



President's Message

Spring, 2015



Dear all Members, Colleagues and Supporters of ISPD,

I have now served as the President of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis for just over 6 months. I want to update you on the progress of the Society.

ISPD Website

For the past few months, our Society has been very busy in several challenging areas. The new contract with Multimed, our Publisher for Peritoneal Dialysis International (PDI), was signed. At the same time, the management of membership previously done through Multimed was transferred back to the ISPD Administrative Office. We had a very short time to build a new ISPD website which combined the

functions of membership management portal, direct access to PDI as well as all the information and education on PD in the Website.

With the support from the ISPD Executives [President Elect: Isaac Teitelbaum; Secretary: Olivier Devuyst; Treasurer, Raj Mehrotra; Past President, Joanne Bargman] and the whole council together with the brilliant work of Giorgia Manuzi (our Society Manager) and Jeremy Choi (our new Website Mastermind), I am pleased to let you know that the new website is now up and running <http://ispd.org> .

Many of you may have already received e mails informing you on this as well as to change your passwords and to register as members. When you go to the website, you will find it more attractive, easier to find what you need as well as serving one-stop for our members. KM Chow (Internet Committee Chair) and Giorgia are working hard to update the information to make it current and accurate. Please do let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement and also for correction on the information.

The ISPD Executives know some of you were puzzled and might be even frustrated with the progress of the ISPD Website. Now that it is completed, I can let you know that was not a simple and easy task. We thank you for your patience and hope you would agree with us that this is a major milestone of ISPD so that we in future are more autonomous on the Society web page on further enhancing the Society affairs.

Membership Engagement

We encourage all of you to quickly register as members to enjoy all the benefits of being an ISPD member including direct access to PDI through our website. I am now working very closely with Xueqing Yu, the Membership Committee Chair to promote further the Individual and Institutional memberships.

It is very encouraging that we have at least one major Society who agrees, tentatively, to take up as a Collective membership, taking the advantage of reduced subscriptions when more than a certain percentage of their full members join together as ISPD members

Peritoneal Dialysis International:

Martin Wilkie, our Editor-in-Chief, together with the whole Editorial Board has produced a high quality journal that is the only one solely devoted to PD around the world. The impact factor of PDI is 2.2 for 2013 and continues to attract top quality PD papers.

Martin Wilkie, our Editor-in-Chief, Simon Davies, our Publication Chair and Peter Blake, our Ex-Editor had a very fruitful and elaborate meeting with Multimed in

February this year in Toronto to lay down the roadmap and strategies to bring PDI to a higher level.

ISPD Regional Chapters

ISPD North American Chapter

Under the leadership of Peter Blake, the ISPD North American Chapter meeting was a full day meeting at the US Annual Dialysis Conference (ADC) in New Orleans on Jan 30, 2015.

I had an ISPD President's Welcome Video Message shown at the ISPD NAC meeting on that day. The Meeting was a success with lots of focus on the ISPD NAC catheter study, on PDOPPS, on public policy issues in North America and on PD growth and solution shortage.

ISPD Latin American Chapter

The Meeting of the Latin American Chapter (LAC) of ISPD will be held shortly at the Intendencia Municipal de Montevideo, Uruguay, 9-11 April, 2015. More details can be obtained from Thyago P de Moraes of the ISPD LAC.

ISPD Asia - Pacific Chapter

The ISPD Asia-Pacific Chapter Newsletter has been regularly published with CC Szeto as its Editor. The Spring 2015 issue is just out in April 2015 and you can read it in our ISPD Website.

KS Nayak of ISPD Asia-Pacific Chapter has been very active in promoting the ISPD Asia – Pacific Chapter Scholarships to enhance training of fellows and nurses especially from the low income countries to learn PD.

The Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting of ISPD will be held in Daegu, Republic of Korea from Sept 17-19, 2015 and YL Kim and his team are welcoming all of us to attend their meeting in the coming autumn.

ISPD Middle East Chapter

An ISPD – Middle East Chapter inauguration was held in Dubai, UAE on 10th Dec 2014. Ali-Abu Alfa has organised a PD course that day in conjunction with the 12th Congress of the Arab Society of Nephrology and Renal Transplantation.

Education Enhancement:

Sharon Nessim, our Education Committee Chair, has helped to put the questions on PD into data bases and we will continue to provide education on PD through the PD related materials from meetings, powerpoints, videos and other online materials.

ISPD and Wake Forest University has jointly organised courses in the Peritoneal Dialysis Universities for Interventional Nephrologists and Interventional Radiologists as well as for surgeons. Please find out from our ISPD website for more details. There are also Home Dialysis Universities for Physicians and Fellows.

Guidelines Development

The guidelines are gradually going in shapes. The new Chair Edwina Brown (UK) and Co-Chair Javier de Arteaga (Argentina) are working on these. 4 new guidelines or positional statement papers will likely be published in 2015-2016:

1. Guidelines on Cardiovascular and metabolic disease in PD – (Raj Mehrotra coordinating)
2. Positional Statements on PD in the Elderly (Edwina Brown coordinating)
3. Revised and updated guidelines on PD related infections: Peritonitis and Catheter Related infections - 2016 updates.(Philip Li & CC Szeto coordinating)
4. Guidelines/Consensus Statements on Quality of Care in PD (WK Lo coordinating)

Translation of the guidelines into different languages are encouraged to enhance its promulgation to non-English speaking countries.

ISPD 2016 Congress Melbourne, Australia

The 16th Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis will take place in Melbourne, Australia from February 27 to March 1, 2016. Fiona Brown and Robyn Langham, the Congress Local Organising Committee Co-Chairs, will work closely with the ISPD Executives and Council to make this meeting in Australia another very successful Congress scientifically and socially. There was a promotional activity in the World Congress of Nephrology (WCN) in Cape Town, South Africa March 13-17, 2015. There were quite a significant enthusiasms from the WCN participants with interests on our ISPD Melbourne Congress 2016.

ISPD 2018 Congress site bidding

Invitation for the site bidding for ISPD 2018 Congress is now opened. This is coordinated by Joanne Bargman (Future Meetings Committee Chair) and the deadline is Oct 15, 2015.

Collaboration with other International Societies

With ISN

ISPD continues to work with the ISN leadership Adeera Levin (ISN President), Giuseppe Remuzzi (ISN Past-President), John Feehally (ISN Programs Chair) and Luca Segantini (ISN Executive Director) closely. There was an ISPD ISN Joint symposium held during the World Congress of Nephrology in Cape Town. ISPD works with ISN on the '0 by 25 Project' and 'Saving Young Lives'. Fred Finkelstein, our International Affairs Committee Chair is liaising a number of programmes promoting PD in the developing countries. ISPD is actively exploring how to provide low cost dialysis fluid to the African countries with difficult access to PD.

With ASN

I, together with Raj Mehrotra, had a good discussion with the leadership of ASN including Jonathan Himmelfarb (ASN President), Sharon Moe (ASN Past President), Todd Ibrahim (ASN Executive Director) on possible future collaboration between ISPD and ASN. There are quite a few possible areas that we can develop in future and I will update you as it moves forward.

With ERA - EDTA

I had a good initial discussion with Andrzej Więcek (ERA - EDTA President) and we are also positive that EDTA and ISPD can work further on the promotion of PD.

Nurses

I will explore with Rachel Walker, Nursing Liaison Committee Chair, on the possible reduction of membership subscription fee for nurses in order to attract more to join ISPD.

Promotion of ISPD

ISPD has set up booths in ASN Annual Meeting, Philadelphia in November 2014, and in the World Congress of Nephrology, Cape Town in March 2015. We take the chance to promote all the activities of ISPD, notably in membership as well as ISPD Congress Melbourne 2016. We will be having the booth in ERA-EDTA Congress in London in May this year as well. Please come along and visit our booth when you are around.

Corporate Partners

We are appreciative of all our Corporate partners who have been so supportive in all our events especially in the area of Congresses and education. We have more industrial partners who would like to join as our Corporate member.

Strategic Planning Workshop

I organise an ISPD Strategic Planning Workshop among the ISPD Executives together with the PDI Editor-in-Chief and the Publication Chair. It is planned to be held in London in May, 2015. We will focus on 3 areas: Publication, Membership and Financial sustainability of ISPD. I hope this can set some of our goals and plans for ISPD for the next 3-5 years. We would take the chance to have our PDI Editorial Meeting and the ISPD Council Meeting in London around that time.

I, on behalf of all the Executives, Council and Committees would like to once again thank all of you for your patience and your support so that we can go further on the global development of PD.

I do treasure feedback, new ideas and innovations and please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our Executives, Council members and Committee Chairs. Or you can send to Giorgia Manuzi, our Society Manager at admin@ispd.org.

Best Regards,



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