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Dear Members

Welcome to March’s eNews.

I am delighted to announce that the new Chair of the Rare Disease committee is Detlef Böckenhauer, Reader at the Institute for Child Health, University College, and Honorary Consultant Nephrologist at Great Ormond Street. Detlef will take over from Mark Taylor, who has led such tremendous progress with the Rare Diseases registry, RareRenal.org website and the Rare Disease groups. I am sure everyone will join me in thanking Mark very much for all his hard work.

I am also delighted to announce that the next Honorary Treasurer is Neil Sheerin, Professor of Nephrology in Newcastle, who will take over when Jonathan Fox demits from this role in September.

As always, we are very grateful for people putting themselves forward for these posts and being prepared to take on the additional workload involved. Please be reminded that voting is underway for 2 positions on the Executive Committee; if you have not received a username and password for the online election site, please contact the Secretariat renal@mci-group.com. Voting closes on 11 April 2014.

I am pleased to say that the response to the early bird registration deadline for UK Kidney Week 2014 was tremendous; over 700 delegates. If you haven’t done so, please register online at www.britishrenal.org/Delegate-Registration.aspx. During UK Kidney Week the Renal Association will hold its Annual General Meeting early on Friday 2nd May; we will send out the agenda and more details closer to the time but please note that the room name for the meeting has been changed since our last eNews; the meeting will now be held at the SECC in the Boisdale Room.

Since 2007, Amgen have generously sponsored bursaries of £500 to support attendance at the Renal Association annual meeting. This year 20 bursaries have been awarded; details of the recipients will be posted in the conference booklet and we hope this provides a little help to support the attendance of the worthy winners.

Finally, we are sorry to announce the death of Geoffrey Aber who was the first consultant nephrologist appointed in Stoke-on-Trent, and Professor of Renal Medicine at the School of Postgraduate Medicine, Keele University.

Please read further for more news and upcoming events.

Best wishes as we spring forward into April!

Alison Brown
Honorary Secretary

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In Memory of Hugh De Wardener CBE
Please click here to view the article.

In Memory of Geoffrey Aber
Please click here to view the article.

Renal Speciality Group Report
Please click here to view the article.

Renal Association AGM Date
We would like to take this opportunity to confirm the date of the Annual General Meeting, this will take place on Friday 2 May 2014 - 7.45am-9.00am during UK Kidney week. The venue for the AGM is the Boisdale Room the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre Glasgow. Please ensure you advise the Secretariat if you are planning on attending.

Updates from the Renal Registry
Please click here to read the update from the Renal Registry.

NHS England Consultation
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UK Renal Registry Patient Council
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Developing a National Renal Research Strategy
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Diary Exercise of Programmed Activities
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Courses, Meetings & Events

UK Kidney Week 2014 Jointly Hosted by The British Renal Society & Renal Association
Tuesday 29 April - Friday 2 May 2014, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow
Online registration closes Tuesday 22 April 2014.

Please be reminded UK Kidney Week 2014 will be jointly hosted by the RA and BRS. Please click here for more information.

Kidney Research UK Alumni Workshop
Wednesday 21 - Thursday 22 May 2014
For further information please click here.

Shared Decision Making in Renal Medicine
Tuesday 24 June 2014
For further information please click here.

The Third ARPKD Patient Information Day
The 12th Annual Supportive Care Course
Wednesday 2 - Thursday 3 July 2014, Hammersmith Hospital

Please click here for more details.

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 renalenews@mci-group.com.