Dear all Members, Colleagues and Supporters of ISPD,

Happy New Year 2016 to all of you.

I want to update you on the progress of the Society in the New Year.

It is a good time to reflect on the ISPD achievements of the last few months and future plans.

Strategic Planning Workshop

The ISPD Strategic Planning Workshop among the ISPD Executives together with the PDI Editor-in-Chief and the Publication Chair was organised in London on 30th May, 2015. In the meeting, the governance, the policy for ISPD Chapters and roles of Committees chairs have been discussed. Initiatives were looked into for increasing membership, better financial investment and sustainability and increased
administrative support services.

[In ISPD Strategic Planning Workshop, London 30th May, 2015. (L-R): Giorgia Manuzi, Philip Li, Luca Segantini (moderator), Joanne Bargman, Olivier Devuyst, Raj Mehrotra, Isaac Teitelbaum, Martin Wilkie, Simon Davies]

**Membership Engagement**

The ISPD has started a Collective Membership with regional and national Societies. The first Collective Member was with the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology in 2015. Altogether an additional 107 new members are recruited from this initiative. ISPD is very grateful for this collaboration and hope to establish more collaboration with other national societies in the near future.

We encourage all of you to quickly register as new members or renew your membership to enjoy all the benefits of being an ISPD member including direct access to PDI through our website. Xueqing Yu, the Membership Committee Chair, has been very active in promoting further the Individual and Institutional memberships. Promotion to ISPD membership has been done in World Congress of Nephrology in Cape Town, South Africa (March 2015), Chinese Society of Nephrology Blood Purification Meeting in Taiyuan, China (April 2015), ERA-EDTA meeting in London, UK (May 2015), ISPD APCM Meeting in Daegu, Korea (Sept 2015), Euro PD meeting in Krakow, Poland (Oct 2015), ASN meeting in San Diego, USA (Nov 2015), Japanese Society for Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting, Sendai, Japan (Nov 2015).

**Guidelines Development**
The Cardiovascular and Metabolic Guidelines in Adult Peritoneal Dialysis patients were published in the 2015 July-August Volume 35 Number 4 of Peritoneal Dialysis International (PDI) and are available free online at: http://ispd.org/ispd-guidelines/

A Special Issue about PD in the elderly (coordinated by Edwina Brown) was published in 2015 November Volume 35 Number 6 of Peritoneal Dialysis International (PDI)

Guidelines on PD related infections: Peritonitis and Catheter Related infections - 2016 Updates as coordinated by Philip Li & CC Szeto are on progress with their recent meetings held in San Diego in Nov 2015.

The Guidelines/Consensus Statements on Quality of Care in PD with WK Lo coordinating.

Chair Edwina Brown (UK) and Co-Chair Javier de Arteaga (Argentina) are working with individual teams. Translation of the guidelines into different languages are encouraged to enhance its promulgation to non-English speaking countries.

Peritoneal Dialysis International:

Martin Wilkie, our Editor-in-Chief, and Simon Davies, our Publication Chair 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 Editorial Office in Sheffield was expanded to cope with the increasing workload to the Editorial team.

It is now possible to Get instant access to Peritoneal Dialysis International through the "PDI App" for iPad, iPhone and iTouch. If you have not downloaded the app yet, please visit: http://www.pdiconnect.com/site/misc/announcements.xhtml

PDI is now on social media with goals to drive presence and readership, engage authors and extend its reach.

We are actively exploring the educational grants for publishing translated guidelines in PDI in different languages.

Education Enhancement:

ISPD is working closely with partners in developing the PD Catheter Initiative for a Global PD Catheter Program - one with a standardized curriculum that could be taught by a faculty of expert surgeons and interventional radiologists/nephrologists in different places around the world. It hinges on the development of the Best
Demonstrated Practices (BDP) harmonized framework/curriculum that could take place in the 2016 with the trainers being trained in late 2016 and catheter programs being rolled out after that. This can be promoted as a major platform of the ISPD with a potential mission that "By 2020, all clinicians will have access to an ISPD accredited PD access training program".

Sharon Nessim, our Education Committee Chair, has been working closely with her team and the partners in enhancing this.

Another major area to develop is on the ISPD Educational Portal which is expected to be supported in future by educational grants from various sources including industries and academic institutions. Sharon Nessim, together with the Education Committee, will provide a core curriculum on PD to be maintained in the Educational Portal.

**ISPD Fellowship**

ISPD has renewed its commitment to advance PD in low resource settings and supported 4 Fellowship Training. The next Fellowship application deadline is March 31, 2016 and we would like to invite interested candidates to take a look at our website for more details. [http://ispd.org/ispd-fellows/](http://ispd.org/ispd-fellows/)

**ISPD International Studies Committee Research Grant**

A call for ISPD International Studies Committee Research Grant proposals is currently open with deadline January 7th, 2016. The Committee is chaired by David Johnson. Grants will be awarded at the discretion of the ISPD Council to help enable these projects. Click the link below to download the application guidelines: [http://ispd.org/wp-content/uploads/studies-for-ISPDSupport.pdf](http://ispd.org/wp-content/uploads/studies-for-ISPDSupport.pdf)

**ISPD Asia - Pacific Chapter Meeting**

The Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting of ISPD was held in Daegu, Republic of Korea from Sept 17-19, 2015. YL Kim and his team has organised a very successful meeting both academically and culturally.
Philip Li gave the Opening Speech in the Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting of ISPD in Daegu on September 17, 2015.

In Daegu, the ISPD Asian Pacific Chapter core group members held a meeting to discuss how to improve the use of PD, the setup of an Asian Pacific PD database, the enhancement of PD training for doctors and nurses, and the ISPD APCM 2017 congress issues.
ISPD Regional Chapters

ISPD North American Chapter

Raj Mehrotra has taken up the leadership, following Peter Blake, of the ISPD North American Chapter.

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 together with the ISPD Executives have worked out an excellent academic programme. Download program from [http://www.ispdmelbourne2016.com](http://www.ispdmelbourne2016.com)

In this Congress, the Maher Award, the Oreopoulos Award and the Bergstrom Award will be given.

ISPD 2018 Congress

We received many very excellent bids for ISPD 2018 Congress and in the Council meeting in San Diego on 4th Nov, 2015, the ISPD 2018 Congress was awarded to Vancouver. The Organising Committee of ISPD 2018 is co-chaired by Daniel Schwartz and Paul Taylor. The likely dates will be May 5-9, 2018.
Collaboration with other International Societies

With ISN

ISPD continues to work closely with the ISN leadership: Adeera Levin (ISN President), David Harris (ISN President Elect), Giuseppe Remuzzi (ISN Past-President), John Feehally (ISN Programs Chair) and Luca Segantini (ISN Executive Director).

[For L-R: John Feehally, Adeera Levin, Philip Li, David Harris.]

An ISPD- ISN Leadership Meeting was held on Nov 7, 2015 between ISPD (Philip Li and Isaac Teitelbaum) and ISN (Adeera Levin, David Harris, Luca Segantini). Office Support, Educational Portal, Joint Fellowship and Membership opportunities were discussed and enhanced.

There will be an ISPD ISN Joint symposium to be held during the Melbourne Congress of ISPD. The theme will be on AKI with Adeera Levin, Brett Cullis and Karen Yeates as speakers. ISPD works with ISN on the ‘0 by 25 Project’ and ‘Saving Young Lives’. ISPD is also actively exploring how to provide low cost dialysis fluid to the African and other developing countries with difficult access to PD.
With ERA - EDTA

In London on 30th May, 2015, ISPD leadership had the first initial discussion meeting with ERA-EDTA leadership Andrzej Więcek (ERA - EDTA President), Jonathan Fox (ERA-EDTA Secretary-Treasurer) and Markus Ketteler (ERA-EDTA Chair of the Administrative Offices).

In San Diego, the 2nd ISPD ERA-EDTA meeting was held on November 6, 2015. In that meeting, an agreement was signed between ISPD and ERA-EDTA on having joint ISPD ERA-EDTA sessions promoting PD in the respective ISPD and ERA-EDTA Congress.
In ISPD Melbourne Congress 29th Feb 2016, there will be an ISPD ERA-EDTA Session with Bengt Lindholm, Edwina Brown and Thierry Lobbedez as speakers.

In the ERA-EDTA Congress in Vienna in May 2016, there will be an ISPD ERA-EDTA Session on “Quality Improvement in PD” with Philip Li, Raj Mehrotra and Edwina Brown as speakers.

**ISPD Website**

With the support from the ISPD and the whole council together with the brilliant work of KM Chow (Internet Committee Chair), Giorgia Manuzi (our Society Manager) and Jeremy Choi (our new Website Mastermind), I am pleased to let you know that the new website is up and running and taking shape [http://ispd.org](http://ispd.org). We hope the
Society web page will continue to enhance the Society affairs on Membership portal, access to PDI as well as on other Educational Materials.

Promotion of ISPD

Promotion of all the activities of ISPD, notably in membership, PDI as well as ISPD Congress Melbourne 2016 was done in World Congress of Nephrology in Cape Town, South Africa (March 2015), Chinese Society of Nephrology Blood Purification Meeting in Taiyuan, China (April 2015), ERA-EDTA meeting in London, UK (May 2015), ISPD APCM Meeting in Daegu, Korea (Sept 2015), Euro PD meeting in Krakow, Poland (Oct 2015), ASN meeting in San Diego, USA (Nov 2015), Japanese Society for Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting, Sendai, Japan (Nov 2015).

Participation to represent ISPD

I, as President of ISPD, had been invited to attend and give Opening and Plenary lectures in a number of Congresses related to PD.

[Philip Li giving plenary as ISPD President in Chinese Society of Nephrology (CSN) Meeting in Zhuhai, China Nov 18-21, 2015]
[Represent ISPD in Japanese Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (JSPD) Meeting in Sendai November 28-29, 2015. (L-7 Philip Li, L-8 Masa Nakayama, Congress President of JSPD, 2015)]

**ISPD Society Office**

ISPD Society Office is now having Giorgia Manuzi (giorgia.manuzi@ispd.org) as our Society Manager and Dominique Tudor (dominique.tudor@ispd.org) as the ISPD Coordination Assistant. This will help us further enhancing our administrative work especially in relation to membership, education and other ISPD promotion activities.

**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 have joined as our Corporate member including partners from North America, Europe and Asia.
ISPD Council Election

It is time to elect new Council for ISPD. The online voting for the ISPD Council Elections is now open. Please do exercise your right and responsibility to cast your vote. You will receive the voting e mail as a paid up member of ISPD.

I, on behalf of all the Executives, Council and Committees would like to once again thank all of you for 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.

I look forward to seeing all of you to continue in supporting ISPD by being its members, joining its activities and promoting PD.

See you all in Melbourne in Feb 2016!

Best Regards,

Philip K.T. LI
President
ISPD
January 4, 2016