



# ANNUAL REPORT

2013

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2013

### Contents:

1) List of current Officers and Council Members and link to past ones	page 3
2) Annual Report by the ERA-EDTA Officers	page 4
3) ERA-EDTA 2014 Awards	page 18
4) ERA-EDTA 2014 Council Candidates and election procedure	page 22
5) Minutes of the 50 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Istanbul, 2013	page 24
6) Agenda of the 51 <sup>st</sup> General Assembly, Amsterdam, 2014	page 33
7) Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (Year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2013)	page 37



**Registered Charity No. 1060134**

*ERA-EDTA Council*

*President*

Raymond Vanholder, Belgium

*Secretary-Treasurer*

Andrzej Więcek, Poland

*Chairperson of the Administrative Offices*

Markus Ketteler, Germany

*Editor-in-Chief of "Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation"*

Carmine Zoccali, Italy

*Chairperson of the Registry*

Christoph Wanner, Germany

*Ordinary Council Members*

Denis Fouque, France

*(also Chairperson of the Paper Selection Committee)*

Jonathan G. Fox, United Kingdom

Loreto Gesualdo, Italy

Michel Jadoul, Belgium

Ziad Massy, France

Gert Mayer, Austria

Mehmet Sukru Sever, Turkey

Vladimir Tesar, Czech Republic

*Congress Presidents (Amsterdam - The Netherlands)*

Pieter M. ter Wee, The Netherlands

Raymond Vanholder, Belgium

The complete list of all Former Officers and Honorary Members can be found on the ERA-EDTA website [www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org), under the "About ERA-EDTA" section.

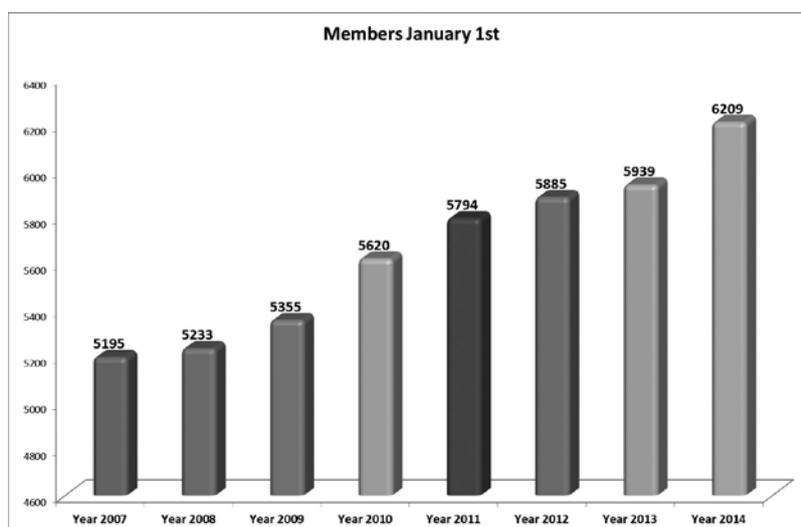
## ANNUAL REPORT BY THE ERA-EDTA OFFICERS

The officers of the European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA) (Raymond Vanholder, President; Andrzej Wiecek, Secretary-Treasurer; Markus Ketteler, Chairman of the Administrative Offices; Christoph Wanner, Chairman of the Registry and Carmine Zoccali, Editor-in-Chief of NDT - “Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation”) together with the entire ERA-EDTA Council are very pleased to report on the activities of our Society, essentially regarding the past year. ERA-EDTA as a Society encourages information, teaching and research in the fields of clinical nephrology, dialysis, renal transplantation and related subjects and reports advances in those fields.

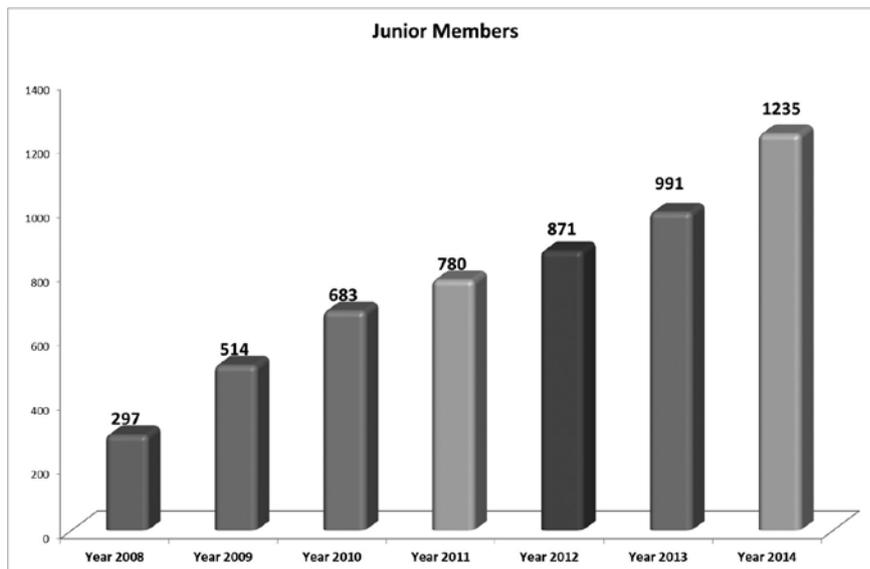
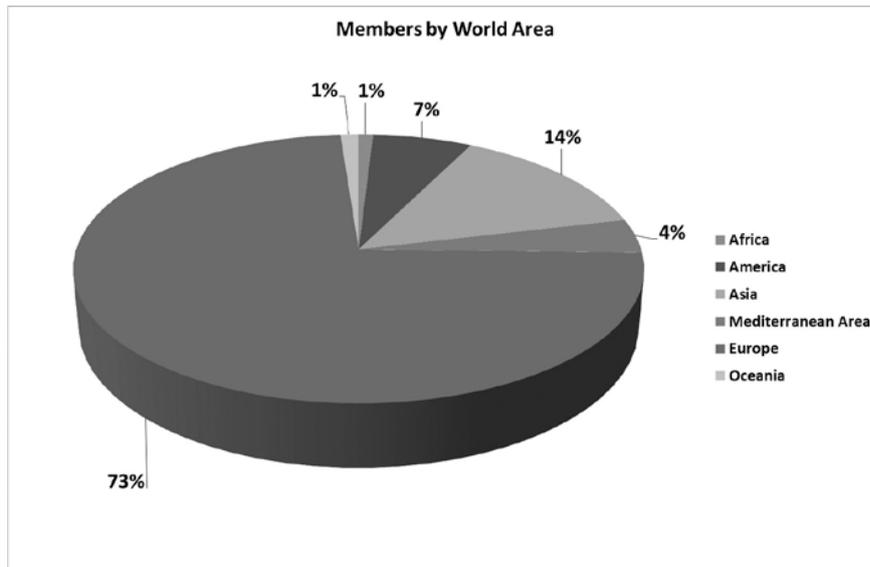
All summarized accomplishments would have been impossible without the generous help of the chairs, co-chairs and members of the many committees, advisory boards and work groups of ERA-EDTA that have been appointed to serve on specific themes, and above all the hard work of the support team of the ERA-EDTA Headquarters offering invaluable logistic and secretarial assistance.

We furthermore should stress that we built on the accomplishments of previous officers and Council members, and without them it would have been impossible to stand where we stand right now. We can only hope that we can continue their good work and keep the successes of our Society going in this positive trend.

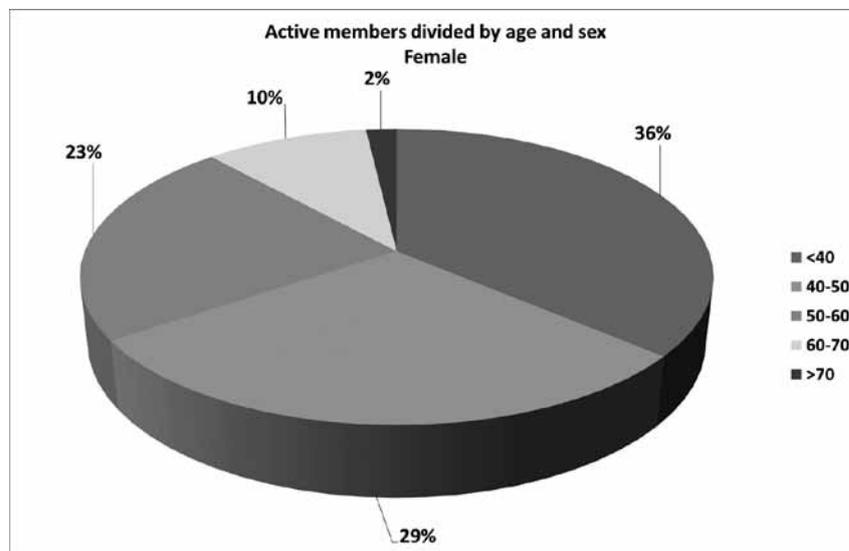
### ERA-EDTA Membership

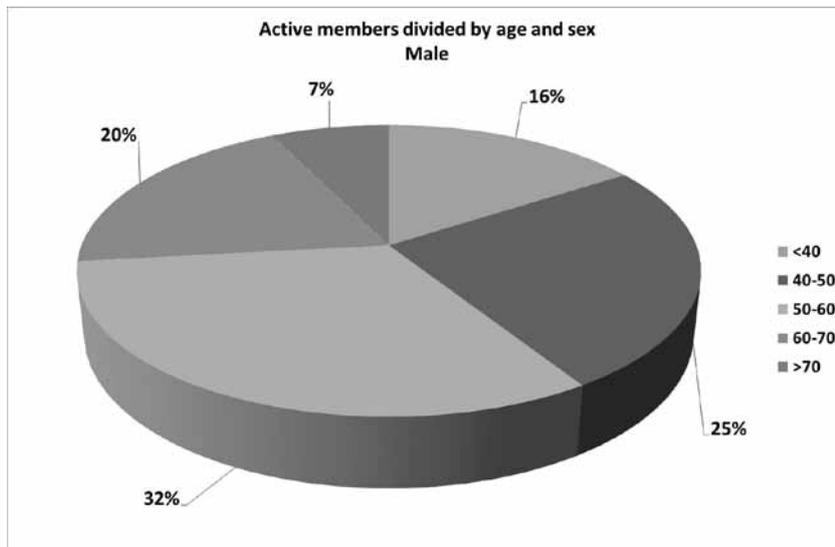


ERA-EDTA is a growing Society, even during these hard economic times, thus demonstrating, once more, that the investments made by our Society and the output of the information provided generated a great interest: at January 1, 2014 the members were 6,209. Especially on the rise are the number of young members, which is extremely important for the always new activities of the Society, but also to be stronger at a European as well as an international level in our fields of interest. In that context, it is interesting to note that more than 25% of our membership is from out of Europe and that we especially see a fast growth among members from Middle Eastern Countries and Asia. In the next page are some interesting charts related to these matters:



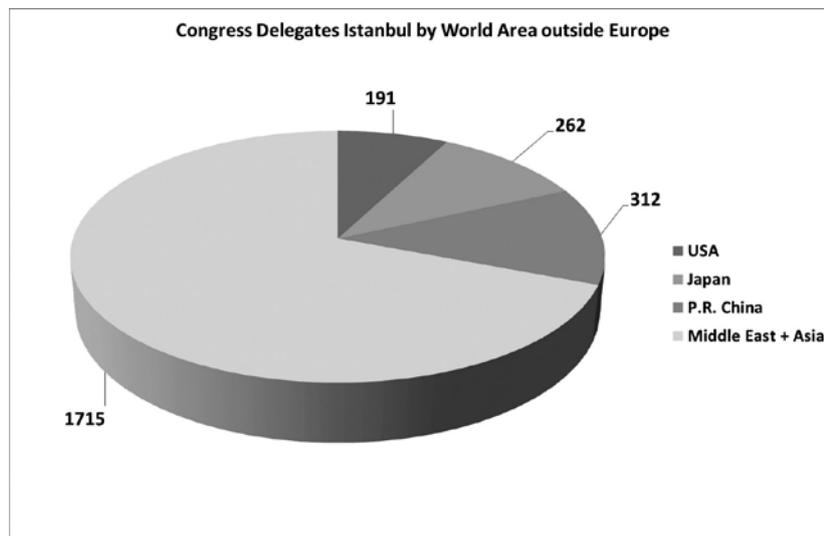
Furthermore, especially in the younger generation, we are reaching a balance between men and women:





### ERA-EDTA Congresses

Also the participation of the ERA-EDTA congresses has seen a growing number of delegates in these last few years: the number of delegates (thus excluding all the exhibitors and visitors) in Istanbul was 7,634, with a large number of participants from countries outside of Europe.



The congress in Istanbul, which was the 50th anniversary of our Society, was again a big success: 2,396 abstracts were received, of which 180 were accepted as a free communication and 1,435 as a poster; the acceptance rate was 67.4% also showing how the quality of the accepted abstracts is going up.

To celebrate our 50th birthday an extremely rich CME program was presented the day before the congress actually started: the participation of delegates to these sessions was extraordinary.

The success of ERA-EDTA's congresses is due to many people working very hard to

achieve our goals, we therefore wish to express our gratitude to Gultekin Suleymanlar, President; Cengiz Utas, Secretary; Rosanna Coppo, Chair of the Scientific Committee and Markus Ketteler, Chair of the Paper Selection Committee, as well as to all the staff of the ERA-EDTA Headquarters.

We are looking forward to our next Congress to be held in Amsterdam where we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Registry, and to our future Congresses that will be held in London (2015), Vienna (2016) and Madrid (2017).

### ERA-EDTA CME Activity

The continued medical education (CME) activities, another of our extremely successful educational initiatives, under the leadership of Jorge Cannata (May, 2013), for 2013, included 31 very successful CME courses.



Whereas traditionally our CME-activities have been focused on Europe and the Mediterranean, ERA-EDTA from now on will also organize CMEs outside our traditional area, with emphasis on the emerging world, under the responsibility of ComIA (Committee for International Affairs), a new ERA-EDTA Committee chaired by Ziad Massy.

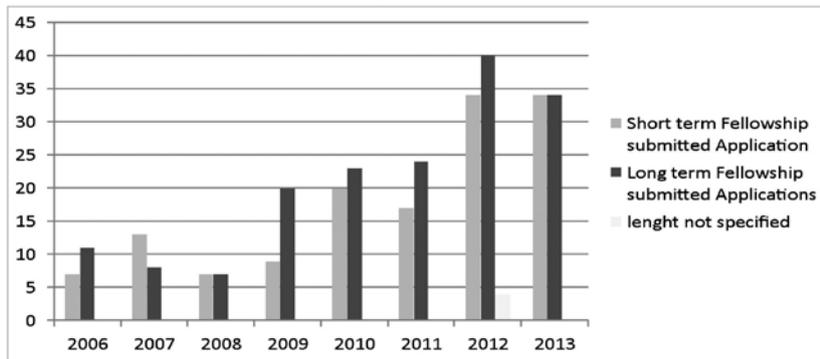
Up to now this kind of initiative has been organized together with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). In 2013 a joint ERA-EDTA (ComIA) and ISN (ISN GO) CME was organized at the University of Kinshasa (Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo) in collaboration with local organizers Prof. Ernest Sumaili Kiswaya and Prof. Nazaire Nseka. However, ERA-EDTA, through ComIA, in 2013, also sent speakers to the annual Mexican College of Nephrologists Meeting and to the Brazilian Society of Nephrology Meeting.

Finally, ERA-EDTA has also developed a web-based learning tool, which allows users to receive UEMS credits: a first topic on Nephrotic Syndrome is freely available online. The Course features various multimedia elements to enhance your learning experience, including an interview with the expert, animations and multiple choice questions. More topics will be addressed in the future, should members feel a need for this new initiative: we would very much appreciate receiving your comments to allow us to implement new ideas as well as initiatives!

## ERA-EDTA Fellowships

### SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM ERA-EDTA FELLOWSHIPS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT

SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM ERA-EDTA FELLOWSHIPS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT



The fellowship program offering opportunities for young researchers and clinicians to accomplish short or long stays abroad for extending their research or for learning new skills was also very successful in 2013 with a total of 68 applications submitted to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) co-chaired by Heini Murer. Of all the received applications in the period 2011 - 2013, in total 35 long-term and 34 short-term fellowships were approved, and thus granted by the Council.

Starting 2013, ERA-EDTA also offers the opportunity for physicians or researchers living outside Europe and the countries bordering Europe and the Mediterranean Sea to apply for essentially clinical fellowships, if the training program is taking place in a country traditionally considered as the area of activity of ERA-EDTA. This fellowship program is coordinated by ComIA. This new project has been very successful: a total of six people received short term fellowships (coming from: Iraq; Indonesia; Burundi; India; Chile and Nigeria) and one long term fellowship (Cameroon).

These initiatives go along with the fellowships co-sponsored with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN), to inhabitants of emerging countries of the European area (essentially Eastern Europe and the countries bordering Europe and the Mediterranean) (see more details also below).

## ERA-EDTA Research Program

To encourage broader scientific networks, in 2009 our Association launched the ERA-

EDTA Research Program the main purpose of which is to favor international nephrologic research collaboration throughout Europe. Till now six research projects were accepted, covering the broad field of nephrology: a total amount of EUR 5,154,310.00 was invested till now.

One of the granted projects is concluded and the other five are still ongoing.

In 2013 the Council decided to launch a new Call in 2014: the total amount available for the Call is EUR 600,000.00 and the topic "Biomarkers of CKD". Project can be submitted only through an online form, posted on the ERA-EDTA website: the pre-proposals can be submitted from April 9, 2014 through July 9, 2014.

We would like to express our gratitude to the SAB Co-Chair, Heini Murer, and Secretary-Coordinator, Giovanni Cancarini, as well as to all the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) members for their great efforts in the management of the Fellowship and the Research Programs, in fact the process of judging all the submitted projects is a delicate challenge and quite time consuming.

### **ERA-EDTA Working Groups and Endorsed Working Groups**

This initiative has been one of the most successful ones that the Society has implemented in the last few years. As of 2013 there were 7 Working Groups: IWG - the Immunonephrology group chaired by Rosanna Coppo; EURECA-m which deals with the link between chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular disease and chaired by Gérard London; EUDIAL on hemodialysis and related techniques, under the leadership of Peter Blankestijn; WGiKD on rare and inherited kidney disorders, chaired by Olivier Devuyst; DESCARTES, on transplantation, with Daniel Abramowicz as chair; CKD-MBD on chronic kidney disease and metabolic bone disease currently coordinated by Mario Cozzolino and DIABESITY on diabetes and obesity, chaired by Carl-Erik Mogensen.

ERA-EDTA also endorsed Working Groups of other Societies: EUTox (European Uremic Toxin) is a working group focusing on research on uremic toxicity created by the European Society of Artificial Organs (ESAO) with Angel Argiles as chair; furthermore, at the end of 2013, EuroPD (European Peritoneal Dialysis with Nicholas Topley as President), whose aims are to promote, support and expand knowledge, research and clinical practice in peritoneal dialysis, entered an agreement with ERA-EDTA to allow a close collaboration between the two Societies especially with regard to educational aspects, thus becoming the 2nd ERA-EDTA endorsed Working Group.

All these working groups have their own scientific activities, organize their own CMEs, and may take political action if this is deemed appropriate. All ERA-EDTA members are invited to actively take part in these Working Groups.

### **ERA-EDTA Collaboration with other Societies**

During the last few years, ERA-EDTA extended its international activities. In 2013 we consolidated our collaboration with the International Society of Nephrology with which we now work together in organizing a series of projects: CMEs; Fellowships; exchange of Highlights as the respective congresses; etc..

Also the contacts with the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) were consolidated by signing an agreement related to the exchange of highlights at the respective annual meetings.

The collaboration with the Chinese Society of Nephrology (CSN) continues: unfortunately in Istanbul during the 2013 ERA-EDTA congress it was not possible to have our joint executive committee meeting, but this successful initiative, which started at the occasion of the Prague ERA-EDTA congress (2011) is again scheduled for Amsterdam.

In December 2013 an agreement was signed with ESPN (European Society of Pediatric Nephrology) regarding highlight exchanges at each other's meeting, collaboration with regard to the ERA-EDTA - ESPN Registry, as well as other kinds of beneficial collaborations.

Still linked to the ERA-EDTA Registry is a collaboration with the Sociedad Latino Americana de Nefrología e Hipertensión (SLANH): both societies will endorse a fellowship of a Latin-American colleague at the ERA-EDTA Registry ; furthermore we have received a request from South Africa to help create an African renal registry.

In 2013 the ERA-EDTA had a joint session at the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) annual meeting and another one is scheduled to take place this year.

ERA-EDTA is also in contact with other societies (for example the European Society of Urology - Section of Urolithiasis - EULIS and the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe - CIRSE) to see if more collaborations are possible: always keeping in mind the goal of enlarging the spectrum of scientific fields presented at our annual Congress.

ERA-EDTA is obviously open for contact on common activities with any other society with common goals as ERA-EDTA and we therefore welcome any requests regarding this matter.

### **Collaboration with the National Societies of Nephrology from Europe and Countries Bordering the Mediterranean Sea**

Our half day face-to-face meeting with the leadership of the National Societies and the ERA-EDTA Council (October 2013 -Würzburg, Germany) was a huge success. The collaboration with the National Societies has progressed very rapidly and many initiatives started in 2013 will continue also in the future: during the annual ERA-EDTA congress a "National Society Village" area has been created in the exhibition hall, here National Societies are given a free booth where they can meet ERA-EDTA delegates and present their Society; the traditional dinner with the National Societies on the opening day of the ERA-EDTA congress has become a very important meeting where all the National Societies can meet to exchange ideas, experiences, etc.; finally, also this year, the half day meeting that was so successful in 2013, will again be repeated in October 2014 (Bari, Italy). ERA-EDTA also gives special grants for young presenters at national society meetings: these include free ERA-EDTA membership for three years as well as a free registration for one of our congresses. More new initiatives will be implemented this year as our collaboration becomes stronger and more effective.

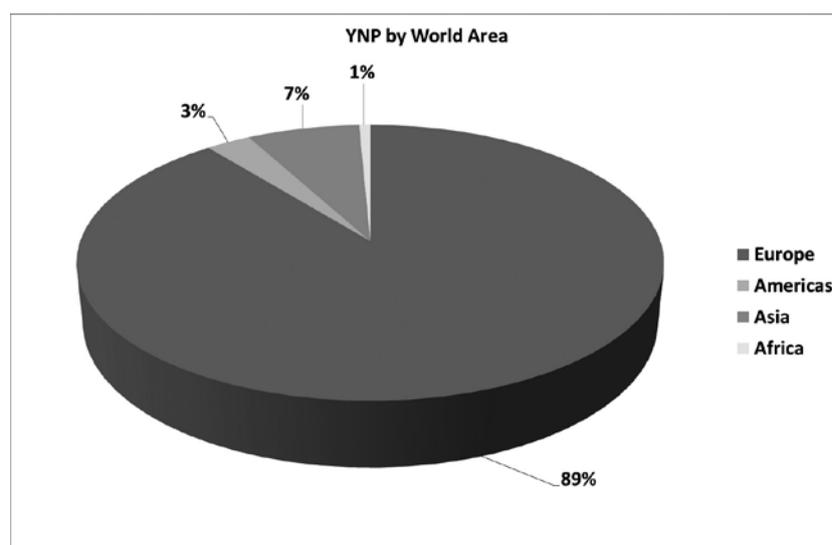
### **ERA-EDTA and the European Community**

ERA-EDTA is very active in Europe, even at a political level, in order to constantly try to sustainably establish kidney related diseases on the agenda of the EU. We are part of

the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA), a joined platform of ERA-EDTA together with the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF), the European Dialysis and Transplantation Nurses Association / European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA) and the European Kidney Patients' Federation (CEAPIR). The intention is to make renal diseases and their consequences more visible to the European Community and its administrators as well as its politicians, so that more European support is offered for research and other kidney related initiatives. We are grateful to Norbert Lameire for his continuous supportive efforts making this possible. As part of EKHA we are also involved in other initiatives, such as the European Chronic Disease Alliance (ECDA) which gathers several groups involved with different chronic diseases. EKHA has its own lobbying company that takes care of making the appropriate contacts with the many European bodies. As a consequence, contacts with Members of European Parliament (MEPs) have been strengthened. It is important to notice that ERA-EDTA has directly involved the National Societies into this activity at European level: in 2014 a very important meeting in the Parliament was organized by EKHA involving all the National Societies – this again shows how the joint collaboration between ERA-EDTA and the National Societies can really be beneficial to all!

### **ERA-EDTA Initiatives for Young Persons and the Young Nephrologists' Platform (YNP)**

To attract young nephrologists, as well as to help nephrologists from developing countries, our Society continues to offer reduced membership fees to those members; this initiative has now been extended to include members from all over the world and not only from Europe and the Mediterranean Area. Travel grants are offered throughout the year to young nephrologists both to participate in our annual Congress as well as in our CME Courses. However the most successful initiative for young members has been the YNP – below is a chart of the geographical distribution of the current YNP membership.



In 2013 the YNP started its activities and organized, in Istanbul, its first symposium. It has a very active list of new initiatives, please visit their page on the ERA-EDTA website and their Facebook page. Thanks to their advisory activities they have convinced the ERA-EDTA Council to lower the annual ERA-EDTA Junior membership fee (now EUR

35.00) and are successfully programming their 1st YNP Course (Landmark Studies in Kidney Transplantation – August 24-25, 2014 – Budapest, Hungary). Finally they have been very active in finding special ways to grant free ERA-EDTA memberships for their members (through accepted abstracts to ERA-EDTA Congresses and accepted articles submitted to NDT and CKJ) and are now trying to finalize an “Advisory Program” that will soon be available to all YNP members: all these initiatives started after the YNP Board received replies to a special survey they did among YNP members, therefore, this was a “bottom-up” approach!

### **ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee and DoI**

Since 2010 the activities of the Society have been crosschecked by the ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee, chaired by Jacques Bernheim. We are grateful for their useful suggestions. Under their control and with the input of Jonathan Fox, the Council developed a Declaration of Interest (DoI) form that is now to be filled in by all Council members as well as the members of all ERA-EDTA committees and speakers at all ERA-EDTA scientific and educational events: all the filled in forms are posted on the ERA-EDTA website and are freely accessible. ERA-EDTA is actually one of the few societies, in Europe, but also in the rest of the world, that has such a policy in place to increase transparency.

### **ERA-EDTA Publications: NDT, CKJ and NDT-Educational**

In 2013 NDT reached its ideal acceptance rate, with around 25 accepted papers each month, as the figure shows. This very low acceptance rate, corresponding in turn to a low publication rate, will likely result in a higher IF around 2016.

NDT is highly committed to offering its readership cutting edge publications, and at the same time constantly updates the scientific community through a whole range of continental newsletters, press releases, special issues concerning the most debated issues in modern nephrology (i.e. obesity, basic science, inherited kidney diseases, vasculitis), local editions such as the Italian, Indian and Chinese one, and offers new innovative sections, such as Polar views in Nephrology, Humanities and Nephrology, Hypotheses Conjectures and Refutations.

As a leading European journal in nephrology, NDT will be involved in the new Communication Team project, which will involve all ERA-EDTA publications in exchanging content in an attempt to maximize the visibility of our scientific knowledge for the nephrology community.

The original OLA blog will be replaced by a completely new NDT blog that will be available via NDT-Educational (in close collaboration with the new NDT Educational Editor in Chief Michel Jadoul).

NDT is planning to develop podcasts within the current year 2014.

The NDT team also constantly keeps an eye on both aesthetics and functionality. We have intensively worked on a further improvement of the layout of the print journal, especially focusing on more colour and on the quality of the scientific material such as tables and figures. Furthermore, the NDT team spends much time on selecting exclusive

and meaningful images for the issue covers. From a technical point of view, a revision of the peer-review online platform (ManuscriptCentral) will soon ensure that our Theme Editors can select reviewers in a much smoother way.

A very clear improvement has also been reached in the time from acceptance to online publication, which is now around 5,4 weeks.

Further important initiatives that took or will take place: a high impact collection of articles is freely available online on the occasion of the 2014 World Kidney Day; we are currently looking into a collaboration with the European Heart Journal (EHJ), which is aimed at exchanging relevant content between both NDT and the EHJ; NDT is widely promoted on social media (facebook, NDT app).

2013 was a good year for CKJ (Clinical Kidney Journal): the average time from receipt at the Editorial Office to acceptance, and the average time from receipt at OUP to online publication are both well within the target. All six issues were also published on schedule. Author feedback in 2013 was overwhelmingly positive, with ratings highlighting a strong sense of satisfaction in regards to speed, service, and communication.

It has been decided that OUP will not send an impact factor application until the Journal is at the level where the Editor-in-Chief wants it to be. To this end, in each CKJ issue invited Editorial Comments and In-depth and Minireviews (written by experts in the field) have been included.

CKJ papers now only appear in Pubmed if the authors wish to pay the open access fee. We therefore now send a personal letter to authors promoting this. The current Editor-in-Chief, Alain Meyrier, achieves his three year tenure with the last (December) CKJ issue of 2014 and it appears from the readers' and authors' survey that launching the Clinical Kidney Journal as a successor to the former NDT Plus was a very successful endeavor.

## **ERA-EDTA Registry**

The ERA-EDTA Registry, under the leadership of Kitty Jager and Christoph Wanner, has increased the coverage in data collection across Europe and has continued to offer in-depth education in the field of renal epidemiology for example by training visiting researchers in clinical research methods at AMC - Academic Medical Center (ERA-EDTA Registry Clinical Epidemiology Learning and Research Centre). Furthermore, it has been essential in generating new scientific knowledge on CKD and renal replacement therapy in Europe. The database of the ERA-EDTA Registry as well as that of the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry have been explored for information in the area of rare diseases and this work was submitted for publication. In 2013, the Registry published 21 scientific reports.

The Registry staff members, including Friedo Dekker, Vianda Stel, Marlies Noordzij, Karlijn van Stralen, Anneke Kramer and Moniek van de Luijtgaarden, gave two Introductory courses in Epidemiology for nephrologists and an NDT course for Reviewers-to-be. Since 2004 more than 700 participants attended the courses and have been trained. The international EQUAL (European QUALity study) cohort study in pre-dialysis patients has progressed in Germany, Italy, Poland, Sweden, The Netherlands and UK. Preparatory work has been done in special studies using focused data collection methodology. The new Primary Renal Disease Coding system that was released in 2012 has been disseminated

across Europe. The work on the revision of the ERA-EDTA coding system for Causes of Death was started.

All activities were counseled by the ERA-EDTA Registry committee members (R. Vanholder, F. Caskey, F. Collart, C. Couchoud, D. Fouque, J. Groothoff, J. Heaf, P. Ravani, I. Rychlik, F. Schaefer and S. Schön) and approved by the Council. The work including the annual statistical a report is summarized on [www.era-edta-reg.org](http://www.era-edta-reg.org).

## **ERBP**

The official ERA-EDTA European nephrological guidance body, which changed its name in 2008 from European Best Practice Guidelines (EBPG) to European Renal Best Practice (ERBP), remains active in producing guidelines, guidance and position statements and endorsements of other guidelines, e.g. of Kidney Diseases Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO). In 2013 the ERBP Guideline on the Management and Evaluation of the Kidney Donor and recipient was published with the August issue of NDT - this guideline development process was chaired by Daniel Abramowicz and Pierre Cochat. The Guideline Clinical practice guideline on diagnosis and treatment of hyponatraemia chaired by Goce Spasovski and Raymond Vanholder, developed in collaboration with ESE (European Society of Endocrinology) and ESICM (European Society of Intensive Care Medicine), was in press at the end of the year: publication is scheduled for February 2014. A special series of articles were published in NDT on the ERBP's vision on guidance, and on methodological problems.

The guideline on the treatment of diabetes in advanced Chronic Kidney Disease chaired by Wim Van Biesen, is under development and should be ready by end of 2014.

Next projects in the pipeline are the guidelines on vascular access and on management of advanced CKD in the frail and elderly.

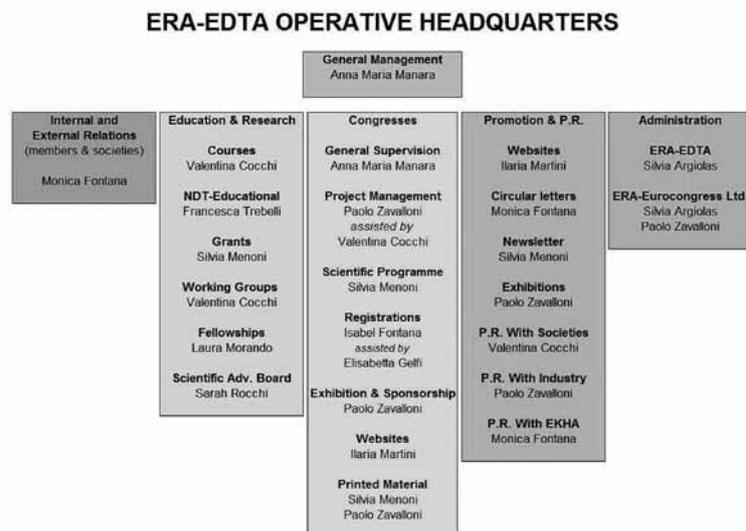
Since June 2011, the ERBP advisory board is coordinated by Wim Van Biesen; furthermore since 2010, ERBP has its own evidence support team, which now consists of 5 members (Evi Nagler, Davide Bolignano, Ionut Nistor, Maria Haller and Sabine van der Veer) who offer support in the development of the major evidence based guidelines. This initiative was developed in collaboration with the Cochrane group in Australia.

In 2011, ERBP produced 3 monographs. In 2012, 1 full guideline and 8 monographs were generated. Finally, in 2013, one guideline and 14 monographs were published. Currently the Crush guideline is available online in 5 different languages. In future, together with the national societies ERBP will translate the short version of the transplantation guideline in over 15 different languages.

## **ERA-EDTA Administration**

Hence, the Society is very active in many areas, with the intention to propagate scientific and clinical progress and visibility of European nephrology. This is only possible thanks to the effort of many, a meticulous organization, and the generous support by unrestricted grants of many patrons. A lot of structural changes are being accomplished

which need to be condensed in tenable and foolproof regulations. A brief outline of the structure of the Administrative Offices together with an indication of who is responsible for what is given below.



## ERA-EDTA Amsterdam Congress

To end this long report, we would like to spend a few words on one of the activities that will go on in the nearby future, which is our next 2014 Congress in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. First of all three of our colleagues will leave the ERA-EDTA Council. Great appreciation and thanks should go to Jonathan Fox (UK); Ziad Massy (France) and Vladimir Tesar (Czech Republic).

During their 3-year term as Ordinary Council Members they effectively were involved in many Council activities. Jonathan Fox was instrumental in redrafting and editing linguistically many novel Council regulations and also played a key role in drafting the Conflict of Interest (CoI) rules and the Declaration of Interest (DoI) document of the Society. During the last year of his term as Councilor, he became Secretary Treasurer elect, and in this position took part in preparing the many decisions usually taken in a year by Society and Council.

Ziad Massy was involved in organizing the Society's international activities outside Europe and the surrounding area usually covered by ERA-EDTA. The most important aspects of this were the organization of CMEs outside the European area (mainly Africa) and the organization and selection for the fellowships for non-European clinicians, as he chaired the Committee of International Affairs (ComIA) in charge of these activities. He also played an important role in the preparation of the collaboration between ERA-EDTA and the Dialysis Outcomes Practice Patterns Study (DOPPS) initiative. He was recently elected to become chair of the ERA-EDTA Registry one year from now.

Finally, Vladimir Tesar was active in organizing several CMEs in the Czech Republic, prepared the collaboration with other European Societies and was part of the committee that prepared the refurbishing of the ERA-EDTA website.

Our President, Raymond Vanholder, will also end his 3 year term. All who collaborated with him during this period were impressed with his extraordinary efficient work, synthetic mind and great reliability. He always worked first for the ERA-EDTA and he

was restless when something was not done immediately and correctly. Some enormous power pushed him always ahead in spite of the fact that he had to carry at the same time so many different and responsible functions. Raymond Vanholder is a fantastic speaker in many languages, traveling a lot, all over the world, for lecturing from best world congresses on nephrology to small CME courses in Congo or Cameroon in Africa. All of these extraordinary qualities allowed him to be one of the best and respected Presidents of the ERA-EDTA, who brought to the Society a lot of new ideas and proposals, making the Association more and more attractive for the members. He was one of the initiators of the very promising collaboration of the ERA-EDTA with EUTOx, DOPPS and recently with EuroPD. He was very open and positive for collaboration with other Societies outside Europe and started the CME courses in Africa under the umbrella of ComIA. He continued on a very resolute way the discussions with such important nephrological Societies like ASN, ISN and CSN, bringing them to the mutual collaboration, exchange of highlights session, fellowships, etc. During the Presidency of Raymond Vanholder a new format of collaboration with European Parliament was established and the first very solid results were obtained from the collaboration with EKHA: with such an experience we are confident that he will lead EKHA to further successes as a next chairman of this entire group. It is also important to stress that Raymond Vanholder was very much involved during his Presidency in the activity of ERBP and personally contributed to the preparation of very important guidelines as "Clinical practice guideline on diagnosis and treatment of hyponatraemia"; "ERBP Guideline on the management and evaluation of the kidney donor and recipient" and "Recommendations for the management of crush victims in mass disasters". Finally, as a President of the Association Raymond Vanholder was responsible for very successful Annual Congresses organized in Paris, Istanbul and, we are sure, also in Amsterdam. Last but not least we would like to underline that Raymond Vanholder besides his great scientific merit and achievements as a President of the ERA-EDTA is also an excellent and unique person, very open-minded and friendly and always full of humor.

Also in Amsterdam, the current Secretary Treasurer of the Society, Andrzej Wiecek, will step down from his function after a three year term to become President. Andrzej Wiecek averred himself as a very loyal officer, taking at heart his many tasks with great energy and meticulousness. Together with the other officers he took part in the laborious process of being involved in the many email exchanges, teleconferences and meetings that are necessary to prepare the myriad of activities taken up by the Society, in spite of his other tasks as researcher, clinician, teacher, head of department and speaker at many national and international meetings. He undertook his job with extensive consideration of the needs of the Society sometimes at the expense of his own and those of his family. In addition, he took the time to develop a new initiative, the Young Nephrologists Platform (YNP), filling in a hiatus in the activities of the Society up till now, which is paying more attention and giving more opportunities to our young colleagues. He also played a central role in re-launching and restructuring the Follow-us newsletters, and in the launching of a new initiative: Follow-us Flash, as more immediate medium to announce short news about the Society to its members. Finally he was an active member of other ERA-EDTA Committees where his punctual and very active participation was extremely useful to the work of each one of them. We hope that he continues his task for the Society with the same enthusiasm and success as before but now in his new Presidential position.

At the end of this report we would like to point out that the ERA-EDTA Congress in Amsterdam will also be a very significant one for ERA-EDTA since at this occasion we

will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Registry, based at the AMC (Academic Medical Center) in Amsterdam. The whole organizing group is working hard to make from this meeting a truly memorable event.

We therefore would be delighted to welcome you in Amsterdam, but also would like to encourage you to take part in any of the initiatives mentioned above.

If anything about all these many initiatives mentioned in this report is unclear, more details can be found at our website, [www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org).



Raymond Vanholder  
President



Andrzej Więcek  
Secretary-Treasurer



Markus Kettler  
Chairperson of the  
Administrative Offices



Carmine Zoccali  
Editor-in-Chief of  
*"Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation"*



Christoph Wanner  
Chairperson of the Registry

## 2014 ERA-EDTA AWARDS

### ERA-EDTA Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievements

Drs. Tilman Drüeke (France) Gérard London (France) and Heini Murer (Switzerland) are this year's ex aequo recipients of the ERA-EDTA Award for outstanding scientific achievements.

Dr. Drüeke started his nephrological activities more than 40 years ago and worked essentially at Necker Hospital in Paris (France) where he started to work on a post-doctoral fellowship in 1969, after having studied originally in Germany, where he was born. At Necker, he headed also an INSERM research unit. After having reached his emeritate in 2009, he followed his co-worker Dr. Ziad Massy to the Amiens University Hospital. He received two honorary doctorates: one in Skopje (Macedonia) and one in Montevideo (Uruguay). He was scientifically active in a broad range of topics related to nephrology with as main interests  $\beta$ 2-microglobulin and its relation to dialysis-related bone disease, the chronic kidney disease / metabolic bone disease (CKD/MBD) complex, hemodialysis and its cardio-vascular complications, renal anemia and hypertension.



He was involved in a large number of important clinical trials. He is also a welcome guest and speaker at many scientific meetings. He was Chief Editor of Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation and Associate Editor of the clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology. At this moment he is Associate Editor of Kidney International. In addition, he served on the Executive Board of Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) and was chair of the KDIGO guidelines on CKD/MBD. Dr Drüeke authored and co-authored more than 500 original publications, of which several ones in major journals (New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, Journal of Clinical Investigation, Circulation, Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, etc.).

Like Dr. Drüeke, also Dr. London started his nephrological activities more than 40 years ago and he also worked essentially in Paris, at Manhès Hospital where he became chief of the nephrology/hemodialysis department in 1971 until his retirement in 2009, although he graduated in Medicine at Charles University in Prague, then Czechoslovakia. He was senior researcher at INSERM. He was President of the European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA) from 2008 to 2011 and is currently chair of EURECA-m, one of the ERA-EDTA workgroups, focusing on cardiovascular disease in renal patients. He received several awards and honorary memberships. He was given the gold medal of Charles University in Prague and the Paul Milliez award of the European Society of Hypertension. He was scientifically active especially in the study of cardiovascular disease in Chronic Kidney Disease and the mechanisms inducing vascular calcification and stiffness in this condition, especially the changes in the bone-vascular axis.



Dr London authored and co-authored more than 350 original publications, of which several ones in major journals (especially *Circulation*, *European Heart Journal*, *Hypertension*, *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, etc.) and these publications have abundantly been cited.

In contrast to the two other laureates, Dr. Murer was not active as a nephrologist but as a basic researcher during his entire career. After having received a degree in biology in Fribourg, Switzerland, he obtained a PhD in biochemistry in Zürich, Switzerland, and moved to the Max Planck Institute in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1975 to join the renal physiology laboratory. Then he returned to the biochemistry department in Fribourg, and became professor at the university of Zürich from 1981 on, where he was head of the renal physiology department. He became vice-



president for Medicine and Sciences at the University of Zürich (2006-2010) after which he moved to the emeritate. He was President of the “Deutsche Nephrologische Gesellschaft”, President of the Swiss Society of Nephrology, Councillor of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN), and co-chair of the ISN Forefronts Program in which function he introduced the Nexus program in 2006. He was chair of the program committee of the 2003 World Congress of Nephrology in Berlin. In 2010, he was elected co-Chair of the ERA-EDTA Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), a position that he still maintains.

He served on the editorial board of several major journals, was Chief Editor of *Pflüger’s Archiv / European Journal of Physiology*, and still is associate editor of the journal *Physiology*. He received several awards among which were the very prestigious Homer Smith award and the Donald Seldin award. He is member of the Swiss Academy for Medical Sciences. Dr Murer authored and co-authored more than 450 original publications, of which several ones in major journals (*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, *Biochimica and Biophysica Acta*, *Biochemical Journal*, *Physiological Reviews*, etc.).

The three laureates of today, Drs Drüeke, London as well as Murer, are true giants of European nephrology who stood at the basis of a broad array of clinical and scientific information that has its repercussion today and will continue to impact nephrology for many coming years.

### **ERA-EDTA Award for Outstanding Contributions to ERA-EDTA**

Dr Alex (Sandy) Davison is the recipient of the 2014 ERA-EDTA award for contributions to ERA-EDTA.

Dr Davison became a member of ERA-EDTA in the 1970’s and served the society in many different functions. He first became Associate Editor of the EDTA Proceedings in 1981 becoming Editor the next year. The Proceedings at that time contained monographs based on all Congress presentations



and also the Registry reports. In 1985 Council decided to replace the Proceedings by an official journal, and he was appointed to accomplish the transition and became the first Editor in Chief of the new journal that was named Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation. In 1992, as a consequence of a number of publishing difficulties, he played a key role in the move to Oxford University Press as publisher and as of today the journal is still handled by the same house. After the end of his term as Editor in Chief in 1996, he was elected Council member of ERA-EDTA in the same year, and then became President of the Society in 1999 which he remained till 2002. As this period coincides with the improvement of the accessibility of Eastern Europe, he played a key role in organizing educational activities in that part of Europe, in part in collaboration with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN).

Under his Presidency also the ERA-EDTA Registry took another direction by starting a collaboration with the Academic Medical Center (AMC) in the Netherlands in 2000, which subsequently averred itself as a very fruitful and rewarding move. He was instrumental in ensuring financial stability to the society, together with Vincenzo Cambi. All together, Dr Davison thus served the Society for more than 20 years. He also negotiated for the first joint ERA-EDTA/ISN congress in Berlin in 2003. He further started cooperation with other European scientific societies like the European Society for Artificial Organs (ESAO) and the European Kidney Research Association (EKRA). Finally, he was the first President to install brainstorming sessions among Council, an activity that persists up till today, allowing to plan in advance future moves and activities of the Society.

He was appointed NDT Emeritus Editor in 1993; awarded a Honorary membership of ERA-EDTA in 2002 and became Distinguished Fellow of ERA-EDTA (FERA) in 2011.

His impressive list of actions has been the basis for the ERA-EDTA's current successful activities and the present ERA-EDTA Officers are extremely fortunate to be able to build further on this.

Finally, Dr Davison has been active as a respected clinician with in addition a solid scientific curriculum with a large number of highly appreciated publications in peer-review journals, books and several honorary doctorates.

### **Stanley Shaldon Award for Young Investigators**

Dr Rafael Kramann is the recipient of the 2014 Stanley Shaldon Award for Young Investigators.

For this award, the Award Committee chooses among the best young authors of abstracts presented during the past three ERA-EDTA Congresses. After study of their curriculum, a shortlist of 2 to 3 candidates is selected by the Award Committee and out of this shortlist, the Council selects the final winner.

Dr Kramann accomplished the largest part of his career at Aachen University in Germany but is currently working as a post-doctoral research fellow Brigham and Women's Hospital (Boston, USA).

Next to being MD and PhD, he also obtained a degree in Good Clinical Practice training and a principal investigator licence for clinical trials. He ended among the top 1% of the German Medical State Examination to obtain the licence to practice medicine. He received 7 awards and obtained 4 grants for a total amount above 350,000 EUR. His research focuses essentially on stem cells, uremic



vasculopathy, and myocardial fibrosis.

In spite of his young age (he is only 32), he published in total an impressive amount of approximately 30 original publications, most of which in renowned journals such as Journal of the American Society of Nephrology, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), Biomaterials, Clinical Biochemistry, European Heart Journal, Heart and Kidney International.

His curriculum and his topics of interest offer bright perspectives for the future. We are looking forward to the further evolution of his scientific career.

## **ELECTION OF THE 2014 EX-OFFICIO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **General Assembly 2014**

All ERA-EDTA members are invited to participate in the above mentioned annual meeting. Access is open to current members only: please have your ERA-EDTA membership card with you to allow access to the meeting (access to the meeting room will be monitored). Full ERA-EDTA members have voice and vote during the meeting; Associate ERA-EDTA members have voice, but not vote. The 2014 meeting will take place on June 2, 2014 from 09.30 to 10.45 in room "G106-G107" located on the 1st Floor of the RAI Congress Center in Amsterdam.

### **ERA-EDTA Council Elections for 2014**

The ERA-EDTA Council at its last meeting (February 27 – March 2, 2014) nominated the two ex-officio officers mentioned below whose term will begin in 2015 and will end in 2018. They must be elected at the General Assembly in Amsterdam (see above). They should normally participate in the Council for one year before taking office (London – May 30, 2015) with voice but without vote: however M. Ketteler who is already full Council member for the year 2014-2015 will have full powers within the Council (voice and vote):

**Nominated Chair of the Administrative Offices – second term** – Markus Ketteler (Germany).

**Nominated ERA-EDTA Registry Chair-Elect** – Ziad Massy (France)

### **ELECTION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

During the General Assembly three new Ordinary Council Members must be elected, in fact Jonathan Fox (U.K.), Ziad Massy (France) and Vladimir Tesar (Czech Republic) are leaving the Council due to the end of their term.

The following candidacies have been proposed to the Secretary-Treasurer (listed below in alphabetical order according to last name):

- Angel Argiles (France)
- Pieter Evenepoel (Belgium)
- Jolanta Małyszko (Poland)
- Alberto Ortiz (Spain)
- György Reusz (Hungary)

All Full members of the ERA-EDTA will be able to vote for a maximum three (3) candidates. Both electronic and paper ballot voting will be possible. If however a member has voted electronically he/she will NOT be allowed to vote a second time onsite with the paper ballot.

**Electronic voting will be open from April 24, 2014 to May 24, 2014 inclusive (Central European Time zone (CET)). The link to access the online voting will be posted in**

**the appropriate page on the ERA-EDTA website (“About ERA-EDTA” - “ERA-EDTA Council Candidates 2014”) as soon as the voting is open.**

All Full ERA-EDTA Members will receive, by post, a letter prior to April 24, 2014 with the precise details regarding the procedure to be followed as well as the Username and Password to be used.

For any problems regarding this matter please contact [membership@era-edta.org](mailto:membership@era-edta.org).

Voting onsite in Amsterdam will also be possible: in this case however only the traditional paper ballot will be available.

The voting station, next to the ERA-EDTA Membership Office, in the Registration Area will be open from May 31, 2014 until June 1, 2014 (following the opening hours of the Registration Desks). On June 2, 2014 the voting station will however close at 09.00. In any case immediately at the beginning of the General Assembly (see details above) it will still be possible to vote.

A valid identification document (i.e. passport or national identity card) of the Full member who wishes to vote must be personally shown in order to vote. Vote by proxy is NOT possible. A short curriculum for each candidate will be on display at the voting station and is also on the ERA-EDTA’s website ([www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org)), click on “About ERA-EDTA” and then on “ERA-EDTA Council Candidates 2014”.



Registered Charity No. 1060134

## 50<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Istanbul, Turkey  
Tuesday, May 21st, 2013  
10.30 am - 11.30 am

### MINUTES

#### 01. Opening.

The President welcomed ERA-EDTA members to the meeting.

The President of the Association, Prof. R. Vanholder, informed that he received a sealed envelope with the results of the electronic voting for two Council vacancies. The President announced that prior to the closing of the voting any full member who had not yet voted could do so before the General Assembly commenced. The President asked if any full member would like to cast a vote. There were no more voters. The voting was closed and the President asked for four ERA-EDTA full members to count the votes. Prof. Kitty Jager, Prof. Mehmet Sever, Prof. Gerard London and Dr. Charlie Tomson were designated for counting the votes.

#### 02. Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Paris, France, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The President reminded that the Minutes were published in the Annual Report.

There were no remarks to the Minutes.

The minutes from the General Assembly in Paris were approved.

#### 03. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no other pending issues.

#### **04. Report of the President of the ERA-EDTA, Prof. Raymond Vanholder.**

The President began his report by presenting ERA-EDTA's current situation and few, among many, activities:

- There were 6,498 ERA-EDTA members in May 2013.
- CME activity is growing and now is extend outside of Europe. ERA-EDTA had CMEs in Democratic Republic Congo, Angola and Mexico. Now first on-line CME on nephrotic syndrome is available.
- Number of Fellowship applications is growing.
- Research Programmes are going on. There will be a new call in 2014.
- New Working Groups were launched – DESCARTES, CKD-MBD and DIABESITY.
- ERA-EDTA is collaborating with numerous societies (American Society of Nephrology, International Society of Nephrology, Chinese Society of Nephrology, Mexican Society of Nephrology, European Society of Cardiology, European Society of Transplantation, European Society of Pediatric Nephrology, European National Societies, European Community).
- The Young Nephrologists' Platform was installed. The Board and the Chairman were elected. They already have begun their activity with the YNP session in Istanbul.
- ERBP is continuing fulfilling their mission with producing guidelines.
- There was a new Honorary Member of ERA-EDTA nominated namely Prof. V. Andreucci (Italy).

Dr Jose Carolino Divino Filho remarked that there is more than one nephrological society in Mexico and the President should be more precise with the name of the Society with which ERA-EDTA is collaborating.

There were no more remarks and no questions to the report.

The report was unanimously approved.

#### **05. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the ERA-EDTA, Prof. Andrzej Wiecek.**

The Secretary-Treasurer expressed gratitude and congratulations to persons responsible for preparing the Congress in Istanbul:

- the Presidents: Prof. Gültekin Suleymanlar and Prof. Raymond Vanholder
- the Congress Secretary: Prof. Cengiz Utas
- Chairman of Scientific Committee: Prof. Rosanna Coppo
- Chairman of Paper Selection Committee: Prof. Markus Ketteler
- Prof. Christoph Wanner for organizing the dinner with the Presidents of National Societies

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the activity of the ERA-EDTA Council since the previous General Assembly with dates and venues of the Council Meetings and the personnel turnover in the Council.

The Secretary-Treasurer expressed thanks for their work during the Council Meetings to Prof. Peter Blankestijn and Prof. Marian Klinger who finished their terms in the Council.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the figures concerning the number of persons voting for the Council Members election by paper ballot and electronic platform. More and more members vote by electronic system.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the new body of ERA-EDTA – the Committee for International Affairs (ComIA) and its responsibility and composition with Prof. Ziad Massy as the Chairman and Prof. Jonathan Fox and Prof. M. Ketteler as members.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented 15 new Distinguished Fellows of ERA-EDTA, recent issues of the Follow us and the new electronic newsletter Follow us Flash.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

The report was unanimously approved.

#### **06. Approval of the 2012 accounts.**

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2012 accounts which were published in the Annual Report.

At the end of the year 2012 the overall Net assets were 12,075,207 EUR.

Prof. Giovanni Gambaro asked why the cost of the Congress in 2012 was over 1 million higher than in 2011.

Prof. Andrzej Wiecek answered that the reason for biggest cost is usually the venue.

Anna Maria Manara supplemented that in fact the Congress in Prague was cheaper than European average congress. Paris was little above average. Hotels were more expensive and also the number of speakers is increasing. This is what generates more expenses.

There were no more remarks and no questions to the report.

The accounts were approved by the General Assembly with 1 abstention.

#### **07. Proposed change to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA.**

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the proposed changes in the ERA-EDTA Constitution:

- Adjustment of the “Reserve Fund Maximum Amount” from 2.5 ml to 6 ml – “ERA-EDTA Constitution” Article XII-03 – **presented for the second time**

There were no remarks and no questions.

The change in the Article XII-03 of the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA was unanimously approved by the General Assembly for the second time.

- ERA-EDTA Congress Scientific Committee composition - **presented for the second time**

Current article:

XVIII. Congress. - 04. The Council will appoint the Chairman of the Scientific Committee. The Council will also appoint a Scientific Committee consisting of no less than 15 and no more than 20 members, to be chosen from Full, Associate, Senior and Honorary Members of the Association; exceptions can be made to this rule only for non-nephrologists. The Presidents of the Congress, according to clause XVIII-02, will be part of the Scientific Committee. *Apart from the Presidents of the Congress, no more than two members of the Scientific Committee can be from the same country.* [statement in italics to be removed]

PROPOSAL:

XVIII. Congress. - 04. The Council will appoint the Chairman of the Scientific Committee. The Council will also appoint a Scientific Committee consisting of no less than 15 and no more than 20 members, to be chosen from Full, Associate, Senior and Honorary Members of the Association; exceptions can be made to this rule only for non-nephrologists. The Presidents of the Congress, according to clause XVIII-02, will be part of the Scientific Committee.

There were no remarks and no questions.

The change in the Article XVIII-04 of the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA was approved, with 4 votes against and 2 vote abstained, by the General Assembly for the second time.

- Senior Membership Benefits - **presented for the first time**

Current article II-03-d (amendment) and II-03-e (addition):

03. Senior members have a right to attend and speak at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly, and the right to vote if they were formerly Full members. A Senior member cannot be elected member of the Council. A Senior member will not be required to pay an annual membership fee. Senior membership will be granted by the Council upon request of the interested party having the relevant qualifications. The relevant qualifications are that: the member must be a Full or Associate member; he/she must have been a member of the Association for 15 or more consecutive years; he/she must have reached 60 years of age and, he/she must have retired from practice.

Every Senior member is entitled to:

- a) receive information about the activities of the Association.
- b) Congress membership at a reduced membership fee.
- d) receive, on specific request, the **print copies of the** official Journal of the Association at production cost.
- e) receive free online access to the official Journal of the Association.**

There were no remarks and no questions.

The change in the Article II-03-d and addition of Article II-03-e of the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA was unanimously approved by the General Assembly for the first time.

- Presenting ERA-EDTA Member for new Members

Current article II-04 (removal of text) and II-05 (removal of text):

04. Full members have the right to attend, speak and vote at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly. They can be elected members of the Council. Full members will be required to pay an annual membership fee.

Candidates for Full membership must be *proposed by two Full, Associate, Honorary or Senior members and* [statement in italics to be removed] submitted to the Chairperson of Administrative Offices. The latter will forward the proposal to the Council which, before passing the resolution as to the granting of the membership, may request further information on the proposed new members.

05. Associate members have the right to attend and speak at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly but may not vote. Associate members cannot be elected as a member of the Council or as a member of the Registry Committee. Associate members will be required to pay an annual membership fee.

Candidates for Associate membership must be *proposed by two Full, Associate, Honorary or Senior members and* [statement in italics to be removed] submitted to the Chairperson of Administrative Offices. The latter will forward the proposal to the Council which, before passing the resolution as to the granting of the membership, may request further information on the proposed new members.

There were no remarks and no questions.

The change in the Article II-04 and addition of Article II-05 of the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA was approved, with 4 votes against, by the General Assembly for the first time.

#### **08. Report of the Chairman of the Administrative Offices of the ERA-EDTA, Prof. Markus Ketteler.**

Chairman of Administrative Offices began his report by presenting details of the membership in various aspects.

Considering members from each country, Italy has the highest absolute number, followed by Germany, Turkey, Poland, U.K., Spain, Romania, Japan, France and Greece.

Prof. Markus Ketteler presented also various aspects of the Congress in Istanbul participation and fields of interest of the participants as well as ERA-EDTA website usage statistics.

Prof. Markus Ketteler thanked for all help received from the Parma Office.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

The report was approved with 1 abstention.

#### **09. Report of the Chairman of the Paper Selection Committee, Prof. Markus Ketteler.**

Chairman of the Paper Selection Committee presented compared statistics of abstract submission, countries with highest submissions, acceptance rate.

Prof. Markus Ketteler presented also the Late Breaking Clinical Trials.

Dr Jose Carolino Divino Filho commented that there are very often the same speakers on the Free Communication Sessions. This is not a good way to attract young nephrologists. The second remark concerned a quick rejection of the submitted abstracts, before the review.

Prof. Markus Ketteler answered that in many cases the young nephrologists who were first authors but they were unable to come to the Congress. In that cases senior authors presented the abstracts.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

The report was approved with 1 abstention.

#### **10. Report of the Chairman of the CME Committee, Prof. Goce Spasovski.**

Prof. Goce Spasovski presented a turnover in the CME Committee. Prof. Goce Spasovski, Prof. Ivan Rychlik and Prof. Meguid El Nahas are leaving and Prof. Lazslo Rosivall, Prof. Elena Zakharowa and Prof. Loreto Gesualdo were elected as new members of CME Committee. Prof. Jorge Cannata-Andia will become a new Chairman.

Prof. Goce Spasovski presented the “Meet the expert” sessions, ERA-EDTA travel grants details and the first e-learning course on Nephrotic syndrome. Prof. Goce Spasovski invited young fellows to take this course since it has UEMS accreditation.

Prof. Goce Spasovski thanked for all help he received during his term.

The President thanked Prof. Goce Spasovski for a very fruitful term.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

The report was unanimously approved.

#### **11. Report of the Chairman of the Registry, Prof. Christoph Wanner.**

The Chairman of the Registry presented his report beginning with presenting the new PRD code book. He presented also the articles and reviews with Registry authorship and ongoing studies.

At the end the Chairman presented the Epidemiology CMEs organized in 2012.

Prof. Christoph Wanner invited nephrologists to collaborate with the Registry. Small travel grants can be given to the visitors to the ERA-EDTA Clinical Epidemiology Learning and Research Centre.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

The report was unanimously approved.

## **12. Report of the NDT Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Carmine Zoccali.**

The Editor-in-Chief began his report with the statement concerning the acceptance rate which is lower than the acceptance rate of his predecessors. Despite that fact the submission rate is increasing. The aim for 2012 to publish 5-7 full reviews per issue in the new section Cutting Edge Renal Science with 3-4 clinical and 2-3 basic science was largely met. In 2013 88 reviews on clinical science were invited and 80 of them were accepted. 28 reviews on basic science were invited and all of them were accepted.

Prof. Carmine Zoccali's new idea is "Polar views in Nephrology" which will be published in NDT under title Ideas Conjectures and Refutations under editorship of Prof. Eberhard Ritz.

At the end Prof. Carmine Zoccali presented the collaboration with Online Academy OLA.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

The report was unanimously approved.

## **13. Ethics Committee, Prof. Jacques Bernheim.**

The President informed that Prof. Jacques Bernheim had to leave Istanbul and the Ethics Committee member Prof. Krzysztof Marczewski will present the report.

Prof. Krzysztof Marczewski presented the Report concerning:

- symposium on Ethics: Ethical Problems in Nephrology and Geriatric Hemodialysis Management,
- prepared publications
- 4 publications in the pipelines
- collaboration of the Ethics Committee with other ERA-EDTA bodies

There were no remarks and no questions to the report.

The report was unanimously approved.

#### **14. Venue and date of future ERA-EDTA Congresses, Prof. Raymond Vanholder.**

The President announced the date and the venue for the next Congress.

The 51<sup>st</sup> Congress is planned in Amsterdam, 31<sup>st</sup> of May - 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2014 at the RAI Convention Center.

#### **15. Election of the ERA-EDTA President for the term 2014 - 2017**

The President presented the candidate nominated by the ERA-EDTA Council - Prof. Andrzej Wiecek.

Prof. Andrzej Wiecek was unanimously approved as the President - elect of ERA-EDTA.

#### **16. Election of the ERA-EDTA Secretary-Treasurer for the term 2014 - 2017**

The President presented the candidate nominated by the ERA-EDTA Council - Prof. Jonathan Fox.

Prof. Jonathan Fox was unanimously approved as the Secretary-Treasurer - elect of ERA-EDTA.

#### **17. Election of the NDT Editor-in-Chief for the term 2014 - 2017**

The President presented the candidate nominated by the ERA-EDTA Council - Prof. Carmine Zoccali, for the second term.

Prof. Carmine Zoccali was unanimously approved as the NDT Editor-in-Chief for the second term.

#### **18. Election of Ordinary Council Members**

The President presented the results of the election of the Ordinary Council Members. Prof. Michel Jadoul (Belgium) and Prof. Gert Mayer (Austria) were elected.

#### **19. Correspondence and other business.**

There was no correspondence and no other business.

#### **20. Date and venue of the next meeting, R. Vanholder.**

The President announced the date and the venue for the next General Assembly - 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2014 in Amsterdam.

## **21. Closure.**

The President thanked all members for their participation.

The General Assembly was closed at 11.30 am.

Raymond Vanholder  
President  
ERA-EDTA

Andrzej Więcek  
Secretary-Treasurer  
ERA-EDTA



Registered Charity No. 1060134

## 51<sup>st</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 - 9.30-10.45 am  
Room G106-107  
RAI Congress Center  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. Minutes of the 50th General Assembly, Istanbul, Turkey, May 21st, 2013.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Report of the President of the ERA-EDTA, R. Vanholder.
5. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the ERA-EDTA, A. Wiecek.
6. Approval of the 2013 Accounts.
7. Proposed changes to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA:
  - Proposed changes to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA, **presented for the second time** – see appendix I.
  - Proposed changes to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA, **presented for the second time** – see appendix II.
8. Report of the Chairperson of the Administrative Offices of the ERA-EDTA, M. Ketteler.
9. Report of the Chairperson of the Paper Selection Committee, D. Fouque.
10. Report of the Chairperson of the ERA-EDTA CME Committee, J. Cannata-Andía.
11. Report of the Chairperson of the Registry, C. Wanner.

12. Report of the NDT Editor-in-Chief, C. Zoccali.
13. Report of the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee, J. Bernheim.
14. Venue and date of future ERA-EDTA Congresses, R. Vanholder.
15. Election of the Chairperson of the Administrative Offices of the ERA-EDTA for the term 2015 - 2018
  - Nominated Candidate: Markus Ketteler (Germany).
16. Election of the Chairperson of the Registry for the term 2015 - 2018
  - Nominated Candidate: Ziad Massy (France).
17. Election of the Member of the Ethics Committee for the term 2014 - 2019
  - Nominated Candidate: Gérard London (France).
18. Election of Ordinary Council Members (three vacancies)\*.
19. Correspondence and other business.
20. Date and venue of the next meeting.
21. Closure.

\* - The following candidacies have been proposed to the Secretary-Treasurer:

- Angel Argiles (France)
- Peter Evenepoel (Belgium)
- Jolanta Malyszko (Poland)
- Alberto Ortiz (Spain)
- Gyorgy Reusz (Hungary)

## Appendix I

### PROPOSAL FOR THE ERA-EDTA CONSTITUTION PRESENTED FOR THE SECOND TIME

#### SENIOR MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

Reasoning: the ERA-EDTA Council has decided that it would be a good thing to give free online access to NDT and CKJ to all ERA-EDTA Senior Members. In order to do this, an amendment, and addition, to the current Constitution must be made (see bold underlined text).

Current article II-03-c (amendment) and II-03-d (addition):

03. Senior members have a right to attend and speak at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly, and the right to vote if they were formerly Full members. A Senior member cannot be elected member of the Council. A Senior member will not be required to pay an annual membership fee. Senior membership will be granted by the Council upon request of the interested party having the relevant qualifications. The relevant qualifications are that: the member must be a Full or Associate member; he/she must have been a member of the Association for 15 or more consecutive years; he/she must have reached 60 years of age and, he/she must have retired from practice.

Every Senior member is entitled to:

- a) receive information about the activities of the Association.
- b) Congress membership at a reduced membership fee.
- c) receive, on specific request, **the print copies** of the official Journal of the Association at production cost.
- d) receive free online access to the official Journal of the Association.**

## Appendix II

### PROPOSAL FOR THE ERA-EDTA CONSTITUTION PRESENTED FOR THE SECOND TIME

#### PRESENTING ERA-EDTA MEMBER FOR NEW MEMBERS

Reasoning: according to the current Constitution all new ERA-EDTA members must be presented by two current members. It was thought that currently this rule is no longer of relevance since one of the main reasons for applying for ERA-EDTA membership is to receive our Journals.

Current article II-04 (removal of text) and II-05 (removal of text):

04. Full members have the right to attend, speak and vote at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly. They can be elected members of the Council. Full members will be required to pay an annual membership fee.

Candidates for Full membership must be submitted to the Chairperson of Administrative Offices. The latter will forward the proposal to the Council which, before passing the

resolution as to the granting of the membership, may request further information on the proposed new members.

05. Associate members have the right to attend and speak at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly but may not vote. Associate members cannot be elected as a member of the Council or as a member of the Registry Committee. Associate members will be required to pay an annual membership fee.

Candidates for Associate membership must be submitted to the Chairperson of Administrative Offices. The latter will forward the proposal to the Council which, before passing the resolution as to the granting of the membership, may request further information on the proposed new members.

## ERA-EDTA 2013 ACCOUNTS

All the ERA-EDTA final account statements are public and can be found by going to our website ([www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org)) and clicking on "About ERA-EDTA" and then on "ERA-EDTA Accounts". Should you wish to receive a hard copy of the 2013 accounts please contact the ERA-EDTA Administration Office (Via I. Spolverini, 2; 43126 Parma; Italy - fax: +39-0521-959242; [administration@era-edta.org](mailto:administration@era-edta.org)). Please notice that at the time of printing the auditing is still going on: if there are any slight changes in these accounts they will be presented during the General Assembly prior to their approval.

**Year ended 31 December 2013**

### **Income & Expenditure**

Activity		2013		2012	
		€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
<b>Congress</b>					
Income	- Registrations	2,579		2,939	
	- Exhibition space	2,651		2,634	
		5,230		5,573	
Expenditure	- Expenses	-4,282		-4,015	
Net income on Congress activity			948		1,558
<b>Donations</b>					
			30		20
<b>Membership</b>					
Income	- Subscriptions	468		453	
Expenditure	- Mgt charges	-158		-130	
Net income on Membership activity			310		323
<b>Journal</b>					
Income	- Volumes & supplements (gross)	1,500		1,674	
Expenditure	- Volumes & supplements (gross)	-884		-918	
	- Editorial office expenses	-248		-221	
Net income on Journal activity			368		535
<b>Registry (incl AMC)</b>					
Expenditure	- Registry expenses - General	-11		-13	
	- Registry expenses - Quest/Equal	-888		-867	
	- Registry expenses - Paediatric	-195		-150	
	- Registry expenses - AMC	-521		-513	
Net expenditure on Registry activity			-1,615		-1,543

Activity		2013		2012	
		€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
<b>Guidelines</b>					
Net expenditure on Guidelines activity			-472		-461
<b>Educational</b>					
Expenditure	- NDT-Educational				
	- CME courses	-307		-333	
	- Grants				
Net expenditure on Educational activity			-307		-333
<b>Research</b>					
Net expenditure on Research activity			-700		-706
<b>Investments</b>					
Income	- Investment income	63		92	
Expenditure	- Investment management charges	-10		-9	
Net income on Investment activity			53		83
<b>Fellowships</b>					
Net expenditure on Fellowships activity			-769		-843
<b>ComIA</b>					
Net expenditure on ComIA activity			-60		0
<b>Awards</b>					
Expenditure			-16		0
<b>YNP</b>					
Net expenditure on YNP activity			-18		0
<b>Relations with other Societies</b>					
Net expenditure on Relations with other Societies activity			-79		0
<b>Administration</b>					
Income	- Various	5		3	
Expenditure	- Salaries	-112		-102	
	- Consultants fees	-238		-270	
	- Council meetings	-70		-81	
	- Various	-338		-316	
Net expenditure on Administrative activity			-753		-766

	2013		2012	
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
<b>Net balance for the year</b>		-3,080		-2,133
Gains on Investment disposals & revaluations		28		106
Consolidation adjustments		-14		71
Reserves b/f @ year start		12,267		14,223
<b>Reserves c/f @ year end</b>		<b>9,201</b>		<b>12,267</b>

### Notes to Income & Expenditure - Administration - Various

		2013	2012
		€'000	€'000
<b>Income</b>			
	Currency exchange gains	4	2
	Other	1	1
		<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Promotional activities	41	65
	Cancelled credits	25	0
	EKHA	43	42
	ERA-EDTA representatives & Ethics Committee	15	12
	Mail printing & publications	82	79
	Currency exchange losses	11	0
	Miscellaneous	3	0
	Credit card commission and bank charges	112	111
	Depreciation	6	7
		<b>338</b>	<b>316</b>

**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2013**

	<b>2013</b>		<b>2012</b>
	<b>€'000</b>		<b>€'000</b>
Fixed assets:			
Tangible fixed assets	4		8
Investments	2,729		2,639
	2,733		2,647
Current assets:			
Debtors	1,206		2,171
Cash at bank	6,761		9,137
	7,967		11,308
Total assets	10,700		13,955
Creditors	-1,499		-1,688
Net assets	<b>9,201</b>		<b>12,267</b>



## ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

ONLY if you have recently changed your address,  
or other data mentioned below,  
should you fill in and send this form to the ERA-EDTA Membership Office!



LASTNAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRSTNAME \_\_\_\_\_ ERA-EDTA N° \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

The ERA-EDTA collects and processes personal information to provide you with details regarding the Association and its activities. The above information will be published in the ERA-EDTA Directory of members on our website (access to which is restricted to ERA-EDTA members only) and will be used for accounting and commercial purposes by ERA-EDTA and/or Euromeetings s.r.l. in compliance with the Italian Legislative Decree 196/2003. Members can ask that this information be changed, corrected or cancelled at any time by contacting the ERA-EDTA Membership Office where also further information can be obtained. Steps have been taken to ensure that consistently high standard of data protection are always in place.

The mailing address and/or e-mail address of ERA-EDTA members may be forwarded to third parties whose services might be of interest to you. All requests of mailing addresses and/or e-mail addresses are, in any case, first approved by an Officer of the ERA-EDTA Council. If you would like to receive information from third parties please tick one of these boxes:

- YES, I wish to receive only e-mails from third parties;
- YES, I wish to receive only post form third parties;

**This information will be used to update our files  
as well as the Directory of Members on Internet.**

**We would appreciate your kind collaboration  
to help us give you a better service.**

**You can submit your new address, or contact details,  
directly online!**

**Simply go to our website ([www.era-edta.org](http://www.era-edta.org))  
and access the "Members' Restricted Area"**

AIR MAIL POSTCARD

PUT  
STAMP  
HERE

ERA-EDTA Membership Office  
Via Spolverini, 2  
I-43126 Parma  
Italy

