

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, it seems appropriate to reflect on ISPD's highlights / achievements of 2018 and plans for 2019. There has never been a better time to get involved in ISPD activities.

Please let us know at admin@ispd.org if you have any suggestions about how we can improve our effectiveness in our mission to promote the global uptake, practice and optimal outcomes of PD through enhanced advocacy, research and education to improve the health and well-being of people living with end-stage kidney disease.



On behalf of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johnson', written in a cursive style.

David Johnson
ISPD President 2018-2020

Find below a summary of 2018 achievements and our plans for the year to come...

2018 ISPD Highlights/Achievements

1. Advocacy

- ISPD contributed USD \$25,000 to the Saving Young Lives (SYL) project, which aims to promote PD for the treatment of AKI in low and middle income countries (LMIC)
- ISPD contributed an additional USD \$10,000 to the ISPD International Liaison Committee to fund its PD advocacy activities in LMIC
- The African ISPD chapter helped to facilitate PD workshops and training in Senegal, Dakar, Nigeria and Ghana
- ISPD provided financial support (USD \$2600) to the Kenya PD nurses workshop, which aims to re-establish PD in Kenya
- In conjunction with ISN, ISPD helped to establish a PD program in Fiji
- ISPD contributed USD \$10,000 for the establishment of a Middle East PD Registry
- ISPD provided USD \$10,000 to continue to support the International Paediatric PD Network (IPPN) Registry, which includes 3865 children on PD from 125 centres in 43 countries

2. Education/Training

- An ISPD lecture series is being created, with 10 modules so far uploaded onto the ISPD lecture series website [here](#)
- The 2018 ISPD Congress Vancouver slide presentations were loaded onto the ISPD website [here](#)
- The number of ISPD Scholarships (Fellowship program) provided by ISPD was doubled from 5 to 10 and the value of the scholarships was increased from \$3000 - \$5000.
- 10 ISPD Fellows (recipients of ISPD scholarships) were trained in 2018
- The ISPD Education Committee endorsed 8 meetings
- The 17th Congress of the ISPD in Vancouver was an outstanding success with ~1450 delegates, groundbreaking involvement of patients and caregivers in the program, innovative education and engagement approaches, cutting edge science, and an overall rating of 4.33/5 on feedback surveys
- ISPD renewed its education/training agreements with ISN, ERA-EDTA and EuroPD
- ISPD commissioned guidelines on PD access and Prescribing High Quality PD
- ISPD contributed an additional USD \$10,000 to the ISPD Education Committee to fund its education/training activities
- ISPD contributed USD \$15,000 for guideline language translation to augment PD clinician access to ISPD guidelines
- We are advanced in the process of appointing a new publisher for *Peritoneal Dialysis International*, starting in 2020 (more details will be provided later in 2019)
- The impact factor for *Peritoneal Dialysis International* increased from 1.557 to 2.009

3. Research

- PDOPPS published 2 manuscripts with an additional 10 manuscripts planned for 2019 and 11 submitted research proposals
- PDOPPS expanded to include Colombia and South Korea
- ISPD increased the number of ISPD International Studies Grants from 1 to 2 (USD \$10,000 per grant)
- SONG-PD was completed – the core PD outcomes were established as PD infection, cardiovascular disease, mortality, PD failure and life participation.

4. Membership

- ISPD membership increased by >26% from 876 to 1108
- A new, GDPR-compliant platform was developed which will accommodate rolling membership
- ISPD Council approved free membership for ISPD Fellows

5. Increased opportunities for ISPD members to be involved in ISPD activities

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

6. Nursing

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

7. Communication

- ISPD established the ISPD Communication and Media Committee, headed by Dr KS Nayak, and funded it with USD \$10,000 to act as an avenue by which the Society disseminates knowledge to ISPD members, PD community, medical professionals, patients, caregivers, policymakers and people 'at large' on issues regarding PD and home dialysis by
 - Maintaining the ISPD website
 - Maintaining and updating social media channels
 - Assisting ISPD preparation of newsletters
 - Implementing a digital communication plan
 - Engaging ISPD members through regular surveys, discussions and forums
 - Increasing ISPD impact and visibility
 - Engaging local media (print and electronic) to give maximum conference exposure

Plans for 2019

1. Advocacy

- 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
- President-Elect Xueqing Yu will take part in a Chinese Government delegation visiting Ethiopia, Uganda, Zambia and Ghana in March 2019 to try to facilitate the establishment of PD and haemodialysis centres in these countries
- The Global Kidney Health Atlas will be released at the World Congress of Nephrology in 2019 – this second iteration of the atlas will document kidney care in 155 countries (covering >97% of the world's population) and will have a focus on the accessibility, affordability and quality of PD around the world
- The ISPD has worked in conjunction with the ISN to develop a global strategic plan for increasing access to integrated ESKD care as part of Universal Health Coverage – this will be published in *Kidney International* in early 2019.
- The ISPD will work with the 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.

2. Education/Training

- Revamp the existing 10 learning modules and add a further 15-20 modules
- Load slide presentations from the 2019 APCM ISPD Nagoya meeting
- Publish PD Access and Prescribing High Quality PD ISPD Guidelines in *Peritoneal Dialysis International* in the first half of 2019
- Commence ISPD Guidelines on PD for AKI and Peritoneal Membrane Function and Preservation.
- Expressions of Interest will be solicited for the ISPD Congress 2022 in early 2019
- Free membership for ISPD Fellows will commence
- Transition arrangements will be implemented in preparation for when the new *Peritoneal Dialysis International* publisher starts in 2020

3. Research

- Plan to further increase funding of global, collaborative PD research
- SONG-PD core outcomes will be published and embedded into PD research globally

4. Membership

- Rolling membership will be introduced

- 1-year membership fees will increase for first time since 2013 (MDs/PhDs \$145→\$175; Nurses/Other health professionals \$85→\$100), whilst 2- and 3-year membership fees will remain the same (effectively achieving discounts of 20% for 2 years and 26% for 3 years).
- A new category of collective membership will be 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).