ERA-EDTA DISTINGUISHED FELLOW

Acronym (i.e. FERA) - Fellow of the European Renal Association

The Distinguished Fellow of the ERA-EDTA is an important recognition given by the ERA-EDTA Council to ERA-EDTA current members (categories A and B). This title is given to persons who have been very active in the initiatives and life of the Society, as well as in the clinical and research fields regarding nephrology and its related subjects.

I. ERA-EDTA Distinguished Fellow benefits.

1. ERA-EDTA Distinguished Fellow certificate;
2. ERA-EDTA Distinguished Fellow pin;
3. Recognition by ERA-EDTA on the Society’s website.

II. How are Distinguished Fellows nominated.

The Council can nominate Distinguished Fellows of its own initiative provided that they comply with all the four requirements mentioned below and that they have been an active ERA-EDTA member (categories A and B) for at least five consecutive years at the time of nomination (a special template has been prepared and must be used for this purpose - http://www.era-edta.org/FERA_Form.doc ); any council member can make the proposal during any Council meeting and the FERA title is automatically granted after a majority vote. The Council will also examine the proposals and applications submitted by ERA-EDTA members (categories A and B) who wish to receive this title.

Exceptions can be made for members (categories A and B) with exceptional merits in the development of nephrology in difficult geographical and political contexts.

III. Ex-officio fellows.

All Council members, provided that they have been an active ERA-EDTA member (categories A and B) for at least five consecutive years, automatically receive, upon their election, the FERA recognition.
All ERA-EDTA Congress Presidents also receive the FERA recognition, provided that they have been an active ERA-EDTA member (categories A and B) for at least five consecutive years at the time of nomination.

IV. How to submit an application for the title of ERA-EDTA Distinguished Fellow, valid for all persons who are not ex-officio fellows and who are not directly nominated by the Council.

1. Candidates to the title of ERA-EDTA Distinguished Fellow must have excelled in the practice of renal medicine, medical science or medical literature and must meet the requirements listed below;

2. At the time of confirmation, the Distinguished Fellow must be an active ERA-EDTA member (categories A and B) with at least five years seniority (at the time of nomination), and have made a significant contribution in one or more of the ERA-EDTA areas of interest;

3. A list of Distinguished Fellows will be available in the ERA-EDTA website;

4. The ERA-EDTA Council will review the applications during its annual Council Meetings: if all the Distinguished Fellow requirements are met, the title is automatically given to the applicant. There is no examination involved in becoming a Distinguished Fellow;

5. The application form, the documentation related to the requirements listed below and a current candidate application form are the only documents that are necessary to submit a candidature.

V. Requirements.

At least one (1) of each of the four (4) prerequisites listed below must be met.

1. Board Certification in Nephrology or equivalent Certification (applicants must fulfil at least one (1) of the five (5) options written below).

Document certification by National Society or other Board of Medical Specialty in:
a. Nephrology;
   or
b. Paediatric Nephrology;
   or
c. Pathology with specialisation in renal pathology;
   or
d. Surgery with specialisation in kidney transplantation;
   or
e. Immunology with specialisation in renal diseases.

2. **ERA-EDTA Activity (applicants must fulfil at least one (1) of the three (3) options written below).**

   a. Chair or board member of one of the ERA-EDTA Committees/Bodies: ERA-EDTA WG, ERBP, SAB, Congress Scientific Committee, Congress Paper Selection Committee (min. 3 terms), CME Committee, ERA-EDTA Registry, Ethics Committee, YNP, etc.;
   or
b. Editor and Editorial board member of NDT, CKJ, NDT-Educational@ENP (formally NDT-Educational);
   or
c. Author of 10 abstracts accepted for presentation on ERA-EDTA Congress (first or senior author) in the past five years.

3. **Publications (applicants must fulfil this requirement).**

   At least ten articles published in peer/reviewed international journals in the past five years. In at least one of the articles, the applicant should be the first or the senior author.

4. **Public Service (applicants must fulfil at least one (1) of the three (3) options written below).**

   Contribution to the development of nephrology at:

   a. National level (document, in English, signed by the current president of the National Nephrological Society);
   or
b. European (also countries bordering Europe and the Mediterranean Sea) level (document signed by the ERA-EDTA President);
or

c. International level (document signed by the appropriate person designated for this international activity).

VI. **Acceptance Procedure for ex-officio fellows.**

1. For the Council members: upon election by the ERA-EDTA General Assembly, automatically, the newly appointed Council member will receive this title;

2. For the Congress Presidents: this title will be officially granted to them during the President’s Dinner held during the ERA-EDTA Congress in which he/she is President.

VII. **Acceptance Procedure for non ex-officio fellows who wish to receive this title.**

1. The FERA Application Form (available on the ERA-EDTA web-site – [http://www.era-edta.org/membership/fera_registration.php](http://www.era-edta.org/membership/fera_registration.php)) must be submitted together with a candidacy application form of the applicant and documentation related to the board certification, the ERA-EDTA activity, the publication and the public service requirements. The submission of the various documents must be done electronically using the appropriate online form;

2. The ERA-EDTA Secretary-Treasurer, with the help of the appropriate ERA-EDTA Operative Headquarter offices, will verify whether all the criteria are met before submitting the final list of applicants to the Council; if some criteria are not met, the ERA-EDTA Secretary-Treasurer will be in charge of contacting the applicant to try and solve the matter. The ERA-EDTA Officer in charge of FERA is the Secretary-Treasurer;

3. The ERA-EDTA Council will review the applications during its annual Council Meetings (Spring Council; Congress Council and Fall Council – three times a year);

4. Immediately after each Council Meeting the ERA-EDTA Secretary-Treasurer will be in charge of sending a formal letter (also by e-mail), with the pin and the certificate, signed by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer, to all the newly confirmed Distinguished Fellows.
5. During the annual General Assembly recognition will be given to the granted FERA fellows in the past 12 months, this will be included in the ERA-EDTA Secretary-Treasurer’s report.

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