



## President's Message



September 26, 2014

Dear ISPD Members,

It is a great pleasure for me to take over from Joanne Bargman as the President of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis. I would like to thank Joanne for her excellent leadership in the past 2 years.

I must first congratulate Rafael Selgas and his team to have organised such a wonderful ISPD 2014 Congress with excellent turnout of over 2,000 delegates and also a remarkable academic programme.



[In the Closing Ceremony of ISPD 2014 Madrid Congress:

L-2: Fiona Brown, Australia, Congress Chair, ISPD Congress, 2016, Melbourne

L-3: Philip Li, Hong Kong, President, ISPD

L-4: Joanne Bargman, Canada, Immediate Past President, ISPD

L-5: Rafael Selgas, Spain, Congress Chair, ISPD Congress 2014 Madrid

L-6: Anabela Rodrigues, Portugal, Congress Vice Chair, ISPD Congress, 2014 Madrid]

We have our General Assembly in Madrid and have discussed about the future directions of ISPD



[In the ISPD General Assembly held during the Madrid Congress:

Front Row L-R - Martin Wilkie, PDI Editor; Isaac Teitelbaum, President Elect; Simon Davies, Past President 2010-12; Joanne Bargman, Immediate Past President; Philip Li, President, ISPD; Raj Mehrotra, Treasurer (starting 1/1/ 2015); WK Lo, Past President 2006-8; Olof Heimburger, Secretary 2006-14; Edwina Brown, Chair, Standards & Guidelines Committee]

Shortly after the conclusion of this very successful congress in Madrid, I myself together with the ISPD executives [President Elect: Isaac Teitelbaum USA; Secretary: Olivier Devuyst, Switzerland; Raj Mehrotra, Treasurer (starting 1/1/ 2015)] and the whole Council are excited to start working on new plans and activities.

In 2014, we are actually seeing a lot of global development in PD that helps towards increase in utilisation of PD. Hong Kong has always been a PD first model for many years. But we are seeing the reimbursement system in USA, Thailand and China are all favouring PD. We see that Spain and Colombia are having more PD utilisation. This all points to PD being a cost-effective quality dialysis modality for end stage renal failure patients. So such a general growth for PD also calls for bigger need for education, training and standards that would push the quality of PD care to a higher **level**. ISPD definitely has a bigger role in maintaining the standards of PD care globally.

With that as background, I find my objectives and goals during my tenure are:

### **Membership Engagement**

The ISPD will continue to represent the PD Community at its best. With your support, I want to increase significantly the number of members, both the doctors, nurses and allied health colleagues.

I will work closely with Xueqing Yu (China), the Membership Committee Chair to promote further the Individual and Institutional memberships. We will explore to develop the Collective membership with national societies to have reduced

subscriptions for the national society if they have more than a certain percentage of their full members join together as ISPD members

We will work towards the improvement of the membership portal and access to the journal. We will look for more benefits and welfare for our members.

The ISPD plans to keep all members informed about the activities of the Society via emails and website.

### **Peritoneal Dialysis International:**

Our official Journal PDI is one of the most important assets of the Society which helps to promote the education and knowledge of PD and for a communication channel across the world. Martin Wilkie (UK), our Editor-in-Chief, together with the whole Editorial Board will continue to produce a high quality journal that is the only one solely devoted to PD around the world. The impact factor of PDI has increased to over 2.1 and continues to attract top quality PD papers. We are also promulgating the PD developments of both developed and developing countries.

We anticipate an exciting period for our Journal, Peritoneal Dialysis International. Under the leadership of Simon Davies (UK) as Publication Chair, the direction of the publishing of PDI will be formulated to help the ISPD to enhance further the objectives and missions for our Society and members.

### **Education Enhancement:**

Education is a fundamental aspect of the Society. The ISPD website will provide updates on relevant developments in PD as well as information about scientific meetings. Under the lead of Sharon Nessim (Canada), we will continue to provide education on PD through the PD related materials from meetings, powerpoints, videos and other online materials.

We will enhance further the PD questions and make it more systematic for people who ask them and for retrieval of answers.

We will continue to endorse meetings with the key objectives of promoting PD education around the world.

### **Guidelines Development**

The guidelines also represent a great resource for the Society. The new Chair Edwina Brown (UK) and Co-Chair Javier de Arteaga (Argentina) will help the Society to develop further on this. We anticipate that 4 new guidelines or positional statement papers will likely be published in the coming 2 years:

1. Guidelines on Cardiovascular and metabolic disease in PD
2. Positional Statements on PD in the Elderly
3. Revised and updated guidelines on PD related infections
4. Guidelines/Consensus Statements on Quality of Care in PD (proposed)

We will seek translation of the guidelines into different languages to enhance its promulgation to non-English speaking countries.

### **ISPD Website**

With KM Chow (HK) taking on as Chair of the Internet Committee, we would expand the potential of the ISPD website to enhance the function of membership registration, education and updated information flow for our members.

### **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, the Congress Local Organising Committee Chair, will work closely with the ISPD Executives and Council to make this meeting in Australia another very successful Congress scientifically and socially.

### **ISPD Regional Chapters**

I look forward to continuing a fruitful collaboration with the ISPD Chapters, namely African Chapter (Sarala Naicker, South Africa), Asia - Pacific Chapter (KS Nayak, India), Latin American Chapter (Thyago Moraes, Brazil) , Middle East Chapter (Ali Abu-Alfa, Lebanon), North American Chapter (Peter Blake, Canada) to foster a good PD development and education around the world.

### **Collaboration with other International Societies**

With Fred Finkelstein (USA) as the International Liaison Committee Chair, the ISPD continues to work closely with International Society of Nephrology on the Project of "Saving Young Lives" and also work on the "0 by 25 Project". We will explore further establishment of relationship with other major International Societies.

## **Nurses**

PD nurses contribute significantly to the work of the Society. The improvement and enhancement of PD Nursing education, techniques and skills are paramount to the success of any PD program. Rachel Walker (New Zealand) as the Nursing Liaison Committee Chair together with Council members (Nurse) Gillian Brunnier (Canada) and Elaine Bowes (UK) will help to work on this.

I will explore the possible reduction of membership subscription fee for nurses in order to attract more to join ISPD.

## **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 would look forward to welcome more corporate members to help us to achieve our PD missions.

I, on behalf of the all Executives, Council and Committees would like to once again thank all of you as members who have support our initiatives and we do further rely on you to contribute to the global development of PD.

If you have any suggestions related to ISPD, please feel free to contact me.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Li". The signature is written in black ink on a light blue rectangular background.

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