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Welcome to the ISRNM E-Newsletter. The Newsletter serves to keep ISRNM members up to date about the expanding activities of our Society. Please also check our website www.renalnutrition.com. Full contact information is listed on the website and at the end of this newsletter. Our Email address is renalnutrition@gmail.com.

1) President's Letter

Dear Members of the ISRNM,

First of all, I would like to stress the friendly and fruitful cooperation between the members and the very active associate members. The Associate Members Council has been reactivated and the International Renal Dietitians Newsletter has been given a new home in our website. I want to point out the tremendous work of our Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Harold Franch, dealing with newsletters, Council resolutions, membership process problems, website improvement, financial statements, brochures, etc. The Council and membership are increasing the ability of the ISRNM to promote research and practice of renal nutrition for years to come.

I want to provide some information on the recent activities of the Council. We had the last Council meeting in November 2006 in San Diego (CA, USA) during the Congress of the American Society of Nephrology. Our Council has agreed to expand activities related to our purpose over the next several years. The Council dealt with the new relationships that will be created with the nutritional companies and with the other nutritional and renal societies as we increase research funding and awards and work on joint projects. Subsequently, we discussed the organization of the next Congress in Marseilles, France (**June 11-15, 2008**). Dr. Noel Cano, President of Marseilles Congress, and the local Committees are doing outstanding work for the organization of the Congress, in collaboration with the Program Committee of the Society. The congress comprises a Workshop on Muscle metabolism, the ISRNM educational session, 11 plenary symposia, several free communications and poster sessions and some Industry satellite symposia. More than 40 invited speakers will give state-of-the-art lectures on relevant topics of nutrition and metabolism in renal disease. Our Congress is organized on alternate years with the congress of the International Society of Uremic Research and Toxicity (ISUT) and the Councils of these two societies are considering the opportunity to organize joint sessions of the societies during their congresses. As reported in the previous Newsletter, last year during the ESPEN congress in Istanbul a joint session of ISRNM and ESPEN was organized. In Marseilles, a similar joint-session will also be organized.

The Council has been very much involved in some problems arising from membership process problems and the Journal of Renal Nutrition (JREN) subscriptions. The National Kidney Foundation (USA), which maintains our membership database, has noticed difficulties in its database. The NKF has promised us the problem will be fixed rapidly, but we want to know if any Members have been affected by this problem. JREN was published 4 times a



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year, but now (starting 2007) is published six times a year (Jan-Mar-May-July-Sep-Nov). If you are a paid Member and have not received JREN (or if your subscription has terminated early) please let us know immediately (renalnutrition@gmail.com). Include the date and method of payment and how many issues of JREN you received. We expect the new membership cards and improved renewal process to be in effect soon.

An example of the Council's new initiatives is the efforts of the ISRNM Expert Panel, and in particular of Professors Fouque and Kalantar-Zadeh, to produce a manuscript on "A Proposed Nomenclature and Diagnostic Criteria for Protein-Energy Wasting in Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease", which has been submitted to *Kidney International*. Our Council members continue to look for new avenues to promote renal nutrition.

After Marseilles, the Congress will be organized in Lausanne in 2010 by Dr. Daniel Teta. The Society welcomes applications for the 2012 congress, preferentially from countries which have never hosted the congress. The previous congresses of the Society have been organized in 1977 (Wurzburg, Germany), 1979 (Bologna, Italy), 1982 (Marseilles, France), 1985 (Williamsburg, USA), 1988 (Strasbourg, France), 1991 (Harrogate, UK), 1994 (Stockholm, Sweden), 1996 (Naples, Italy), 1998 (Vienna, Austria), 2000 (Lyon, France), 2002 (Nagoya, Japan), 2004 (Padua-Venice, Italy), 2006 (Merida, Mexico).

Again I would like to thank the Council, members and associate members who have helped the society in this time of transition and growth. I hope to see you all in Marseilles.

Professor Gianfranco Guarnieri
President of ISRNM
Trieste, Italy

2) XIV International Congresses on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease, Marseilles, 2008

It is a great honor for the Local Organizing Committee to hold the XIVth International Congress on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease from **June 11 to 15, 2008**, in Marseilles, France. Educational sessions and the Skeletal Muscle Workshop will be held on June 11, the Congress body on June 12-14 and the traditional post-Congress tours on June 15th. Various nutritional and metabolic features of chronic kidney disease, dialysis and transplantation will be addressed, both in children and adults. The Program Committee selected interesting and specific topics. The pathogenesis and therapeutic approaches of protein energy wasting will be developed: regulation of food intake, nutritional assessment, protein metabolism, inflammation, oxidative stress, nutritional effects of dialysis, nutritional supply, exercise, anabolic agents. Other main topics will be: impact of genetics on outcomes, prevention of kidney function, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, dyslipidemia, cardiovascular disease, anemia, phosphate and calcium metabolism, and sodium intake. Moreover, the Congress will continue to expand the number of abstracts that can be presented. Please mark your calendar: delivery of abstracts, **January 15, 2008**; early registration deadline, **March 15, 2008**; lodging reservation, **May 12, 2008**. We expect you to submit some of your best science for presentation and discussion.



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The Pharo Palace Congress Center is located on the site of the Eugénie Empress Palace, at the entrance of the famous old harbor of Marseilles, “*Le Vieux Port*”. Although the interest of the scientific program will be the primary reason to attend, we hope that Marseilles and Provence landscapes, history, culture and gastronomy will make you have a pleasant stay in our City. Social programs will be proposed to help you enjoy Marseilles and its magnificent surroundings such the *Calanques* and Cassis. It will be a great pleasure for the Local Committee to make the Marseilles Congress a scientific and friendly success.

Information on the congress organization and program can be found on the Congress website, <http://www.isrnm-marseilles2008.org/>. Onsite registration will be possible by September 2007.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of welcoming you in Marseilles.

Cordially,

Dr Noël Cano

President of the XIV International Congresses on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease, Marseilles 2008



3) XV International Congresses on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease, Lausanne, 2010

The 15th International Congress on Nutrition & Metabolism in Renal Disease will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, from **31st January to 6th February 2010**. The Organizing Committee is actively planning the scientific program and social activities. This will include two days of pre-Congress courses and Symposia (1st and 2nd of February), followed by 3.5 days of Congress (3rd to 6th of February). A special symposium will be held in the ski resort "Les Diablerets" on the morning of 4th of February, which will be followed by winter activities in the afternoon. The Opening Ceremony will be hold at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne on the 3rd of February and the Gala Evening will take place on the 5th of February at the Hotel Beau-Rivage Palace. The Internet website of the Congress will be available in early 2008. It will provide a constant and lively update of this exciting event.

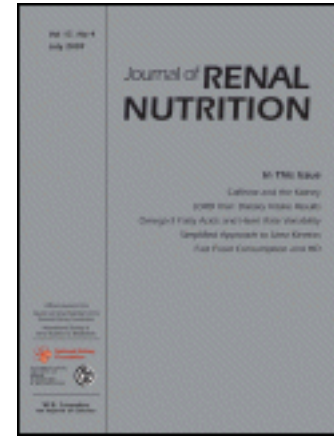
Dr Daniel Teta

President of the XV International Congresses on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease, Lausanne, 2010



4) Journal of Renal Nutrition

On January 1st 2003, the Journal of Renal Nutrition became the joint publication of the NKF-Council of Renal Nutrition and ISRNM. 2007 has been very important for the Journal since the number of published issues increased from 4 to 6 per year, starting January 2007. Issues are now released on the 1st of January, March, May, July, September and November. The number of papers submitted is increasing rapidly, and we now aim to publish on average more than 80 papers yearly. This specialized journal currently reaches an impact factor of 1.4 for the third year, and this factor places the Journal within the top half of both renal and nutrition international journals. The trend appears very promising for new citations.



Acceptance rate of papers is decreasing and is now close to 50% of received papers. As a support to the Journal, ISRNM provides one Co-Editor-in Chief, editors rotating on a three-year basis and many reviewers for the peer-review process. Each International congress of ISRNM brings every two years between 25 to 30 papers from the best oral presentations and invited lectures, which are quickly printed in a regular Journal issue, usually within six to nine months after the congress has been held. The next release is scheduled in January 2009 for the 14th ISRNM congress that will take place in Marseilles, France, June 11-15, 2008.

Denis Fouque, MD
JREN Co-Editor in Chief

4) Associate Members Advisory Council

The Associate Member Advisory Council was formed after the last council meeting in November 2006. The five members include the current and four previous associate council members. Our mission is to improve the outcome of renal patients through sharing knowledge and collaboration among renal dietitians from all over the world. In the upcoming Congress, there will be four presentations by the dietitians with excellent choice of topics in the pre-congress education session and the main symposium. Thanks to the local organizing committee, for the first time in Congress, we will have a special dietitians meeting in addition to the usual free communication and poster sessions. One of the plans is to meet the local dietitians to share their knowledge in managing renal patients and the secret of the famous French cuisine. We would like to take this opportunity to discuss issues relating to our professional practice such as workforce issues, training, best practice guidelines etc. The call for the nomination of the next associate council member will be announced before the next congress and you must be a member and attend the congress to be nominated or to vote. Please forward your suggestions or any issues in general to renalnutrition@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you in the upcoming Congress, and are sure that you will find the experience rewarding both professionally and socially.

Maria Chan
ISRNM Associate Council Member



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5) Up Coming Publications

During the most recent biannual ISRNM Congress in Merida, Mexico, the ISRNM convened an expert panel to re-examine the terms and criteria used for the diagnosis of the wasting syndrome in individuals with a kidney disease. Currently there appears to be some confusion regarding the terms and definitions used for conditions associated with loss of muscle and fat tissue, malnutrition and inflammation in patients with CKD or AKI. Hence, the development of a uniform nomenclature, definition and classification for the presence of wasting syndrome or malnutrition-inflammation complex in individuals with kidney disease is urgently needed. A position paper was drafted, which was submitted to a major nephrology journal for peer review and publication.

Look for a brief history of the ISRNM written by Marianne Vennegoor in the September issue of the Journal of Renal Nutrition. We will provide a link to this history from our website. The next issue of Marianne's International Renal Dietitians Newsletter, a review of news, resources and meetings for the renal nutrition community, will be distributed by Email in September and posted on the News section of our website.

6) Member Services

The ISRNM has always been a small organization with no paid staff and we have entered a joint agreement with the NKF to provide member services. Unfortunately there have been a number of minor problems with the member database maintained by the National Kidney Foundation. In general, if you are no longer receiving JREN, then your membership has expired and it is time to renew. However, we have found that a few members that are not receiving JREN for the full term of their subscriptions and some whose Journals are being lost in the international mail. Please Email the ISRNM renalnutrition@gmail.com and NKF Member Services Ashantew@kidney.org with any problems or questions regarding your membership or JREN subscription. Our members should be able to register for on line access at <http://journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/yjren/user/register>. Your complaints have allowed us to discover some of the problems with the database and to improve our response time.

While they have been delayed by the database errors, membership cards and the updated renewal process will be in place this fall. We have also posted the membership form and contact information on the website and have created a new brochure to promote ISRNM membership. For the future, we are working on an internet-based renewal system. Although credit cards continue to be preferred for international transactions, the NKF can take payments by wire transfer when arranged ahead of time.

7) Elections

Council elections and Associate Member Advisory Council elections will be held at the XIV Congress in Marseilles. Members or associate members who joined or renewed after May 31, 2007 will be eligible to vote. Our immediate Past-President, Dr. Denis Fouque, is chairing the nominating committee. Please contact him with questions or suggestions. All nominees must be ISRNM members or associate members.



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The current leadership 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)

Council Members: (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)

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