Dear Colleagues,

I am not sure how to begin my first RA newsletter and so please excuse me if I seem to be confabulating. What a great UKKW 2017 we had at ACC Liverpool! I hope all of you enjoyed as much as I did. The feedback so far has been very good - summed up very nicely by Liz Lightstone in her post-conference tweet, ‘.. enjoyed hugely!! Best #UKKW in recent years - great sessions and socially’. Many thanks to Phil Kalra and his team for putting together an excellent scientific programme and MCI for very efficient organisation of the conference.

We are very pleased with the attendance - there were 820 registered attendees including 87 speakers and 92 exhibitors. Nearly 300 delegates attended the welcome reception and 172 attended the conference dinner. Over 500 delegates tweeted during the conference generating more than 4000 tweets and nearly 6 million impressions. Many thanks to RA twitterati for keeping those who couldn’t attend informed of the key facts, and Damian Fogarty for summarising below. Click here to see a larger version.

There were many highlights of the scientific programme - to mention a few: an outstanding De Wardener Lecture - ‘Sweetening the urine: A new approach to the management of chronic kidney disease’ by David Wheeler and an equally outstanding Chandos Lecture from Simon Davies titled ‘Can we control volume sufficiently in anuric patients?’ Then there was a captivating Osman Lecture - ‘What is new in membranous nephropathy?’ by Paul Brenchley, and an excellent AEG Raine Award 2017 Lecture - ‘Losing Control of Complement’ by Edwin Wong. A new feature of UKKW 2017 was the Summary Session at the end of each day in which summary slides of 10 most important papers of the day were presented and concurrently tweeted. Many thanks to Matt Graham Brown and Jim Moriarty for helping to organise these sessions.
At the AGM, we welcomed Paul Cockwell as the new Clinical Vice President of the association, and a number of new executive committee members - Katie Vinen as Chair of Clinical Services Committee (replacing Alastair Hutchison), Aine Burns as Chair of Education and Training Committee (replacing Jeremy Levy), Mike Robson as Chair of Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee (replacing Andrew Lewington), Peter Hewin and Marie Condon as executive committee members (replacing Paul Warwicker and Rebecca Suckling respectively). Graham Lipkin and Alison Brown demitted from their respective roles of CVP and Honorary Secretary. Graham Lipkin and Sally Hulton have been elected as the next presidents of RA and BAPN respectively. Many congratulations to both! Please read Sally’s message below. I am sure you will join me in thanking all of the demitting EC members for their immense contributions over the last few years. At the AGM I took over from Alison Brown as the Hon Sec in which role she simply excelled! It is going to be a very hard act to follow. Maarten Taal, the BRS president, announced that the BRS would join RA at the UK Kidney Week for the next 3 years. I am sure you are as delighted to hear this as I am. May this collaboration continue forever.

Finally, there is going to be a change in RA Secretariat in August 2017. We are going to bring secretarial work in-house, and our new secretariat will be located next to the Renal Registry in Bristol. The current secretariat, MCI, have been with us since October 2006. Please join me in thanking them for supporting the EC and membership over these years and their efficient organisation of many annual conferences including the UKKW 2017.

Please read on for other updates.

Best wishes,

Indranil Dasgupta
Honorary Secretary

General Announcements

Upcoming Request for Expressions of Interest: SCE Board Lead Specialist

Please look out for an email in the near future asking for Expressions of Interest in the role of SCE Board Lead Specialist.

Full details will be sent out soon

Renal Association awards

Submission for the Raine award, Lockwood award and Walls Bursaries are now open. Click here to read more about the terms and conditions for applying.

Submissions must be made by the 31st August 2017.

A Message from BAPN President Elect Sally-Anne Hulton
I am delighted and honoured to succeed David Hughes as president of the BAPN from June 2018, to further the leadership of the care of children with renal disease.

My paediatric training was completed in South Africa, following which I was fortunate to be offered a post at Great Ormond Street hospital and ICH London, under professors Martin Barratt and Mike Dillon, to undertake research into the immunological aspects of the nephrotic syndrome, which culminated in a doctoral thesis. I then joined the team at Birmingham Children’s hospital, where I have worked for nearly 25 years. As a paediatric nephrologist with considerable experience of rare renal metabolic disease, the coordination of complex care within tertiary services, and the ethical tensions that prevail, I place the overall welfare of our patients as my highest priority.

I believe that my roles in education as College Tutor and CSAC chair, and latterly as BAPN Research Secretary, a post I shared with Richard Coward, have given me the skills and insight into the working patterns of the BAPN and RA. Over a period of 11 years, I have had the opportunity to work with the executive committee in structuring service delivery, quality assessment and standard setting.

With the support of our membership and executive committee, I intend to:

- highlight and address workforce issues. Our service has always been highly complex but is now of increasing volume. Every unit in the country feels pressured by the target driven culture. We need to strengthen the education and training of our junior doctors. We must share information on effective, innovative methods of working within our community, and encourage skilled colleagues across the country to disseminate their knowledge and experiences to assist others
- support our members, who I believe require additional endorsement to sustain themselves in these stressful times. I will promote stronger links with the organisations with whom we work, to improve the quality of our multiprofessional working practice.
- highlight the importance of equity of care, the provision of quality services in every region, participation in relevant research, and access to support in resolution of ethical tensions.
- ensure that the BAPN, through the direction of the Renal Association, continues to influence local and national policy decisions to facilitate ongoing improvement in our clinical nephrology practice.

As a dedicated, hard working and compassionate nephrologist, I look forward to serving the BAPN effectively in this role.

Sally-Anne Hulton

New Cochrane Review - Glucose Targets for Preventing Diabetic Kidney Disease and its Progression

Please find the full review here:

Main results
The review concludes that people with diabetes receive uncertain benefits from tighter blood glucose control in the long-term and the immediate complications of this treatment approach are difficult to know accurately.

The Kings Fund: Getting It Right First Time

Tackling Variations in Clinical Care - Assessing the Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) Programme by Nicholas Timmins can be downloaded here.
New funding available for paediatric research

Following its merger with Kids Kidney Research, Kidney Research UK is delighted to announce a new grants programme dedicated to paediatric kidney research, and for improving the care and treatment of children with kidney disease.

Both organisations have long and distinguished histories in funding paediatric research, and the new grants now available will consolidate ongoing investment in paediatric research. Total funding available for 2017 is £500,000 for quality research projects and innovation grants. Applications are invited from non-medical, medical, nursing, pharmacy and allied health professionals. More details and how to apply [here](#).

European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) Congress 2017

Kidney Research UK is pleased to announce the availability of educational bursaries to support the dissemination of research into renal transplantation at European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) Congress 2017. These bursaries have been supported by the provision of funding from Chiesi Limited UK to Kidney Research UK.

There will be six educational bursaries of £500 which will be awarded to six researchers to support attendance at ESOT to present their independent renal research. Applicants must have submitted, and have accepted, abstracts for poster and/or oral presentation at ESOT.

Closing date is 4 August 2017. All successful applicants will be notified by 18 August 2017. Click [here](#) for eligibility criteria and how to apply.

John Feehally-Stoneygate Research Awards

The John Feehally-Stoneygate Research Awards are open for application.

Kidney Research UK is once again delighted to be working in partnership with The Stoneygate Trust on this programme of research grants. We are seeking projects that will advance our knowledge of kidney disease and refine current treatments or lead to new advances in the future.

We expect to make around three to five awards and encourage applications for both innovation grants and project on one or more of the following five themes:

- Comorbidity and kidney disease
- Dialysis
- IgA Nephropathy
- Pregnancy and kidney disease
- Regenerative medicine

Approximately £750k is available for this year’s call. The closing date is 5pm on 15 September 2017. Full details and how to apply [here](#).

Fellows Day 11-12 September 2017, Swansea University, Wales

Registration is open for Kidney Research UK's annual conference (priority will be given to our previous and existing alumni and researchers). The programme will feature a number of prestigious international speakers including:
New study of JSLE - Do you see patients aged <18 years of age with lupus?

Dear Clinicians,

We will shortly be running a British Paediatric Surveillance Unit (BPSU) supported study being led by the team in Liverpool, investigating the incidence of juvenile-onset systemic lupus erythematosus (JSLE) in the UK and Ireland. If you see patients with JSLE aged <18 years we would like to contact you each month for the one year study period to ask if you have seen a NEW case that month.

Please reply to bpsulupus@alderhey.nhs.uk with YES or NO to indicate whether you may see a new case of lupus in children and young people as part of your clinical work.

Additionally, if you know of another clinician in your area who is not a paediatrician but may see new cases of JSLE please let us know by emailing bpsulupus@alderhey.nhs.uk.

Many thanks,

Dr Hanna Lythgoe
Chief Investigator for BPSU JSLE study
Professor Michael Beresford
Chief Investigator, UK JSLE Cohort Study

Transforming Participation in Chronic Kidney Disease (TP-CKD)

The Transforming Participation in Chronic Kidney Disease Programme has now entered Phase 2; where renal units from cohorts 1 and 2 are working together, sharing experiences from their participation in the programme so far.

During Phase 1, the programme explored the feasibility of collecting Patient Activation and Patient Reported Outcome measures amongst renal patients. Collection of this data will continue in Phase 2, but the programme will also think about how to embed collection and use the data to benefit patients.

The focus will be on:

- **Embedding** - thinking about how PAM/PROM collection can become routine practice within clinics, what the challenges are around re-surveying patients, and how units can embed the collection of the survey into their staff practices;
- **Intervention** - using the interventions toolkit developed by clinicians and patients from the Intervention Work Stream to think about how units can respond to the data they are collecting, and use it to implement changes in conversations and behaviours to benefit patients.

**PREM**

The Patient Reported Experience Measure (PREM) survey 2017 is now open.

The PREM survey 2017 is open to all adult renal patients in England and Wales, and can be completed online between July 1st and July 31st 2017. Paper surveys are also available from renal units - please make sure
you fill in either the online or the paper version, not both. All Clinical Director’s should by now have received
the resources they need to distribute the PREM 2017 survey at their renal unit.

The survey is available online in 4 languages - English, Welsh, Urdu and Gujarati.

Visit www.renalreg.org/projects/prem to take part in the online PREM 2017. If you need any more
information about PREM please contact catherine.stannard@renalregistry.nhs.uk.

KQuIP Hub:

A growing online repository of learning & QI resources that can be found here. We have recently added a
number of useful renal specific measurement tools to the hub and more information can be found on these in a
fantastic blog produced by the chair of the KQuIP Measurement and Understanding workstream Katie Fielding
found here. We are always looking to add new QI case studies or resources to the hub. For further information
on how to share your QI stories please visit here.

Regional QI Days:

- The first KQuIP / UK Renal Registry Regional QI day took place on the 23rd March in the West
  Midlands. For the summary of the day and key presentations and more information visit the KQuIP
  website here.
- The Yorkshire and the Humber regional day is closely approaching on the 6th July. For further
  information on the day please visit the website here.
- The East Midlands region have identified the 12th September for their KQuIP and UK Renal Registry
  Regional day. There is lots of work going on behind the scenes in readiness for the event and the region is
  working closely with the UK Renal Registry to identify their data requirements for the day.
- Greater Manchester and Lancashire - KQuIP is currently working with the region to identify a suitable
date for the day which will take place later in the year.

Moving forward, KQuIP is looking to support four further regions in 2018. If you think this may be of interest to
your region then please let us know through an expressions of interest to james.mccann@renalregistry.nhs.uk
by Friday 8th September. To give you an idea of how these days work and for further information on the
current regional days please visit the KQuIP website here.

National QI Projects:

Transplant First - KQuIP are currently packaging this project up for roll out across other regions. For more
information visit the KQuIP website here.
MAGIC (Managing Access by Generating Improvements in Cannulation) is currently underway and will be
launched next year. You can find out more about MAGIC on the KQuIP website here.
Home Therapies - There has been an initial planning meeting and actions are now in place to launch this
project at the Manchester Home Dialysis conference in September. Further information on Home Therapies will
follow shortly on the KQuIP website here.

Renal Leadership Training Opportunity:

KQuIP has identified a fantastic training opportunity for senior leaders within the kidney community. For
further information please visit here.

Click here for KQuIP’s July E-Newsletter or sign up for regular programme updates on the KQuIP website here

ARPKD Patient Information Day

The PKD Charity are organising an ARPKD Family Day on Saturday, 22nd July at Uffculme Centre,
Queensbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8QY from 10 am - 3pm. Travel bursaries are available.

The event will include:
- Keynote talks about ARPKD from the experts
- Roundtable discussions between parents, patients, doctors & scientists
- Supervised entertainment & activities for children and young people at the Marvellous Superstar Summer Party organised by Birmingham Children's Hospital

Further detail are available via the PKD Charity website

Proposed Ethics Amendment for RaDaR

At the recent RaDaR Management Board meeting at UK Kidney Week, it was agreed to apply for an Ethics amendment to clarify the fact that RaDaR consent covers Patient View sign-up, subject to availability at individual renal units.

The proposed amendment will also allow for data linkage to other registries, including the Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) and Office for National Statistics (ONS) databases. This will allow for a far more comprehensive RaDaR data-set than is currently available with manual data entry. It will also allow for longitudinal follow-up of patients who have previously consented to condition-specific research studies, or who do so in the future.

In addition, it is proposed to ask patients to consent to being contacted directly by an approved member of the central RaDaR team, regarding information events or further research studies. Such communication would always be approved by the patient's Consultant before being sent out and will largely be circulated via Patient View.

Approval will be sought from NHS Digital's Data Access Request Service (DARS).

We aim to submit the Ethics amendment by the end of September. Sites have been asked to continue to recruit patients to RaDaR in the meantime, using the current consent documents.

Further details will follow in the coming weeks but we would welcome suggestions over the proposed amendment to Melanie.Dillon@RenalRegistry.nhs.uk

RA Guidelines Update

The Renal Association Clinical Practice Guidelines on Anaemia of Chronic Kidney Disease and Peritoneal Dialysis in Adults and Children have now been published on the Current Guidelines page of the RA website.

The Renal Association are pleased to endorse the Association of British Clinical Diabetologists Clinical Practice Guideline on the Management of Lipids in Adults with Diabetes Mellitus and Nephropathy and/or Chronic Kidney Disease, which can be found on the Endorsed Guidelines page of the RA website.

Request for Expressions of Interest to update the Guideline "Assessment of the Potential Kidney Transplant Recipient"

We are seeking expressions of interest to update the Guideline on Assessment of the Potential Kidney Transplant Recipient. This was last published in 2010 and will be a joint Renal Association/British Transplantation Society Guideline.


We do not have a set view on the number of authors needed and will consider any applications received.

To apply, please send a statement of no more than one side of A4, explaining why you would like to do this. Please also send a completed conflict of interest form, available at http://bit.ly/RA-Guideline-CoI. Any
Think Kidneys AKI Programme

June is over, and it’s been yet another busy month for the Think Kidneys Acute Kidney Injury programme. Highlights from the month include:

It was UK Kidney Week and we had a joint stand with UKRR and RA. We talked to visitors about the AKI programme, and some members of the Think Kidneys team spoke and presented posters.

We have now published our practical guide for community staff to help with recognising and responding to AKI. The guide takes the form of an A6/postcard size, and they are designed to be carried in pockets and diaries and give practical advice for those working in the community - whether it is in a care home, a community nurse or ambulance crew. The card can be downloaded here, and we are currently investigating sponsorship to enable us to send the cards to all who request copies - we have already had numerous requests for large numbers.

Programme Development Officer, Julie Slevin spoke had another opportunity to speak at a national Care Homes Catering conference - highlighting the care homes resources. The slides presented can also be found on the SlideShare webpage. The delegates particularly enjoyed the public information video, and are thinking about how they can incorporate this into future meetings.

The resources for undergraduate nurse educators are almost ready for publication. We have been given a slot at the NET conference in September, where we can promote the materials to nurse educators.

The summer is awards season, and the AKI team were shortlisted for two wards. Firstly, on 28th June we attended the Healthcare Transformation Awards. The category was Innovation in improving outcomes and reducing variation, and although we didn’t win, we were proud to have been nominated. Next up is the Patient Safety Award - we are shortlisted for an award in the Information Technology to Improve Patient Safety category - and we will know on the night of 4th July if we have been successful.

We are continuing to look into having an eLearning platform for the renal community, and have meetings lined up in August to investigate the options available. More information on this exciting piece of work will follow soon.

We have seen a lot of engagement on our Twitter feed - and now have over 2,000 followers. This has been a great way of sharing our work, and we are hoping that the momentum will continue and our followers will continue to increase.

Secretariat Transfer

Membership System

Due to the secretariat transfer and new systems set up - the membership system will be frozen from Friday 7th July. Please do not make any changes to your profile after this date as they will not be carried across to the new system. You will be notified when the new system is live and changes can be made again.

New Contact Details

The new contact details for the secretariat from 8th August will be:

The Renal Association/The British Association For Paediatric Nephrology (BAPN)/ UK Renal Registry
Courses, Meetings & Events

Oxford Ghent Dialysis and Transplantation Summer School 2017
Application Deadline May 25th 2017
September 26th - September 30th, 2017 - Corpus Christi College, Oxford, UK
An interactive course for young practising nephrologists
Full details are available here.

1st International Milan Nephropathology Course
20-22 September 2017 - An International Nephropathology Course during the Milan Fashion Week
This three-day course will give an updated overview on the more significant topics in renal pathology. The eminent faculty of the meeting is composed by nephropathologists with exceptional track-record and clinical experience on histopathological issues of native kidney diseases. The course will be articulated through frontal lectures and complementary slide seminars via interactive digital pathology (virtual slides). This course will make an emphasis on morphology and the use of ancillary studies as well as molecular approaches like proteomics, genetics and immunohistochemistry. The targeted audience includes practicing pathologists, renal pathologists and pathology trainees. The course is also opened to nephrologists.
For further information on this event, click here

10th UK Annual Dialysis Conference
28-29 September 2017, The Lowry, Manchester
Please click here to view the Programme
Please click here to download the registration form

Asian Congress of Paediatric Nephrology and Malaysian Paediatric Association Annual Conference
05 Oct, 2017 - 07 Oct, 2018, Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Asia is a continent of diverse geographical, social, cultural and economic differences. Health care too vary between these Asian nations.

We are proud to have two major societies dealing with paediatric nephrology as co-organisers - the Malaysian Society of Nephrology and the Malaysian Society of Paediatrics. In fact, the Malaysian Society of Paediatrics has decided that the triennial Asian Congress of Paediatric Nephrology 2017 will be its annual Paediatric congress.
Hence, the organising committee has decided to focus on care of children with kidney diseases at both the primary (office paediatrics) as well as tertiary level hence the theme: Paediatric Nephrology: Office paediatrics to tertiary care.

The scientific committee has organised the program into 3 themed tracks, each track encompassing key aspects of the particular theme. One track will focus on aspects of paediatric nephrology of interest to those involved in care of children with basic kidney diseases like acute glomerulonephritis and urinary tract infections both at primary and secondary care level. One whole track will be for paediatric nephrologist specialist and trainees and those with interest in paediatric nephrology. We are also fortunate to host the 2nd IPNA/AsPNA Junior Masterclass in Paediatric Nephrology.

For full information [Click Here]

The conference will be conducted in Shangri La hotel, Kuala Lumpur right in the middle of the golden triangle in the centre of commerce, retail therapy and culinary delights. In addition, access to places of interests outside of Kuala Lumpur is fast and easy and we invite participants to take time off to visit these sites before or after the congress.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 13 Asian Congress of Paediatric Nephrology in conjunction with the 39th Annual Congress of Paediatrics on 5-7 October 2017 and to share with you our Malaysian Hospitality.

Dr Lim Yam Ngo
Congress Chairperson

Dr Wan Jazilah Wan Ismail
Congress Co-Chair

12th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Cardiorenal Forum
Friday 13th October 2017, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Early bird registration fee including lunch and refreshments: £100, £60 concessions (nurses and clinical trainees)

For further information on this event, [click here]

The Future of the NHS post-Brexit
Thursday 9 November 2017, Central London

During the 2017 General Election, Brexit and the NHS polled as the two most important issues for voters in the UK (Ipsos Mori). However, there is uncertainty concerning the NHS' ability to navigate challenges associated with the UK’s decision to leave the European Union. Access to staff and skills from EU nations is presently essential for the health service, with over 60,000 people from EU countries working within the NHS (Kings Fund, 2017).

Membership of the European single market and a single regulatory framework has also enabled quicker innovation and lower prices for health technologies, whilst providing the environment for collaboration and interoperability within research and reciprocal healthcare. It is therefore critical that any future arrangement governing Britain’s relationship with the EU provides sustainability in staffing and skills, and enables the NHS to benefit from opportunities to develop and quickly translate medical discoveries into healthcare provision.

Despite the efforts of politicians and senior health figures to unpick the complexity of questions involved, and outline intentions to nullify or ameliorate the effects of leaving the EU on the NHS, the House of Lords Committee on the long term sustainability of the NHS recently raised concerns over “the absence of any comprehensive national long term strategy to secure the appropriate skilled [...] workforce the health and care system will need”. The NHS European Office has also expressed doubts concerning the future of research and innovation, with the UK currently the largest beneficiary of EU research funds. Economic uncertainty and reductions in the value of sterling furthermore threaten to squeeze the resources available to the NHS, with the Economist Intelligence Unit anticipating a reduction of £135 pounds in per head spending by 2020.
With formal negotiations between the UK and EU underway, this symposium will provide clinical managers, chief finance managers, HR and personnel services, commissioning managers, procurement leads and other key stakeholders with a timely and invaluable opportunity to analyse the potential implications of Brexit on the NHS and formulate strategies to ensure that access to high quality treatments and care remains undiminished in the long term future.

Delegates Will:

- Analyse the implications of Brexit for NHS staffing, resources, research and reciprocal healthcare
- Evaluate how regulation governing procurement and competition, medicines and medicinal devices, and common professional standards can be retained or adequately replaced
- Engage with the NHS Europe Transition Team to build effective multi-agency working
- Explore how to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations and economic uncertainty upon procurement costs and the NHS more widely
- Investigate how the NHS can guarantee the recruitment and retention of high quality clinical and nursing staff from around the world
- Determine how the UK can continue to access international research funding after the conclusion of ‘Horizon 2020’
- Identify how healthcare providers can be supported to deliver appropriate technical and organisational measures to manage cyber security risks
- Consider how the NHS can continue interacting with European reference networks to share knowledge on improving diagnoses and the treatment of rare conditions
- Discuss how the implementation of core national improvement programmes can be delivered in a climate of future uncertainty
- Share ideas on how to prepare for forthcoming changes and support EU staff currently working within the NHS

There is a 20% early registration discount off the standard delegate rates (subject to type of organisation and terms and conditions) for bookings received by the 29th September 2017.

For Full Details of To Book, please [click here](#).

**UK PD Academy**

29-30 November 2017, Birmingham

Peritoneal dialysis is a modality of dialysis that has excellent outcomes, allows patients to dialyse independently in the community and is cost-effective. Yet despite these great advantages it is declining as a modality in the UK.

This PD academy provides a great opportunity to update your training on PD - please have a look at the attached program for 29th and 30th November. The first day provides general PD training - and the second day is more advanced.

Please [click here](#) to find out more.

**Short course on glomerular disease**

29-30 November 2017

This is a 2-day course on Glomerular Disease for Specialist Registrars and Consultants in Renal Medicine and General Internal Medicine.

Please [click here](#) to find out more.

**Advanced Nephrology Course 2018**

3-7 January 2018, Corpus Christi College, Oxford

The Advanced Nephrology Course is aimed at trainee nephrologists and consultants wishing for an update on...
The course is a residential course set over 5 days. Accommodation and all food and beverage at Corpus Christi College is included throughout the course.
Registration is now open, please click here to go to the registration site.

A 10% discount is offered to members of the UK Renal Association

Course residential registration fees include; accommodation at Corpus Christi College (standard room), presentation handouts, breakfast, lunch, tea and coffee and evening meals.

Please note that a limited number of en suite rooms are available at the college. En suite rooms are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please click here for full details

3rd UK Applied Clinical Nephrology Course
2-3 December 2017

Venue: Health Academy, Royal Preston Hospital

The aim of this course is to provide an interactive comprehensive up to date management of real and challenging clinical cases in nephrology, dialysis and transplantation. This is a practical rather than theoretical course, where applied cases are the core of the teaching that enables fruitful discussions and debates through using the Quizdom software to create a stress free interactive environment.

The course provides an excellent opportunity to meet leading UK experts in Nephrology.

The course will cover topics which Nephrologists and trainees encounter on a day to day basis and are important for consultant practice, including more ambiguous topics such as; ethical aspects around kidney transplantation, living kidney donation, dialysis conservative management and end of life care, and the first virtual ward round! The course is aimed at renal trainees, renal specialty doctors, and recently appointed consultants.

Please click here to find out more.

ISN Frontiers: Kidney Disease and Cardiovascular Disease
February 22-25 2018, Tokyo

The website www.isnfrontiers.org/tokyo is packed with information on the program, venue, travel, accommodation options and more.

ISN Frontiers meetings build on the success and achievements of the ISN Nexus and Forefronts series, bringing together basic scientists, clinicians and practitioners in a unique setting. This new event format will make more cutting-edge science available to a global audience, breaking down cross-regional barriers in accessing the latest knowledge and expertise.

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) kills eight out of every 10 patients with early acute and chronic kidney disease (CKD) well before end-stage kidney failure. On the other hand, acute kidney injury (AKI) is one dire consequence of CVD, and in turn predisposes to future CKD and CVD. Thus, the global nephrology and cardiology communities must collaborate to better understand the interaction between kidney disease and CVD to manage patients with kidney and cardiac-related complications.

We look forward to seeing you in Tokyo!

With very best regards,

Co-chairs
RCP 500th Anniversary: Medicine - Transformation Through Genomics
Thursday 8th March 2018 - Royal College of Physicians, London

A meeting organised by the British Society of Genetic Medicine in collaboration with the
Association of Cancer Physicians, Association of British Neurologists, British Cardiovascular Society
and Renal Association.

Please click here to find out more.

Annual Conference, Innovation in Medicine 2018
25-26 June 2018, ExCel London

Save the date, more information in due course.

34th World Congress of Internal Medicine (WCIM 2018)
18-21 October 2018, Cape Town, South Africa

Dear Colleagues

It is with great anticipation that we present you with this invitation to the 34th World Congress of Internal
Medicine for 2018. This meeting will be held in the beautiful city of Cape Town in South Africa at the
International Convention Centre from 18 to 21 October 2018.

All aspects of Internal Medicine will be covered during parallel sessions presented by an exciting faculty drawn
from experts across the international community. The aim of the meeting is to provide an excellent academic
program for the general physician but of a standard that the specialty groups such as Rheumatologists,
Cardiologists, Pulmonologists and so on would also benefit. We plan to have posters from investigators in
clinical as well as research areas and "Meet the expert" sessions where we will encourage interactive discussions
using interesting case studies to illustrate clinical challenges. We will endeavour to present state of the art
symposia with updates on recent guidelines and developments across the spectrum of Internal Medicine.

Cape Town offers the visitor an array of tourist attractions and sporting possibilities for the adventurous. You
are spoilt for choice between the sea, mountains, rivers and wine routes as well as amazing shopping
experiences once the academic program is completed. South Africa has many direct flights from across the
globe so we can ensure you arrive with the minimum inconvenience to enjoy your visit. We will be reserving
hotels within walking distance of the Cape Town International Convention Centre where the congress will be
held. This is a world class convention centre offering superb audio-visual support, lecture halls and breakout
rooms to accommodate all a variety of needs. It is close to the Waterfront, a major tourist attraction with
many restaurants and shopping malls to cater for all your needs. We believe you will never forget this
amazing experience and we invite you to reserve the dates, ensure you plan for early registration and we look
forward to hosting you in our beautiful country.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Adri Kok
Congress Chair & ISIM President Elect

For Full Details Click Here

Further Events for Your Diary .........
Please click here to view the calendar of events on the RA website.
If you have any ideas or would like to include an article or event in eNews, please contact The Renal Association Secretariat on 0870 458 4155 or renal@mci-group.com.