

## eNews March 2012



**The Renal Association Conference 2012**  
**12-14 June 2012, The Sage Gateshead**  
**ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY 1 JUNE**

Winning the fight against kidney disease - research and clinical

March 2012

Welcome to March's eNews.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce a call for expressions of interest for a new position within the Renal Association of Communications Officer. This role is of significant importance to The Renal Association improving communications with the membership by providing key updates on the Association's activities. Interested candidates are encouraged to express their interest no later than **Friday 30 April 2012**.

We would also like to announce this year's Annual General Meeting for 2012 that will be held on Thursday 14 June during The Renal Association Conference. Please [click here](#) to read more.

We are pleased to confirm that an exciting line up of abstract presentations have been accepted for oral presentation and these have been added to the invited speaker line up and a full programme is now available by [clicking here](#).

We look forward to seeing members in Newcastle in June 2012.

We have many more interesting articles, all listed below - enjoy the read!

With my best wishes,



Lorraine Harper  
 Honorary Secretary

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## General Announcements

### Renal Association Annual General Meeting 2012

This year, the Renal Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 14 June 2012 during the Renal Association Conference in Gateshead.

The AGM will take place between 08:00 - 09:00 at The Sage, Gateshead.

An agenda and minutes of last year's AGM will be circulated prior to the meeting.

We look forward to hopefully seeing you in Gateshead.

### A Call for Expressions of Interest for the Position of Communications Officer

This is a new role within the Renal Association to improve communications with the membership.

The deadline to submit your formal expressions of interest in writing is **Friday 30 April 2012**; please [click here](#) for further information on this important role.

### Kidney Care Updates

Please [click here](#) to view the latest updates from NHS Kidney Care.

### NSF Headlines February: Working for Better Kidney Care

Please click on the following link to view this month's NSF Headlines: [NSF Update March 2012](#)

### Innovative Online System Helps Empower Patients with Long Term Conditions

For further information and to view the report please [click here](#).

### Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO)

Please [click here](#) to view the letter from Professor John Forsythe, SaBTO Chair, and Professor Anthony Warrens, Chair of the SaBTO CNS Tumours Working Group, regarding a report recently published by the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO).

### A Call for New Rare Disease Groups

For further information on how to obtain a grant to cover the administration of an RDG, its meetings and the development of literature for professionals and patients, please [click here](#).

### On World Kidney Day: Calls for Government to Restore Long-term Leadership and Direction to Kidney Transplantation

Please [click here](#) to view the press release from the Kidney Alliance regarding calls for Government to restore long-term leadership and direction to kidney transplantation.

### University of British Columbia: Advanced Training in Nephrology Clinical Fellowship Program

Please [click here](#) to view further information for the Advanced Training in Nephrology Clinical Fellowship Program.

### UK Scientists Develop Revolutionary New Kidney Transplant

Please [click here](#) to view the press release from Kidney Research UK regarding UK scientists who have developed a revolutionary new kidney transplant.

### Intercalated Degree Funding (Academic Year 2012/13)

Kidney Research UK is offering grants of £5,000 over one year to medical students, please [click here](#) for further information.

### Kidney Research UK Alumni Workshops 2012 Update

Please [click here](#) for an update regarding Kidney Research UK Alumni Workshops.

## Obituary

## Professor Oliver Wrong

We are sad to report the death on Friday 24 February 2012 of Oliver Wrong, for the full obituary please [click here](#).

## Courses, Meetings & Events

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### The Renal Association Conference 2012

Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 June 2012, The Sage, Gateshead

Full programme for the Renal 2012 Conference now on-line!

For those of you that have not yet registered your attendance at this year's Annual Conference, we encourage you to take a look at the full programme which is now available online - [click here](#). Registration numbers soared in the lead up to the early bird deadline and we are set for a fantastic scientific conference and networking exchange. In addition to the conference content, the programme will include a welcome reception and conference dinner at the Civic Centre, Newcastle - both will be excellent opportunities for you to relax and network with your fellow professionals.

The early bird registration deadline has now passed, but as a member you are still entitled to reduced registration fees. For full details on the conference, including the full programme and how to register, please [click here](#).

Please note: the online registration system will close on **Friday 1 June**. After this date registrations will certainly be accepted onsite but at an increased fee.

We look forward to seeing members in Newcastle in June 2012.

### Renal Physiology for the Clinician

Wednesday 11 - Thursday 12 April 2012, The Royal Free Hospital, London

**Please note this course has been reduced by one day**

Please [click here](#) for further course information and details of how to register.

### Dialysis 2012

Wednesday 2 - Friday 4 May 2012, Sir William Wells Atrium, Royal Free Hospital, London

Please [click here](#) for further course information and details of how to register.

### Shared Haemodialysis Care Programme Learning Event

Tuesday 26 June 2012, Hilton Hotel, Leeds

For the opportunity to learn more about the Yorkshire and Humber Shared Haemodialysis Care Programme, please [click here](#) for further information of the Shared Haemodialysis Care Programme Learning Event.

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 [renalenews@mci-group.com](mailto:renalenews@mci-group.com).