Dear Colleagues,
Really hope you enjoyed a good Easter, how time is flying by this year! With just two months to go before our next joint conference it is a busy time for the Association. If you have not yet registered to attend then please do so. Don't forget that conference registration closes on Tuesday 31 May at 17:00. Click here to register.
This month I would also like to remind you of the deadline to vote for 3 members of the Executive Committee. The ballot is open 24 hours a day and closes at noon on Monday 16 May 2011. If you have not received your individual email to vote then please contact our Secretariat.
We have 5 strong candidates in Sunil Bhandari, Mark Dockrell, Neill Duncan, Alastair Hutchison and Claire Sharpe, so please make your vote.
Meanwhile, as usual we have a well informed eNews so please read through and enjoy!
Best wishes,

Lorraine Harper
Honorary Secretary

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**General Announcements**

**UK Renal Registry Director - Position Available**
The UK Renal Registry are seeking a dynamic and innovative director with experience of large clinical databases who will manage the day to day operational aspects of the UKRR, support the Chair in acting as the ‘public face’ of the Registry and...
to undertake research projects. For more information about this position and for details on how to apply, please click here.

**Call for Applications - Rare Disease Working Group**

Kidney Research UK, in partnership with the British Kidney Patients Association, and working with the Renal Association announces a call for applications from those who wish to apply to setup and run a Rare Disease Working Group. Grant support to cover meeting and literature activities is available along with central infrastructure support coordinated under the RA Rare Diseases Committee. For further details and an application form please click here. Enquiries should be directed to: Elaine Davies T: 01733 367835 E: elainedavies@kidneyresearchuk.org

**NSF Headlines April 2011: Working for better kidney care**

Please click on the following links to view this months NSF Headlines: Networks endorsed, National Kidney CareVascular Access Audit and Kidney care with no dialysis unit.

**Recent Nephrology News**

Latest Green Nephrology Update: Winners of the 2011 British Journal of Renal Medicine Renal Innovation Awards have a sustainable theme, recognising sustainable healthcare as a driver for service improvement. Read more...

**Kidney Care Updates**

Please click here to view the latest Kidney Care Updates.

**Congratulations to Laurie Tomlinson**

We would like to congratulate Laurie Tomlinson for being awarded a NICE Scholarship. Laurie will undertake a project investigating the relationship between rates of prescription of angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and hospital admissions with acute kidney injury, at both a local and national level. Click here to read more.

**Reducing HCIs 2011 Conference - One Delegate Place Still Available**

The Renal Association have kindly been offered three fully funded delegate places to the Reducing HCIs 2011 Conference being held at The Brewery in London on Tuesday 21 June 2011. These places are being offered on a first come first served basis and there is still one place left therefore if you are interested in taking up this generous offer, please contact the RA Secretariat on renal@mci-group.com as soon as possible.

**Fellowships & Research Programmes**

**Funding Opportunity for Intercalated Degrees**

Kidney Research UK is offering grants of £5000 over one year to medical students undertaking research that is directly relevant to the kidney and kidney disease as part of an intercalated degree, commencing in October 2011 (academic year 2011/12). More information

**Kidney Wales Foundation**

The Kidney Wales Foundation invites applications for the 2011 round of awards. Support is available for project grants and PhD studentships. The deadline for applications is 1st July 2011, and awards may be taken up later this year. Further details and application forms are available from the website

**Courses, Meetings & Events**

**RA/BRS Joint Conference 2011**

The meeting will take place at the ICC Birmingham, 06-09 June 2011. Online registration is still open - click here. Deadline to register - Tuesday 31 May 2011.

**Ciliopathy Special Interest Working Group Initial Meeting**

Wed 8th June 2011 13:30 at RA/BRS Annual Conference. Click here for details.

**First National Gitelman / Barrter Support Day**

Fiona Karet is organising the first support day for patients with Gitelman or Barrter Syndrom and their families on Saturday 11 June 2011 in Central London. Please could we ask that you bring this event to you patients' attention. If you are interested, please feel free to come along! Click here for more information.

**6th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Cardiorenal Forum**

This one day meeting will take place on Friday 7th October 2011 at the Royal Society in London and will highlight the important clinical overlap that exists between patients presenting with a primary cardiovascular or renal problem. Please click here for more information.
### 10th European Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting

The Renal Association, along with the BRS, are partnering the 2011 EuroPD Meeting taking place 21-24 October 2011 at the ICC, Birmingham. Please [click here](http://www.renal.org/about-us/what-we-do/enews-printable/lists/enews-2011/enews-april-2011) for more information and registration details.

### Courses, Meetings & Events

Please click on the following links for more information:

- **RA/BRS Joint Conference 2011** - 06-09 June 2011, Birmingham
- **Supportive Care for the Renal Patient** - 13-14 July 2011, London
- **4th Annual Symposium on Home Dialysis** - 29-30 September 2011, Manchester
- **6th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Cardiorenal Forum** - 07 October 2011, London
- **10th European Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting** - 21-24 October 2011, Birmingham

If you have any ideas or would like to include an article or event in eNews, please contact The Renal Association Secretariat on 0845 1800 484 or renalenews@mci-group.com.