules on PD in the Elderly and Urgent Start PD. Presenters will be experts on their given topic. The first series of videos in the project is expected to be completed during the first half of 2018.

Please stay tuned to our website and social media channels for more information about how to access the videos once completed.

## **Guidelines: Published in 2017 & what's next**



The ISPD is pleased to have published the following guidelines in 2017:

- [ISPD Catheter-Related Infection Recommendations: 2017 Update](#)
- [Length of Time on Peritoneal Dialysis and Encapsulating Peritoneal Sclerosis: Position Paper for ISPD: 2017 update](#)

The society's open access guidelines are available on our website [here](#).

Our various ISPD Guideline working groups are also in the process of developing updates in the following areas:

- **Peritoneal Access**
- **Dialysis Adequacy**

## **Saving Young Lives Project**

ISPD partners with the ISN in the [Saving Young Lives Project](#) aimed at making renal replacement therapy – particularly for AKI – available in underserved regions. To this end, Peter Blake, Robert Freerks and Isaac Teitelbaum have recently traveled to Kenya and Nigeria to promote PD therapy in those locations.

## **Elections: ISPD officers (2018-2020) & Council members (2018-2022)**

ISPD officer and council elections for the roles that will become vacant at the conclusion of the ISPD general assembly during the ISPD Congress in Vancouver (5-8 May 2018) will commence on 1 February 2018. As in previous years, the election will be conducted online and results ratified at the General Assembly.

The slate of nominees for these roles was circulated to all current ISPD members on 23 October 2017. Any voting members may submit alternative nominations for any of these roles to the ISPD Secretary/Treasurer at [admin@ispd.org](mailto:admin@ispd.org). Nominations must be submitted by **21 December 2017**. Conditions for nominations apply so please check our 23 October 2017 email for details.

If you are a current ISPD member and have not received the slate of nominees, please contact [admin@ispd.org](mailto:admin@ispd.org)

## **ISPD Secretariat personnel announcement**

It is with regret that I inform you that our Society Coordinator, Ms Dominique Tudor, will be leaving the position in early January 2018 to start in a new, full-time capacity at the International Society of Nephrology (ISN).

I am grateful to Ms Tudor for her hard work and dedication to the ISPD over the last two years and wish her the very best in her future endeavors and with her new challenge at the ISN!

I am also very pleased to introduce to you Mr Miguel Gallardo who will take over as Dominique's replacement in early January 2018. I look forward to working with Miguel and am sure you will all get to know him as he takes over Dominique's duties.

## **Membership: 2017 membership update & 2018 membership products/renewals open**

I am pleased to confirm that there has been a steady increase in ISPD membership numbers over the 2017 membership year compared to 2016. Our members hail from 70 countries around the world! I would like to extend my thanks to each and every one of our ISPD members, including Corporate members, for their continuing support of the society in 2017.

Applications for the current membership year closed on 31 August and applications for 2018 membership are now open. Normally, membership benefits for applications processed on or after 1 September start in the following calendar year. This year exceptionally, anyone who joins ISPD on or after 1 September 2017 may take advantage of the discounted registration rate for ISPD 2018 as of this year!

If you are interested in becoming a new ISPD member in 2018 we would be pleased to have you on board! For details, please visit the "Membership" tab on our website at [www.ispd.org](http://www.ispd.org)

To renew your ISPD membership, please visit our renewals page [here](#).

For any questions about membership, please email [admin@ispd.org](mailto:admin@ispd.org)

I wish you all a safe, happy and prosperous time leading into the holiday season and a great start to the new year.

Best wishes,



Isaac Teitelbaum  
**ISPD President**