



## International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism E-Newsletter

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Welcome to the first ISRNM E-Newsletter. We have launched the Newsletter to keep ISRNM members up to date about the expanding activities of our Society. To improve service to our members, we are updating our website [www.renalnutrition.com](http://www.renalnutrition.com) and have created a new Email address, [renalnutrition@gmail.com](mailto:renalnutrition@gmail.com). Full contact information is now listed on the website and at the end of this newsletter.

### 1) International Congresses on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease.

We congratulate the Local Organizing Committee and its President Dr. Alejandro Trevino-Becerra for an outstanding **XIII Congress in Merida, Mexico**. We were happy to see a continued excellence in the presentations and an increase in unpublished and late-breaking science. Total attendance including invited speakers exceeded 500 persons with 364 physician/ scientists and 134 dietitian/nurses registered. 149 Abstracts were submitted. The pre-Congress course on Basics of Nutrition in Renal Disease had 142 attendees and the Workshop on Skeletal Muscle Metabolism in Renal Disease drew 28 participants. The Congress was financially successful. As in past years, the best abstract awards (with cash prizes) were awarded. Dr. Vladimir Teplan (Czech Republic) won the general award for "Asymmetric dimethylarginine (ADMA) in chronic renal failure patients with the metabolic syndrome: Long term keto acids study." F.M.R. Sanches (Brazil) won the nutrition award for "Abdominal fat parameters in chronic kidney disease patients: comparison with computed tomography". The proceedings will be published in **The Journal of Renal Nutrition** in 2007.

The **XIV Congress** will be held June 11-14, 2008 in **Marseilles, France** under a local organizing committee led by Dr. Noel Cano. The Congress will continue its multidisciplinary approach and expand the number of abstracts that can be presented. Educational sessions and the Skeletal Muscle Workshop will be held on June 11, while the traditional post-Congress tours will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Cano believes that the strength of the scientific program will be the primary reason to attend, but that the charm, cultural heritage and gastronomy of Marseilles will certainly make the Congress a very pleasant experience. The Congress website, <http://www.isrnm-marseilles2008.org/>, is open. Please mark your calendar and be sure to submit some of your best science for presentation and discussion.





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The **XVth Congress** has been awarded to **Lausanne**, Switzerland. The organizing committee under the leadership of Dr. Daniel Teta plans for dates ~ January 31-February 7, 2010. Unique features of the meeting will include further expansion of the scientific program and the winter schedule with typical Swiss sports and activities.

### **2) The Journal of Renal Nutrition**

Another area of recent success has been our work with The Journal of Renal Nutrition (JREN, <http://journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/yjren>) which we co-edit with the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). JREN is expanding to bimonthly publication thanks to an increased number of quality submissions and increased circulation. JREN is now fully indexed by Medline and the ISI Science Citation Index. Since our joint agreement with the NKF in 2004, the impact factor has nearly doubled (1.8 in 2005, a ranking in the top half of all nephrology journals) and circulation has risen to greater than two thousand copies per issue. You should be receiving JREN as a benefit of membership and should have on-line access to past articles back to 2002. The co-editors, Dr. Jordi Goldstein and Denis Fouque, thank you for your support and encourage you to consider JREN for your next paper. Also, please feel free to contact the co-editors with ideas for possible reviews or feature articles.

### **3) New Initiatives**

The ISRNM Council has approved or is exploring measures expanding the activities of the society in areas of joint symposia, liaison with other nutrition and nephrology societies, scientific statements and position papers, liaison with industry, and research support. Some recent efforts include our joint session at the European Society of Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition (ESPEN) October, 2006 in Istanbul, Turkey. The session was well attended, raised the profile of renal nutrition within this society and provided a basis for future cooperation. Another example is the formation of a writing group, under the guide of Dr. Denis Fouque, to address the problem of nomenclature of the catabolic state(s) seen in kidney disease. We anticipate continued involvement in new areas and expect that the general membership will become increasingly more involved in committees and writing groups to accomplish these activities. Be sure to contact Council members with any ideas or suggestions concerning how we can best further the science and practice of nutrition and metabolism in kidney disease.

### **4) Associate Members Advisory Council**

The Associate Members Advisory Council has been reactivated as a forum for the input of the Associate Members into the Congress and the life of the society. Elections will be held at the same time as the Council elections in 2008. Until that time, the Associate Council Member, Maria Chan, is leading a group of Associate Members in discussions. Please contact her with questions or ideas.

### **5) Member Services**

The ISRNM has always been a small organization with no paid staff. When we began to co-edit JREN, we entered a joint agreement with the NKF to provide member services. However, as



the Society has grown, we must take more responsibility for seeing that members are aware of and are receiving the benefits of membership. Hopefully, you will notice improvements the next time you renew. We are also aware of a problem with members not receiving renewal notices and are working with the NKF to correct this error. If you are no longer receiving JREN, then your membership has probably expired and it is time to renew. We have posted the membership form and contact information on the website, [www.renalnutrition.com](http://www.renalnutrition.com). Please Email the ISRN [renalnutrition@gmail.com](mailto:renalnutrition@gmail.com) and/or NKF Member Services [deshawnj@kidney.org](mailto:deshawnj@kidney.org) with any problems you may be having with renewing your membership or receiving the Journal. And as always, be sure that your colleagues know about the ISRN and invite them to join us both as a member and at the Congress in Marsailles.

### 6) Leadership

Council elections were held at the XIII Congress in Merida and a new slate of officers and councilors was chosen. The Council would like to thank **Denis Fouque**, M.D., Ph.D. (France), his service as President, Dr. **George Kaysen** M.D. (USA) for his service as Past President and **Peter Stenvinkel**, M.D. (Sweden) for his service as Council Member. Many of the changes being seen in the ISRN result directly from their leadership. At the Gala dinner, Denis Fouque presented George Kaysen with the **Thomas Addis Medal**, the highest honor given for service to ISRN. We congratulate George on receiving this rarely bestowed honor.

**The new leadership for 2006-2008 is:**

**President:** Gianfranco Guarnieri, M.D. (Italy)

**President-elect:** Alp Ikizler, M.D. (USA)

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Harold Franch, M.D. (USA)

**Past President:** Denis Fouque, M.D., Ph.D. (France)

**Council Members: (Second Term):** Nathan Levin, M.D. (USA), Yoskiki Nishizawa, M.D. (Japan), Christoph Wanner, M.D. (Germany)

**(First Term):** Phillippe Chauveau, M.D. (France), Francis Dumler, M.D. (USA), Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H. (USA)

**Ex-Officio Members:** Joel Kopple, M.D. (USA), Shaul Massry, M.D. (USA)

**Associate Council Member:** Maria Chan, R.D. (Australia)

**Co-Editor, Journal of Renal Nutrition:** Denis Fouque, M.D., Ph.D. (France)



**7) Contact us:**

Feel free to contact any officer or council member with questions and ideas. Our business office has moved with the change in Secretary/Treasurer.

**The ISRNM business address is now:**

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