Dear Colleagues,

I would like to wish you all a belated but very happy and successful New Year.

As we move fast into 2011 there are several items that I would like to draw to your attention. Final preparations are taking place for the President’s election. The deadline for application is this coming Monday, 31 January 11. If you are considering this post then please click here for more detailed information.

Entente Cordiale, a joint meeting between The Renal Association and Société de Néphrologie, takes place between the 10 and 11 February 11. Click here for details on the meeting and registration.

Once again this year we partner with the BRS for a joint annual conference, it takes place at the ICC, Birmingham, (06 to 09 June 2011). Preparations for the meeting are proceeding very well and I am pleased to confirm that registration is now open. The programme is detailed with a variety of high profile key speakers - it promises to be most informative and engaging - something not to miss.

This is a bumper edition of eNews there are many key meetings, programmes and informative communications to note. Enjoy the read!

Lorraine Harper
Honorary Secretary

Nominations are invited for position of President of The Renal Association

The President is elected by ballot of the whole membership of the Renal Association. The appointee will become President-elect at our AGM in Birmingham in June 2011 and will serve as President from 2012 to 2014.
In Memoriam: Frank Marsh
Frank Marsh, who was a substantial figure in British Nephrology until his retirement in June 2001, died in the Royal Marsden Hospital on 16 January 2011. Please click here to read more.

Reports from The Renal Association
The following reports are now available to view on the RA website: RA response to outcomes framework, RA response to ACCEA consultation, RA response to Commissioning for Patients white paper.

Update from Equal Opportunities in Nephrology Committee
The Renal Association has set up a new Equal Opportunities in Nephrology (EON) Committee, and Dr Alison Brown has been appointed as the first Chair. Please click here to read more about the committee and its Chair.

Clinical Practice Guidelines
The final draft of the RA Clinical Practice Guideline on Acute Kidney Injury is now available on the RA website. Please send feedback on the final draft to the co-authors, Dr Andrew Lewington at Andrew.Lewington@leedsth.nhs.uk and Dr Suren Kanagasundaram at Suren.Kanagasundaram@nuth.nhs.uk within 1 month from now.

The final draft of the RA Clinical Practice Guideline on detection and management of CKD is now available on the RA website. Please send feedback on the final draft to the co-authors Dr Maarten Taal at Maarten.Taal@derbyhospitals.nhs.uk and Dr Mark Macgregor at Mark.MacGregor@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk within 1 month from now.

Thanks and congratulations to Colin Baigent
Professor Colin Baigent has announced his intention to step down as chair of the RA Clinical Trials Committee after over 3 years in the role. Read more...

NSF Headlines January 2011: Working for better kidney care
Please click on the following links to view this months NSF Headlines: New Year resolutions, Best Practice Tariff, NHS Outcomes Framework-highlights CKD but misses AKI, Transition arrangements for the NHS, Eliminating mixed sex accommodation - what does it mean for dialysis units? and How do quality accounts measure up?

Specialty Certificate Examination in Nephrology
To help candidates prepare for the SCE in Nephrology, new items are available on the MRCP(UK) SCE Nephrology web site.
More information

New Rare Disease UK report
The report, "Experiences of Rare Diseases: An insight from patients and families", conducted by RDUK has now been published. Click here to download a copy.

Green Nephrology
Latest Green Nephrology Update: Sustainable criteria for renal supplies introduced into first regional tender. Read more...

Calling All Past Fellows and Students
(awarded from either the Kidney Foundation, The National Kidney Research Fund or Kidney Research UK)
Kidney Research UK is looking to trace and make contact with all our past fellows and students. In our 50th year, we are seeking to bring together as many past and present fellows and students from across the decades as possible at this year’s Fellows Day. Therefore if you held such an award in the past please contact elainedavies@kidneyresearchuk.org

ERA-EDTA Research Programme
The next deadline for the ERA-EDTA Research Programme is 31 March 2011. For more information on this initiative and for details on how to apply please click here.

Improvement Science Fellowships
The Health Foundation is launching an ambitious fellowship programme in the emerging field of improvement science. They are offering funding for three years to develop original, applied research dedicated to improving healthcare in the UK. Read more...
**Entente Cordiale, Paris, France - 10 to 11 February 2011**
This is the 2nd joint meeting for The Renal Association and Société de Néphrologie - Registration is currently open. [More information](http://www.renal.org/about-us/what-we-do/enews-printable/lists/enews-2011/enews-january-2011).

**Renal KBA course**
The preparatory Course for the Specialty Certificate Exam in Renal Medicine is a one-day course taking place on 19 February 2011. It is focussed around MCQ scenarios to highlight areas likely to be tested in the specialty exam. [More information](http://www.renal.org/about-us/what-we-do/enews-printable/lists/enews-2011/enews-january-2011).

**BRS/RA Joint Conference 2011**

**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-january-2011) for more information and registration details.

**Medical Dermatology Meeting 2011 - Call for abstracts**
At The Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regent’s Park, London NW1 4LE. The 6th Medical Dermatology Conference will be held on 24 March 2011 - [Read on for full details](http://www.renal.org/about-us/what-we-do/enews-printable/lists/enews-2011/enews-january-2011).

**World Congress of Nephrology (WCN) - 08-12 April 2011**
As an Affiliated Society of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN), we are pleased to announce ISN's biennial World Congress of Nephrology (WCN) “Sustainability and Diversity” which takes place in Vancouver, Canada, 08-12 April 2011. [More information](http://www.renal.org/about-us/what-we-do/enews-printable/lists/enews-2011/enews-january-2011).

**Courses, Meetings & Events**
Please click on the following links for more information:
- **Entente Cordiale** - 10-11 February 2011, Paris
- **BHS Hypertension Masterclass** - 31 March 2011, Leicester
- **Curriculum Implementation for Renal Medicine** - 05 April 2011, London
- **Renal Physiology for the Clinician; Fluids, electrolytes and acid-base** - 04-06 May 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.