

Dear ISPD Members,

I hope each of you had the opportunity to rest and spend time with your families and friends to celebrate the end of 2021. We were cautiously optimistic that the situation would turn better at the beginning of the year, while none of us have expected that the sudden pandemic is still lasting, creating innumerable obstacles that challenges us to consider new ideas perspectives.

In spite of these difficulties, I'm proud of the achievements of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis over 2021, particularly in providing more opportunities for engagement of an increasing number of nephrologists and fellows. I would like to thank all ISPD members for your continuous engagement through your membership. As 2021 is coming to an end, I would like to inform you regarding our achievements through the year.



## 1. Events

Despite the pandemic, ISPD showed its resiliency in strengthening participants' knowledge of PD on a national, regional and international scale through our biannual congress.

- The 2020 ISPD-EuroPD joint congress was postponed to 2021, and adapted into a fully virtual congress, allowing us to maintain its impact. 1463 delegates participated in this great event, and we received great feedback about our user-friendliness and the simplicity of the virtual platform, which is very gratifying. This would not have been possible without the great work from the Organizing Committee, the work of our PCO InConference, and the support of all the sponsors.
- The Local Organizing Committee of the ISPD 2022 Meeting in Singapore led by Adrian Liew is in full swing in preparing an exciting meeting. You can find all the information on the website [www.ispd2022.com](http://www.ispd2022.com).
- We received several excellent bids to host the ISPD 2024 congress, and the ISPD Council already made its decision. We will announce soon the location of our 2024 congress.

## 2. Education/ Training

Thanks to the work of the Education Committee (chaired by Sharon Nessim) and the Scholarships and Awards Committee (chaired by Joanna Rowinska), the ISPD is continuing to expand the offer of educational opportunities for ISPD members:

- The ISPD launched its own webinar platform in 2021, and we hosted several webinars focused on our new guidelines or in cooperation with local and international societies. For 2022, in addition to webinars to present our new ISPD Guidelines, you can expect more joint webinars (with ISN and IPNA), a webinar in French together with the RDPLF, another webinar focused on the PD nursing community, and more region-focused webinars as well. You can find all our webinars in our [Youtube channel](#).
- The [ISPD Lecture series](#) is now complete. There are 24 modules currently posted on the ISPD website. Some other topics of interest may be added in the future.
- Hoping that the travel restrictions will ease in 2022, the ISPD has awarded seven ISPD fellowships to brilliant candidates from all over the world.
- There has been a steady stream of questions submitted to the '[Questions about PD](#)' section of the ISPD website, which our experts continue to respond to. In addition, we are planning to compile questions from previous years into categories, to prepare a FAQ section that can be more easily perused.

## 3. Peritoneal Dialysis International

Peritoneal Dialysis International is the official journal of the ISPD.

- Jeff Perl took over as Editor in Chief from Martin Wilkie on 1st Jan 2021. Martin Wilkie has continued supporting the EIC role.
- Since SAGE became our publisher, the journal's full-text downloads have improved substantially; under the leadership by Jeff Pearl and Martin Wilkie, there has been a 26.9% increase compared with 2020.
- Several new Guidelines and recommendations were published in 2021, and there are a few more in preparation for 2022. They are all published under an open access license to make them available for the whole PD community.
- The 2021 Impact Factor for PDI is 1.756.

#### **4. Membership**

ISPD offers individual and collective membership. In order to drive membership, it is needed to increase promotion of our membership benefits, and special membership registration rates for multi-year memberships and developing countries.

- At present, we have grown above 1050 memberships, with a majority coming from Asia Pacific region, North America and Europe.
- Membership remains low in Latin America, Africa and Middle East. The Membership committee aims to promote ISPD membership in those regions through a comprehensive strategy.

#### **5. Governance**

- The procedures and bylaws of ISPD improved through practice, to augment ISPD engagement, gender and region diversity, and transparency.
- In preparation for the election of new ISPD Officers and Council members, we have launched a round of nominations (you should have received it in your email inbox). I would like to encourage all ISPD members to participate in the election process to enhance representation in our Council.

#### **6. Communication and media**

The Communication and Media Committee led by K S Nayak is raising the exposure rate of ISPD within our membership and beyond.

- The quarterly publication of the ISPD Newsletter went on, as scheduled, thanks to the great job by our editors.
- Visual abstracts of important PDI publications are being incorporated for wider dissemination.

2021 is over and I would like to start 2022 with a positive note: thank you for all the incredible work and commitment you have exhibited throughout the past year. I am deeply honored to be working alongside you, and I appreciate all that you have done this past year for your patients and for the ISPD.



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