



ISPD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – WINTER 2017

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of ISPD I would like to wish you a happy, healthy New Year and great start to 2017!

To mark the start of the New Year, I would like to fill you in on developments that took place at the society during the last half of 2016 and activities we are looking forward to in 2017.

Treasurer announcement

It is with regret that I announce that ISPD's treasurer, Rajnish Mehrotra, stepped down from the role on 31 December 2016. Raj has provided an invaluable contribution to the society and I would like to extend my personal thanks to him for his dedication and the great work he has undertaken during his time as treasurer. I congratulate Raj on his appointment as Editor in Chief of the Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology (CJASN) and wish him well as he embarks on this new journey!

In Raj's stead, ISPD welcomes Anjali Saxena, who assumed the role of treasurer on 1 January 2017. Anjali joined the ISPD Council at the 2016 Congress in Melbourne. She is also President-Elect of the North American Chapter of ISPD and Lecturer at Home Dialysis University courses sponsored by ISPD. I look forward to working with Anjali in the coming years.

ISPD Secretariat personnel changes

I am also pleased to welcome Ms. Dominique Tudor to the role of Society Coordinator. Dominique took over from Ms. Giorgia Manuzi, who, after several years of service to the ISPD, has moved on to pursue new ventures. I would like to express my personal thanks to Giorgia for her assistance to the society over the years. Dominique will continue to be based in ISPD's Brussel's office, which it shares with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN).

Membership Update

The society kicked off the 2017 membership year on a positive start! ISPD opened its membership renewal process for 2017 in October 2016 and has already had a significant proportion of its 2016 members renew. I would like to extend my thanks to those members who have already renewed their membership for 2017 and encourage those of you who wish to do so to get in quick to take advantage of your 2017 benefits early in the year, including affordable access to ISPD's official journal, *Peritoneal Dialysis International* and special registration fees for ISPD Congresses.

To renew your ISPD membership, please visit our renewals page at <http://ispd.org/renewals/>

I would also like to acknowledge and warmly thank both the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology and Chinese Society of Nephrology and China CKD Alliance Collaboration Project for continuing to support the ISPD by

renewing their memberships with the society in 2017. ISPD is grateful for their support and hopes to establish collaborations with other national societies moving into the future. I encourage representatives of national societies to contact admin@ispd.org if they wish to discuss the possibility of joining the ISPD as collective members.

If you are interested in becoming a new ISPD member in 2017 we would be pleased to have you on board! For details, please visit the “Membership” tab on our website at www.ispd.org

For any questions about membership, please email admin@ispd.org

Website optimization

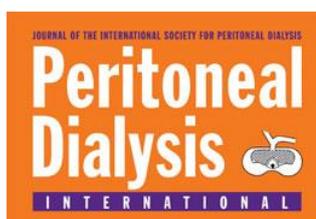
Between June and August 2016, the ISPD initiated a project to optimize the ISPD website experience for our visitors and new and existing members.

As a result of our efforts we have improved the visibility of meetings endorsed by the society and of ISPD’s guidelines. We have showcased our valued relationships with Corporate Members as well as with the societies with which we collaborate and ISPD regional chapters. Also, we have added a new “Apply For” tab, which provides visibility and ease of access to those wishing to apply for endorsement of meetings, research grants and scholarships and awards.

We have also aimed to improve the website navigation process overall and provide visibility to information website visitors may find useful.

The ISPD will, nevertheless, continue to work with its webmaster, WPUP, to improve the website experience for visitors. The ISPD secretariat would be happy to receive any feedback you have on the website at admin@ispd.org

Readership survey – *Peritoneal Dialysis International*



Peritoneal Dialysis International is considering moving to a more fully enhanced online only format to increase the benefits to authors and deliver a more robust educational experience to its readers around the world. As part of this process, *Peritoneal Dialysis International* has sent a short survey to its readers.

If you read PDI, I encourage you to take a few minutes to answer the survey. Readers’ input will assist in prioritizing the online journal and delivering the maximum benefit to the PD community.

To access the survey, please [click here](#). Please note, the Readership Survey will close on 1 February 2017.

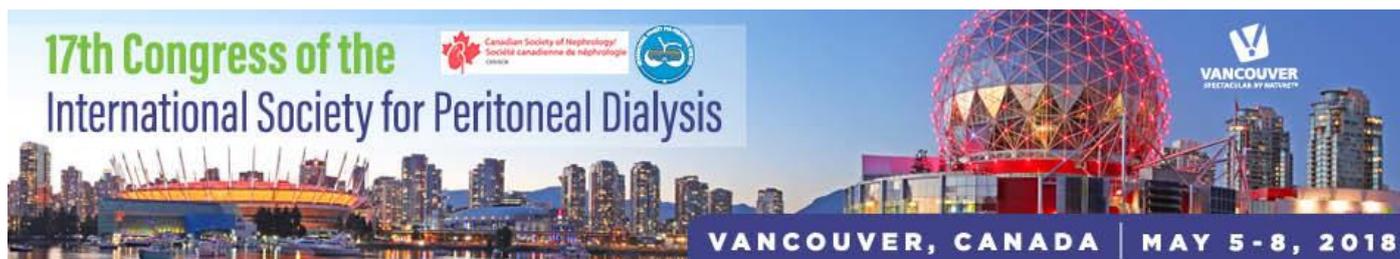
ISPD Guidelines

The **ISPD Peritonitis Recommendations: 2016 Update on Prevention and Treatment** were published in the 2016 September-October Volume 36 Number 5 issue of *Peritoneal Dialysis International*.

A Syllabus for Teaching Peritoneal Dialysis to Patients and Caregivers was published in 2016 the November-December 2016 Volume 36 Number 6 issue of *Peritoneal Dialysis International*.

The society’s open access guidelines are available on our website at: <http://ispd.org/ispd-guidelines/>

ISPD Congress in 2018



Daniel Schwartz and Paul Taylor, Co-Chairs of the 17th Congress of the ISPD Local Organizing Committee and the organising team continue to prepare for what promises to be “A Different Kind of Meeting” in Vancouver, Canada on 5 – 8 May, 2018. **Registration opens soon!**

Sign up to be the first to learn more at www.ispdvancouver2018.org

ISPD Congresses in 2020 and 2022

ISPD is pleased to announce that it will use the services of In Conference as its Professional Congress Organiser for the ISPD Congresses in 2020 and 2022. I look forward to working with Margaret Sherry, Managing Director of In Conference and her team in preparation for these events.

Following on from this announcement, I would like to remind you that ISPD will hold its 18th congress in 2020 jointly with EuroPD at a location yet to be determined in Europe. **A Request for Applications (RFA) for the 2020 congress will be published on the [ISPD website](#) soon.**

Please email admin@ispd.org if you wish to be notified as soon as the bidding process for the 2020 congress opens.

Collaboration with other societies

The ISPD will continue to have joint sessions with a number of societies with which it collaborates. The following joint sessions will take place in 2017:

International Society of Nephrology (ISN)

ISN World Congress of Nephrology 2017 – Mexico City, Mexico (21 – 25 April 2017)

Date: Friday, 21 April 2017

Session Title: Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) Course 1. Joint Course, in partnership with International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis

Time: 11:00-13:00

Session Title: Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) Course 2. Joint Course, in partnership with International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis

Time: 14:00 – 16:30

Please consult the WCN 2017 [congress program](#) for the most up to date details on the sessions.

ERA-EDTA

ISPD and ERA-EDTA will hold a joint symposium during the **54th ERA-EDTA Congress in Madrid, Spain (3-6 June 2017)**. The tentative session details are:

Co-Chairs: Rafael Selgas and Isaac Teitelbaum

1. E-monitoring and home visit program in long term PD patient care *Claudio Ronco*
2. Long-term function of the peritoneal membrane: does fluid composition matter? *Isaac Teitelbaum*
3. Does the risk of EPS warrant discontinuation of PD? If so, when? *Simon Davies*

Details about the session will be made available on the [ISPD website](#) closer to the event.

Development of Global PD Catheter Insertion Program – Update

The ISPD has developed a Global PD Catheter Insertion Program using best demonstrated practices, with the goal of achieving greater consistency in insertion technique across centers. The goal is to improve outcomes in centers with poor catheter insertion technique and facilitate the growth of PD centers with limited or no availability of trained surgeons or interventionalists. The first region in which the program has been introduced is Europe: the first European PD Catheter Insertion Program for surgeons was held in November 2016 in Vienna, and was a resounding success. A future meeting in Europe will be planned for 2017, and we will work on expanding the Global PD Catheter Insertion Program to other regions. Details of upcoming meetings will be available on the ISPD website once dates and locations have been finalized.

ISPD Regional Chapters

The [ISPD North American Chapter](#) will present a one day session on “Peritoneal Dialysis in North America” on Monday, 13 March 2017 at the Annual Dialysis Conference in Long Beach, California (11-14 March 2017). For more information, please visit the conference website at: <http://annualdialysisconference.org/wordpress/>

The 8th Asia-Pacific Chapter Meeting of International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (APCM-ISPD 2017) will take place from **22 to 25 March 2017 in Guangzhou, China**. Visit the congress website for more information: <http://apcmispd2017.medmeeting.org/en>

Meet with ISPD in 2017

Every year ISPD staff members attend various local and international meetings in order to promote membership, future ISPD Congresses, PDI and meet delegates to discuss the society’s ongoing activities.

If you plan to attend any of the following meetings in 2017, I encourage you to drop by the ISPD booth to chat to our representatives:

- Annual Dialysis Conference – Long Beach, California **(11-14 March 2017)**
- ISN World Congress of Nephrology – Mexico City, Mexico **(21-25 April 2017)**
- 54th ERA-EDTA Conference – Madrid, Spain **(3-6 June 2017)**
- ASN Kidney Week – New Orleans, Louisiana **(31 October – 5 November 2017)**

2017 is set to be an exciting year for the society! We look forward to having you joining us on our journey.

Best wishes,



Isaac Teitelbaum
ISPD President