EDTA Annual Report 1973-74

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Secretary/Treasurer

In June 1973 there were in the Association 724 members and 126 associate members, making a total membership of 850. Sixty-four new members were elected by Council in November 1973 in München and 32 in June 1974 in Lyon. Thirty-two members were removed from the membership list because of non-payment of their annual subscription fee for two years; four members resigned and two members died. Thus at the end of October 1974 the Association numbered 754 full members and 131 associate members — a total membership of 885.

In the period following the Tenth Congress in Vienna, Council Meetings were held in München on November 9–10, 1973 and in Lyon on June 15th, 1974.

This year 206 abstracts were submitted for the Eleventh Congress, 103 dealing with dialysis, 33 with transplantation and 70 with nephrology. The abstracts were examined and graded, anonymously, by all Council Members according to the principles established by Council at München in 1973, including the important factor of assessment on scientific merit with no knowledge of the submitter of the abstract. Sixty-one papers and six demonstrations were selected for presentation at the Tel Aviv Congress by the Selection Committee, Prof. B. Lindström, Dr. Ch. Mion and Dr. P. Veeerstraeten, who were appointed by Council. The President of the Association, Prof. A.C. Kennedy and the Editor of the Proceedings, Dr. J.F. Moorhead, also attended the Meeting of the Selection Committee. Mrs. R. Habib (Paris) was invited by the Council to deliver a lecture on “The classification of glomerulonephritis.” Dr. W.R. Cattell and Dr. M. Carmody were invited to organize a round table on dialysis. Council decided that the scientific demonstrations would not be published in the Proceedings of E.D.T.A.

The abstracts of the papers selected for presentation at the Eleventh Congress appeared in the September 1974 issue of Kidney International (Volume 6, No. 3).

Financial Report

Since the Secretariat of the Association has been moved to Parma, Council accepted the suggestion of the new Secretary-Treasurer, Prof. V.E. Andreucci, to
move the funds of the Association to Switzerland and to keep them in Swiss francs in the Union Bank of Switzerland. Having the funds in a different country has introduced more difficulties in running the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, but Swiss francs were and still are the most stable currency in Europe — hence the assets of the EDTA have not suffered from the devaluation of most European currencies during the last year.

The financial situation of the Association is quite satisfactory. According to a decision made at the Tenth General Assembly in Vienna, Prof. L. Migone and Prof. A. Vercellone examined, as honorary auditors, the 1973 Account of your Association and certified it as correct. A chartered accountant, Mr. Giovanni Battista Fregoso (Parma) audited the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1973. At September 30th, 1974 the assets of the Association amounted to SF 107,433.70.

Council decided to utilize part of the Association funds by:

(1) inviting speakers to the annual Congress (this year Mrs. R. Habib);
(2) by publishing the tenth volume of the Proceedings in Current Contents, and;
(3) by contributing to travelling expenses for the meetings of the Registration Committee.

Further suggestions from EDTA members for utilization of Association funds will be welcome.

Council decided, at my request, that the annual membership fee, namely Swiss francs 70.00, should remain unchanged for next year.

This year Travenol Ltd has granted US$2,000 for EDTA-Travenol subsistence allowances. Twenty (out of 63) applicants were allocated a grant to attend the Congress in Tel Aviv. We express our gratitude to Messrs Travenol for their continued financial support.

**EDTA-Travenol Fellowship**

The first EDTA-Travenol Fellowship was awarded, this year, to Dr. G. Seyffart (Münich) who spent a three-month period in Hines (Illinois, USA).

**EDTA Directory (Members Handbook)**

The 1974 edition of the Directory of Members and Associate Members of EDTA includes the list of Dialysis and Transplantation Centres in Europe and adjacent Countries and was mailed to all EDTA members early in November 1974. This year's edition contains a special indication of those for dialysis units with dialysis facilities for visitors and for dialysis units doing paediatric dialysis.

The gratitude of EDTA members should go particularly to key men in each country who coordinate the collection of data at a national level. We are grateful to Messrs Sandoz for their generosity in the publication of this edition of the Handbook.
It is with great regret that we note the death of two of our members during the past year: Prof. P. Gömöri (Hungary) and Prof. D. Valtis (Greece).

At the end of my first year as your Secretary-Treasurer, I wish to thank the President, the Council and all members of the Association for their friendship and confidence.

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Secretary-Treasurer
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