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ANNUAL REPORT BY THE ERA-EDTA OFFICERS

The officers of the European Renal Association - European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA) (Andrzej Wiecek, President; Jonathan Fox, 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 (2014).

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. Finally, it is important to point out that all current activities have been built on the accomplishments of previous officers and Council members.

In 2014 the Council met four times, during the Spring in London (UK, February 27 - March 2, 2014); twice in Amsterdam during the 2014 Congress (The Netherlands, at the beginning and end of the Congress - May 31 - June 3, 2014) and in the Autumn in Bari (Italy - October 18-21, 2014).

A very important novelty of 2014, initiated by Andrzej Wiecek and finalized by Jonathan Fox, then accepted by all the Council, was the new strapline that now appears under our logo - “Leading European Nephrology”!



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ERA-EDTA Membership

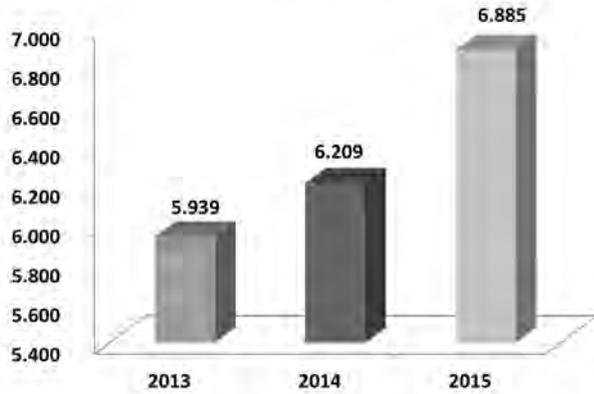
ERA-EDTA is a growing Society: at January 1, 2015 the number of members was 6,885. At one of the Council meetings held in Amsterdam Council decided to slightly increase the annual membership fees, starting 2015 - these have not been increased in the last 20 years. It was, however, decided not to increase the lowest fees (Special Discounted Online fee) nor the fees for junior members, as the Council is very well aware of the support needed by members in developing Countries as well as by young members.

Very interesting are the numbers related to the geographical distribution of our members as well as the distribution by age and gender. In the next pages are some interesting charts related to all these matters.



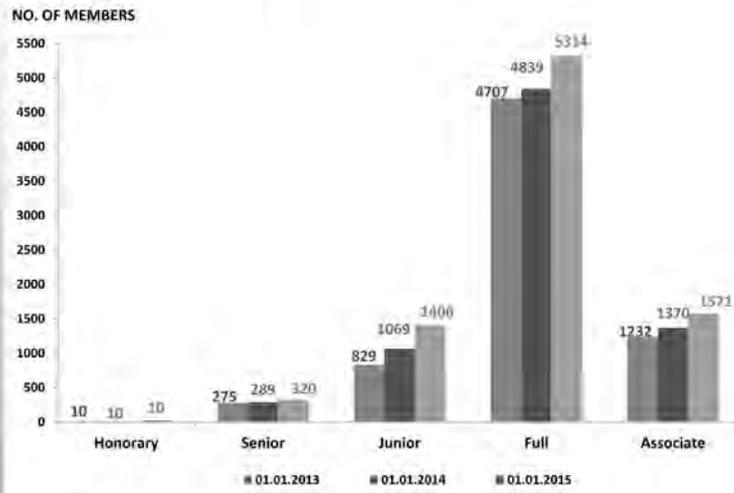
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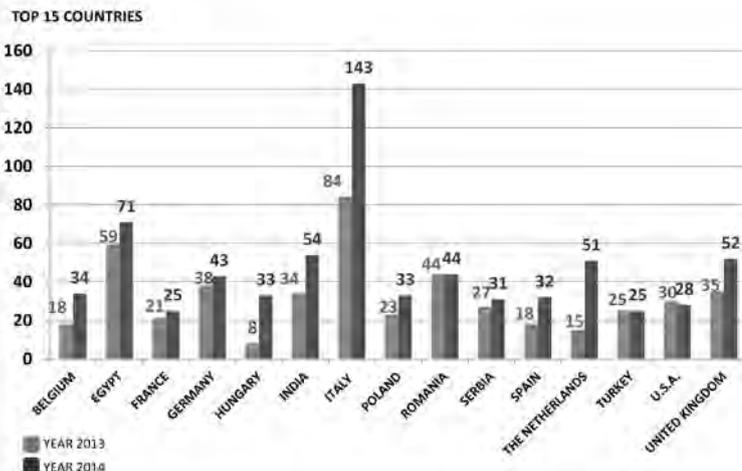
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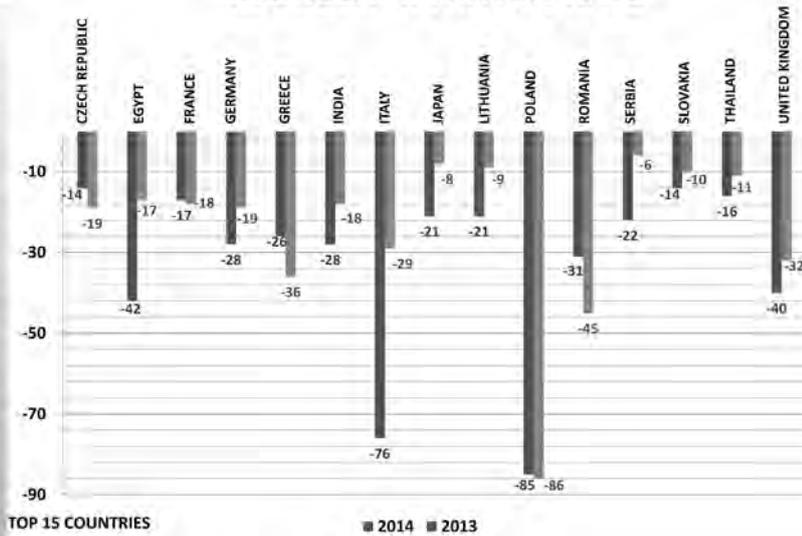
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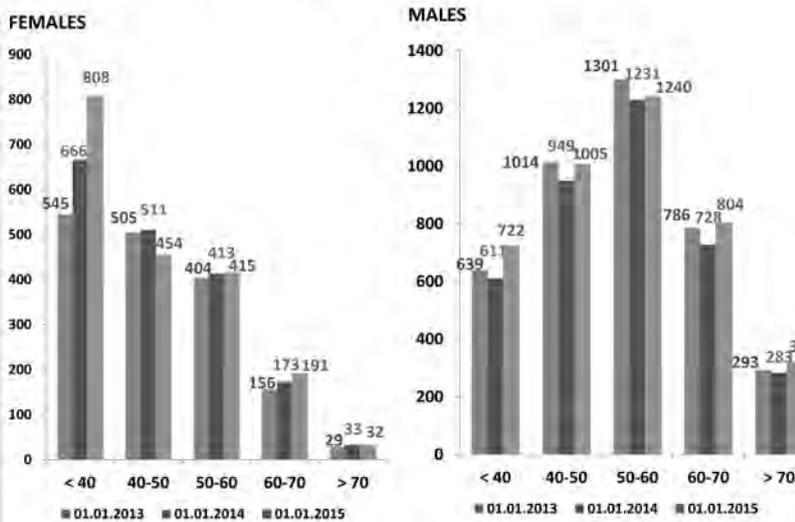
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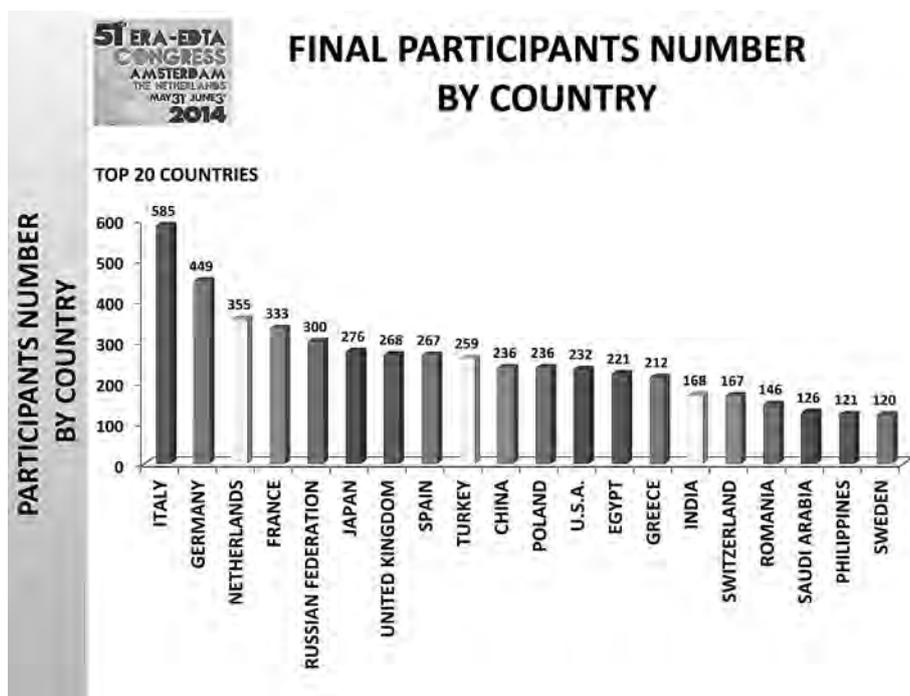
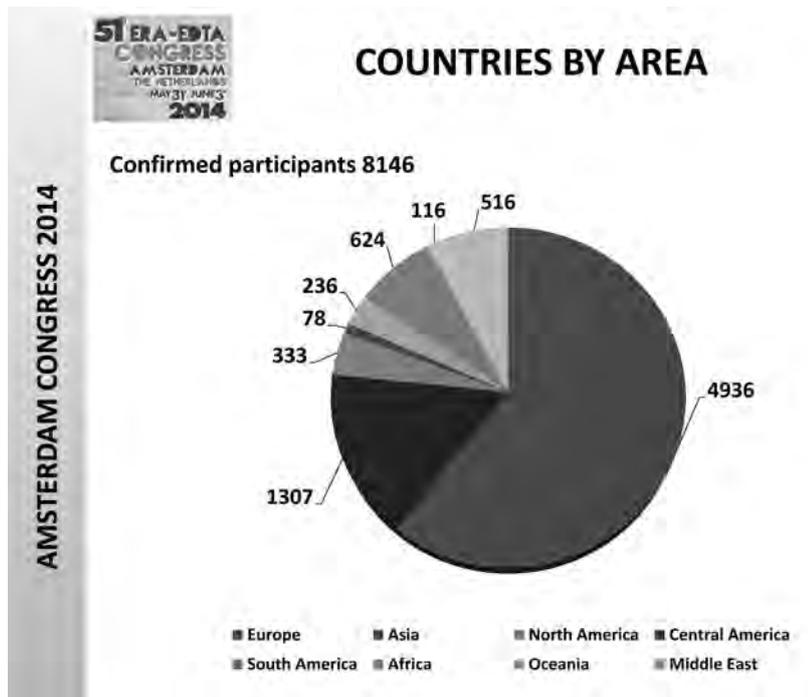
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MEMBERS BY AGE AND SEX IN ALL COUNTRIES



ERA-EDTA Congresses

ERA-EDTA Congresses have had a growing number of delegates in the last few years. The number of delegates (ie excluding all the exhibitors and visitors) in Amsterdam was 8,146, with a wide geographical representation.



The Congress in Amsterdam was also extremely successful from a scientific point of view: 2,164 abstracts were received, of which 161 were accepted as free communications and 1531 as posters; the overall acceptance rate was 78%.

The 2014 Congress also was the 50th anniversary of the ERA-EDTA Registry, which has been one of the most lasting and successful initiatives of our society.

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 Pieter ter Wee, President; Peter Blankestijn, Secretary; David Wheeler, Chair of the Scientific Committee and Denis Fouque, Chair of the Paper Selection Committee, as well as to all the staff of the ERA-EDTA

Headquarters. We would also like to thank Carmine Zoccali for the special contribution that he made to the Scientific Program of the Amsterdam Congress. We are looking forward to our next Congress to be held in London (May 28-31, 2015), and to our future Congresses that will be held in Vienna (2016) and Madrid (2017).

ERA-EDTA CME Activity

The Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities, another of our extremely successful educational initiatives, under the leadership of Jorge B. Cannata-Andia, for 2014, included 35 very successful CME courses. In 2014 Council approved new rules regarding this activity, following the excellent hard work and valuable suggestions of all the CME Committee, and especially its Chair: these new rules apply to the 2015 Courses. The new rules will allow a stricter evaluation of value for money, giving clear emphasis to the scientific and educational content of the courses.



Whereas our CME-activities have traditionally been focused on Europe and the Mediterranean, ERA-EDTA also organizes CMEs outside our traditional area, with emphasis on the emerging world, under the responsibility of ComIA (Committee for International Affairs), chaired by Andrzej Wiecek, ERA-EDTA President. In 2014 ERA-EDTA sent speakers to the joint SLANH – Chilean Society of Nephrology and Hypertension meeting (Santiago, Chile, August 20-23, 2014) and to the Sociedad Brasileira de Nefrologia (SBN) Congress (Belo Horizonte, Brazil, September 24-27, 2014).

ERA-EDTA Fellowships

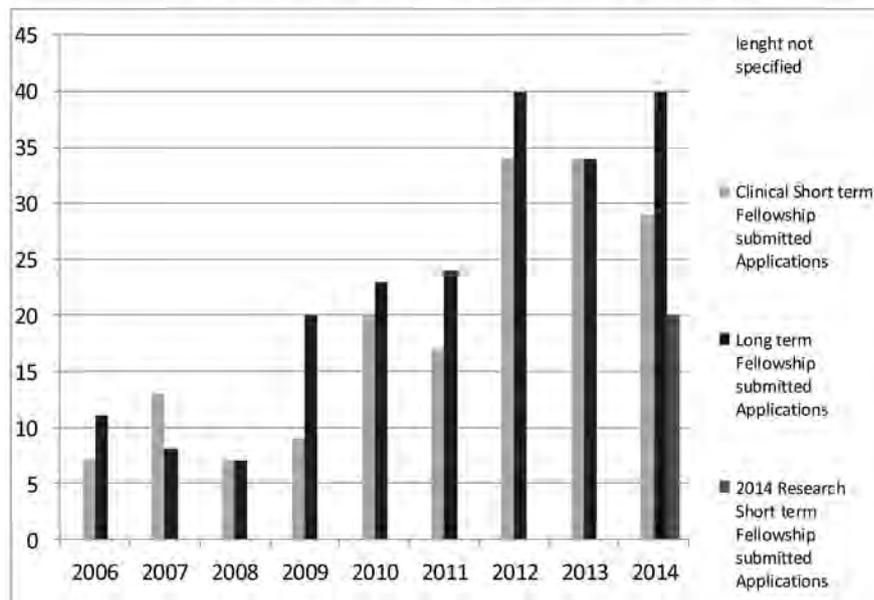
The fellowship program, which offers opportunities for young researchers and clinicians to accomplish short or long stays abroad for extending their research or for learning new skills, was also very successful in 2014, with a total of 89 applications submitted to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) co-chaired by Heini Murer. Of these 8 Long Term Fellowships and 10 Short Term Fellowships were accepted. Since 2013, ERA-EDTA has also offered 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 geographical area of activity of ERA-EDTA. This fellowship program is coordinated by ComIA. In 2014, a total of three people (from Bangladesh and India) received short term fellowships and two (from Cameroon and Iraq) received long term fellowships.

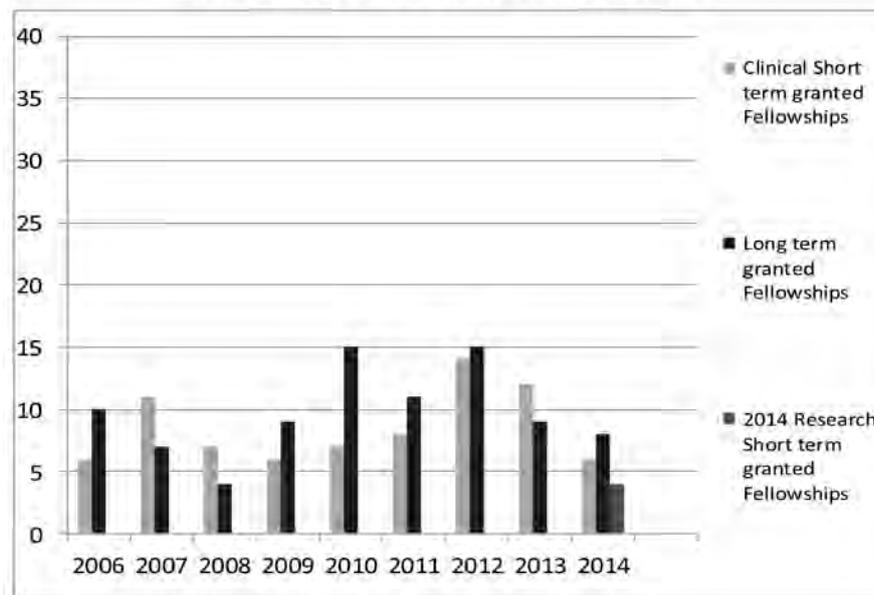
NEW! In 2014 an agreement was signed between ERA-EDTA and SLANH for a joint SLANH - ERA-EDTA Registry Fellowship. This program will start in 2015.

NEW! Again in 2014, at the Bari Council meeting, it was decided to start a new program regarding specific ERA-EDTA Registry Fellowships especially aimed at giving special training in this field for members living in the ERA-EDTA geographical area, especially in developing countries. This program will also start in 2015.

2006-2014 SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS



2006-2014 GRANTED FELLOWSHIPS



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 nephrological research collaboration throughout Europe. Up to now, six research projects have been accepted, covering the broad field of nephrology: one of the funded projects has been concluded and the other five are still ongoing.

A new Call was launched in 2014 and the topic was “Biomarkers of CKD”. The call was for a total amount of EUR 600.000 but, due to financial priorities, the ERA-EDTA Council decided to select only one project as the winner of the call. After careful evaluation by the SAB and external reviewers, the Council granted EUR 300,000.00 for the following project: **Genetic modifiers predisposing to CKD in Alport and thin basement membrane nephropathy** (Principal Investigator: Constantinos Deltas).

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 SAB members for their great efforts in the management of the Fellowship and Research Programs: the process of judging all the submitted projects is a delicate and time consuming challenge.

ERA-EDTA Working Groups and Endorsed Working Groups

This initiative has been one of the most successful that the Society has implemented in the last few years. In 2014, a new Working Group on Nutrition (Chaired by Denis Fouque) was accepted by Council, bringing the total number of the active ERA-EDTA working groups to eight, the others being: IWG - the Immunonephrology group chaired in 2014 by Rosanna Coppo (the newly-elected chair starting 2015 is Vladimir Tesar); 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 Diabetesity on diabetes and obesity, chaired by Carl-Erik Mogensen.

All these working groups have their own scientific activities and organize their own CMEs. All ERA-EDTA members are invited to take part actively in these Working Groups by becoming one of their members.

ERA-EDTA also endorses a Working Group of other Societies and another Society: 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; while EuroPD (European Peritoneal Dialysis) is an Association with Nicholas Topley as President.

ERA-EDTA Collaboration with other Societies

During the last few years, ERA-EDTA has extended its European and international activities. 2014 was a very busy year with regard to consolidating our collaboration with many Societies around the world.

With the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) we have an excellent exchange of sessions at our respective congresses as well as endorsement for specific activities.

The same is also true with regard to the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) with which we have a very successful exchange of highlights at the respective annual meetings.

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.

Also linked to the ERA-EDTA Registry is a collaboration with the Sociedad Latino Americana de Nefrología e Hipertensión (SLANH), already mentioned above: both societies will jointly fund a fellowship of a Latin-American colleague at the ERA-EDTA Registry.

ERA-EDTA will also be present, with joint sessions, at the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) annual meeting, the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) annual meeting and at the Japanese Society of Nephrology (JSN) annual meeting. These Societies will also have sessions at the ERA-EDTA Congress, thus enlarging the opportunity for all delegates to receive up-dated information on other medical specialties linked to nephrology, with the goal of enlarging the spectrum of scientific fields presented at our annual Congress.

ERA-EDTA also signed agreements with other societies for joint activities - CMEs, workshops, etc. These are for the European Society of Organ Transplantation (ESOT), the European Society of Urology - Section of Urolithiasis (EULIS), the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe (CIRSE), the International Society of the History of Nephrology (ISHN) and the International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism (ISRNM).

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

After the very successful half day face-to-face meeting with the leadership of the National Societies and the ERA-EDTA Council (October 2013 -Würzburg, Germany), we repeated the initiative in October 2014 in Bari (Italy). ERA-EDTA now has many new features that aim at keeping the National Societies up-to date with all the ERA-EDTA initiatives, but also putting the various National Societies in contact with each other to share their experiences and problems. For the first time, in Bari, four National Societies presented a project that they felt could benefit from the collaboration of colleagues from other Societies: these presentations were very successful and therefore this initiative will continue in the future. National Societies are also welcome to take part actively in the annual ERA-EDTA Congress by participating, or taking advantage, of events and opportunities exclusively designed for them. For example, during the annual ERA-EDTA Congress a "National Society Village" was created in the exhibition hall, in which National Societies were given a free booth where they could meet ERA-EDTA delegates and present the activities of their Society. The traditional dinner with the National Societies on the opening day of the ERA-EDTA congress has become an important business meeting where all the National Societies can exchange ideas, experiences, present the most relevant initiatives of their Society, etc.. 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 and have already been implemented in 2015, as our collaboration becomes stronger and more effective.

ERA-EDTA and the European Community

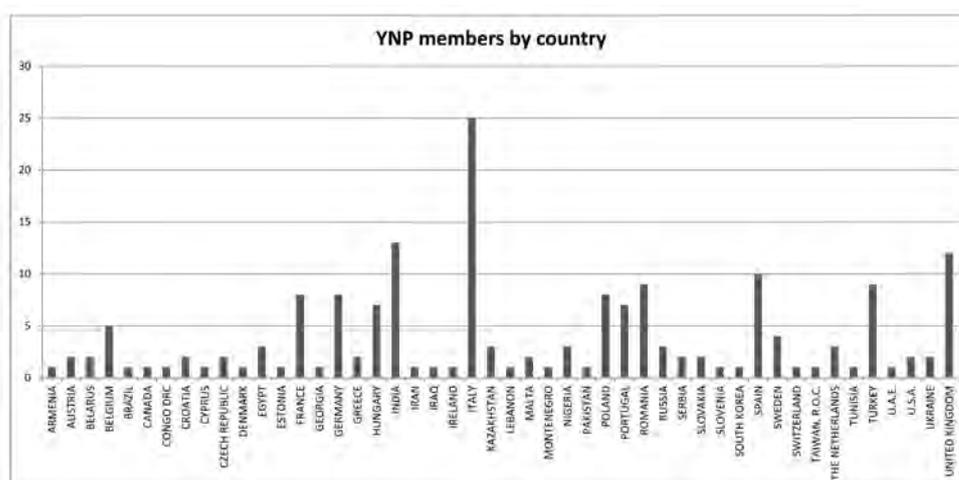
ERA-EDTA is very active at a political level in Europe in order to try to establish and maintain kidney related diseases on the agenda of the EU. We are part of the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA), a joint platform of ERA-EDTA and the International

Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF), the European Dialysis and Transplantation Nurses Association / European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA) and the European Kidney Patients' Federation (EKPF, former 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. 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: in 2014 the MEP Kidney Group nominated a new Chair, Karin Kadenbach (MEP from Austria) who has been extremely supportive of EKHA's ideas and initiatives. It is important to note that ERA-EDTA has directly involved the National Societies in 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. This meeting was so successful that EKHA will organize a Spring Kidney Forum every year; this year it took place on March 30, 2015.

Thanks to the very hard work of the EKHA MC, and its Chair, Norbert Lameire, EKHA was able to achieve a very substantial result: the approval and funding of a pilot project called *"The Effect of Differing Kidney Disease Treatment Modalities and Organ Donation and Transplantation Practices on Health Expenditure and Patient Outcomes"* (EUR 500,000.00); a call for this project should be made in the near future. Finally, starting 2015, the new Chair of EKHA is Raymond Vanholder and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Norbert Lameire for all the hard work that he did during his term and for the excellent results obtained. 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.

ERA-EDTA Young Nephrologists' Platform (YNP)

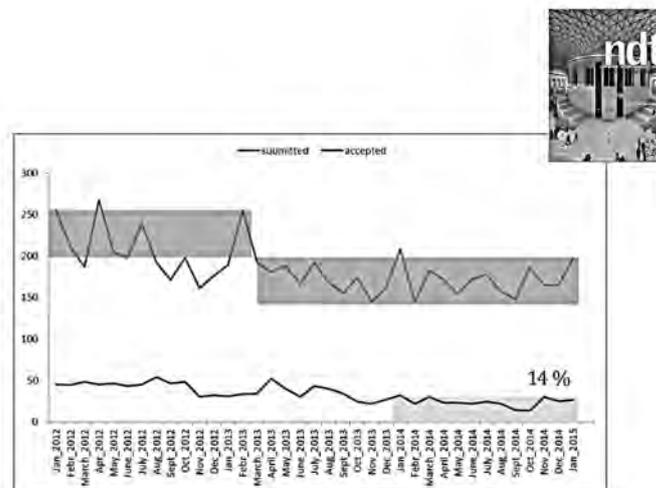
ERA-EDTA is constantly trying to find new initiatives and incentives to attract young members to actively participate in the life of the Society. Travel grants are offered throughout the year to young nephrologists both to participate in our annual Congress as well as in our CME Courses. However the most successful initiative for young members has been the YNP - below is a chart of the geographical distribution of the current YNP membership (the current total number of YNP members is 187).



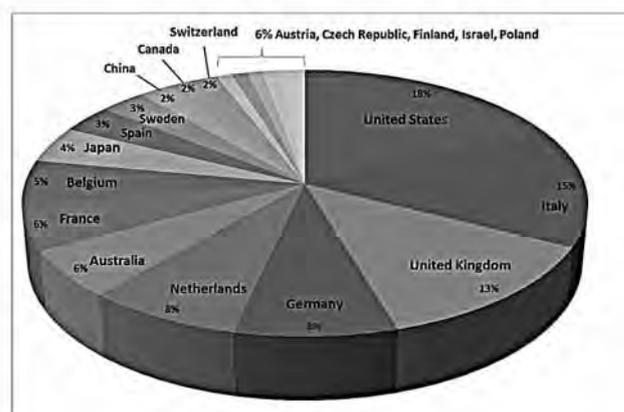
2014 was a very busy and successful year for the YNP. In 2014 it organized the 1st YNP CME Course (Landmark Studies in Kidney Transplantation – August 24-25, 2014 – Budapest, Hungary), and a very well attended session in Amsterdam, during the 2014 ERA-EDTA Congress. Also the YNP has been very active 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, finally, they launched their “Advisory Program” that, up to now, has 19 people enrolled (15 Advisors and 4 advisees). In 2015, the Chair of the YNP will change: Miklos Molnar will end his term and Ana Carina da Costa Ferreira (Portugal) has been elected by the Board and approved by the ERA-EDTA Council at its last meeting in Lyon (France) as his successor. Please visit the YNP page on the ERA-EDTA website and its Facebook page for all the latest information and news.

ERA-EDTA Publications: NDT, CKJ and NDT-Educational and ERA-EDTA in the Social Media

During the 2014 General Assembly a small but very important issue was raised: the fate of the articles rejected by NDT. In an analysis made on the test year 2011 by Carmine Zoccali and members of the NDT editorial staff (Daniela Amodeo and Caroline Vinck), 40% of the rejected papers were not subsequently published in other journals, while 60% were. However, of those published elsewhere, only 6.5% of the papers immediately rejected by the Editor-in-Chief were accepted in journals with a higher IF than NDT (currently at 3.488). An article describing this in more detail will soon be published in NDT.



NDT acceptance breakdown by country for 2014:



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

As the leading European journal in nephrology, NDT is involved in the ERA-EDTA Communication Team project, which keeps all the ERA-EDTA publications in touch so that their Editors-in-Chiefs can easily exchange ideas and content in an attempt to maximize the visibility of our scientific knowledge for the nephrology community. In addition, the NDT team constantly keeps an eye on both aesthetics and functionality. For example, much time is spent selecting exclusive and relevant images for the issue covers. From a technical point of view, a revision of the peer-review online platform (ManuscriptCentral) has been finalized. Finally a new, general list of keywords has been activated allowing our Theme Editors to select reviewers in a much more efficient way.

A very clear improvement has also been reached in the time from acceptance to online publication which, from an average value of about 8 weeks, is now down to 5.3 weeks. Further important initiatives that have already or will take place are: a high-impact collection of articles was made freely available online on the occasion of the 2015 World Kidney Day; introduction of FAST TRACK papers which are prioritized for publication; two special issues of NDT (on vasculitis, the other on diabetes mellitus) are scheduled for 2015; finally, NDT is widely promoted on social media (Facebook, NDT app, etc.).

2014 was an important year for CKJ (Clinical Kidney Journal): Alberto Ortiz became the new Editor-in-Chief after Alain Meyrier ended his term. The ERA-EDTA Council made the important decision to move the journal to Open Access, which it became in 2015: this allows all CKJ's content (including past articles) to be included in PubMed; furthermore in order to launch this new feature, Council also decided to remove all author's charges for 2015. Finally, there is a new focus on Clinical and Translational Nephrology, and these words were incorporated as a subtitle to the journal. Translation into clinical practice is the ultimate goal of research, and clinical practice should impact on research aims and scope. CKJ aims to contribute to a translational research culture among nephrologists and kidney pathologists that helps close the gap between basic researchers and practicing clinicians, and promote much needed innovation in the Nephrology field. As an educational and academic journal committed to improving patient outcomes, CKJ is moving from a limited focus on clinical practice to a wider view that promotes the values of translational medicine. Translational research, clinical practice and educational issues and research are three key contributors to successful translation of research advances into clinical advances and to successful implementation of clinical advances into routine patient care.

The types of articles published were reduced to four:

- Editorial Comments
- CKJ Reviews
- Original Articles
- Exceptional Cases

In 2014 the overall rejection rate was 62%, and for the first two months of 2015 the rejection rate was 75%.

NDT-Educational has now 12,800 registered users from all over the world. The most represented countries are USA, Italy, UK, India, Spain and Germany. The most viewed sections are: CME Slides Forum, Educational Courses and Full Papers. During 2014 its Editor-in-Chief, Michel Jadoul, has renewed its Editorial Board with new members, some of them also being members of ERA-EDTA's YNP. Thanks to their efforts, new educational content should readily become available, especially after the Editorial Board meeting that will take place during the next ERA-EDTA Congress in London.

NEW! At the beginning of 2014 ERA-EDTA opened profiles on major Social Media Networks: Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn, Youtube and Vimeo. The profiles are updated every working day with information about ERA-EDTA's activities. The number of followers is constantly growing: we have almost 2,000 followers on Facebook and almost 700 followers on Twitter. Make sure to check them out and give us your "like"!

ERA-EDTA Registry

In 2014 the ERA-EDTA Registry celebrated its 50th anniversary. Under the leadership of Kitty Jager and Christoph Wanner it has further increased the coverage in data collection across Europe and trained a number of visiting researchers in clinical research methods at the AMC - Academic Medical Center (ERA-EDTA Registry Clinical Epidemiology Learning and Research Centre). Furthermore, it has been essential in generating new scientific knowledge on renal replacement therapy in Europe and in extending that on CKD through the EQUAL and SysKID studies. The ERA-EDTA Registry and the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry have successfully collaborated with ERBP and the ERA-EDTA Working Group for Inherited Kidney Disorders. The EURODOPPS data were received at AMC and processed for analyses by researchers from Europe. These analyses are currently ongoing. In 2014, the Registry published 21 scientific reports and 2 PhD theses. The Registry staff members, including Vianda Stel, Marlies Noordzij, Karlijn van Stralen, Anneke Kramer and Friedo Dekker gave three Introductory Courses in Epidemiology for nephrologists, one of which, the 25th edition, was held in Amsterdam. Also they provided the faculty for one NDT course for Reviewers-to-be. Since 2004 more than 800 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. The first analyses of the EQUAL data have started. The work on the revision of the ERA-EDTA coding system for Causes of Death has been continued.

All activities were counseled by the ERA-EDTA Registry committee members (R. Vanholder, A. Wiecek, 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 registry report and a related slide presentation, is summarized on 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 February 2014, the Clinical practice guideline on diagnosis and treatment of hyponatraemia chaired by Goce Spasovski and Raymond Vanholder, was developed

in collaboration with ESE (European Society of Endocrinology) and ESICM (European Society of Intensive Care Medicine).

ERBP has recently been informed that this paper was the top downloaded paper in the European Journal of Endocrinology in 2014: in fact it was downloaded 121,152 times. A similar success was seen for the paper as published in NDT. This demonstrates the valued work of the ERBP workgroup on hyponatraemia. It is felt that the high interest in the paper is due to the practice-oriented approach of the guidelines. They advise a pathway for diagnosis which can be conducted in the general hospital setting and focus more closely on the patients' symptoms, giving lower priority to biochemical diagnosis. A special series of articles was 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 in press and should be ready to be published alongside the Congress issue of NDT in May 2015.

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

The ERBP Guideline on the Management and Evaluation of the Kidney Donor and recipient, published with the August 2013 issue of NDT, has now been translated into 22 different languages with the help of National Societies. The different booklets were distributed from the ERBP booth during the ERA-EDTA Congress in Amsterdam. A similar initiative is being taken with the Clinical practice guideline on diagnosis and treatment of hyponatraemia where, again with the help of the National Societies, translations will be distributed during the ERA-EDTA Congress in London. All translated booklets are freely available for download from the ERBP website (www.european-renal-best-practice.org).

ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee

Since 2010 the activities of the Society have been crosschecked by the ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee, chaired by Jacques Bernheim. In 2014, during the Amsterdam Congress, Jacques Bernheim ended his term and Frieder Keller (Germany) became the new Chairman. This is a very important Committee within the ERA-EDTA and it is also seen as such by the great majority of the ERA-EDTA members (84%, following a survey of all ERA-EDTA members in October 2014 by the Ethics Committee). In 2015, three members will end their terms (Krzysztof Marczewski, Drasko Pavlovic and Richard Trompeter) to whom the Council is very grateful for their work and assistance during these years. Finally, during the last ERA-EDTA Council meeting three new members (Judit Nagy, Francesco Paolo Schena and Raymond Vanholder) were nominated by Council and they must now be confirmed by the General Assembly at the London Congress.

ERA-EDTA London Congress

To end this long report, we would like to say a few words about one of the events that will happen in the near future, which is our 2015 Congress in London (UK): do not miss the opportunity to participate in one of the most important nephrological events of the year – you can find all the up-to-date news by going to our London Congress website (www.era-edta2015.org).

Furthermore, four of our colleagues will leave the ERA-EDTA Council at the London Congress: three Ordinary Council members and the Chair of the ERA-EDTA Registry. Great appreciation and thanks should go to Denis Fouque (France), Loreto Gesualdo (Italy) and Mehmet Sukru Sever (Turkey) who are all ending their three year term as

Ordinary Council members.

During their term, they were involved very effectively in many Council activities. Denis Fouque was a member of the ERA-EDTA Website Committee and its Chair for the past two years, and was instrumental in carefully checking our website and keeping it interesting and attractive. He was also the Chair of the ERA-EDTA Paper Selection Committee, a job that he will continue to do for one more year in the same excellent way, we are sure, as he has done for the past two years.

Loreto Gesualdo was a very pro-active member of the CME Committee and, during his term, was also elected as an important member of SAB, the ERA-EDTA Scientific Advisory Board.

Finally, Mehmet Sukru Sever as the Editor in Chief of our official eNewsletter (Follow Us Flash) was constantly involved in keeping all our members informed of the latest ERA-EDTA news and initiatives; furthermore he was also elected to be part of the SAB, to which he contributes very actively.

The Chair of the ERA-EDTA Registry, Christoph Wanner, will also be leaving, as his second three year term is ending. Under his leadership, the Registry has further developed into an attractive instrument for renal epidemiology research and education.

His interest for rare diseases has stimulated the performance of a number of projects in this area including a project with the European Alport Registry, and work on cystinosis, primary hyperoxaluria and autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease. In addition, he contributed to an epidemiological overview of rare diseases causing ESRD that was published in NDT. The collaboration with the ESPN/ERA-EDTA Registry always received his enthusiastic support. Together with Kitty Jager and Friedo Dekker he initiated the EQUAL study, a study on when to start dialysis in elderly patients with advanced renal failure that is running in six European countries under the umbrella of the Registry.

Christoph Wanner has participated as a faculty member in a high number of CME courses organized by the Registry. Both the introductory courses in epidemiology and the NDT courses for reviewers-to-be could count on his role as an inspiring teacher for young nephrologists. In addition, he has enthusiastically supported the work of all the visiting researcher working in the 'ERA-EDTA Registry Clinical Epidemiology Research and Learning Centre' in AMC in Amsterdam. Under his Chairmanship the Registry celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2014.

All the staff members of the Registry, as well as all Council members, would like to very much thank Christoph Wanner for his fully dedicated and inspiring leadership. The newly elected Chair is Ziad Massy (France) who will start his term during the next ERA-EDTA Congress in London.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome you again to London for the next exciting ERA-EDTA Congress, but would also like to encourage you to participate actively in any of the initiatives mentioned above.

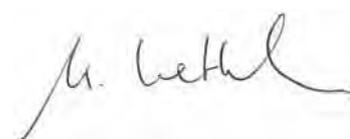
If anything about all the many initiatives mentioned in this report is unclear, more details can be found at our website, www.era-edta.org.



Andrzej Więcek
President



Jonathan Fox
Secretary-Treasurer



Markus Ketteler
Chairperson of the
Administrative Offices

ERA-EDTA 2015 AWARDS

ERA-EDTA Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievements

Dr. Claudio Ponticelli is the recipient of the 2015 ERA-EDTA Award for outstanding scientific achievements.

Dr. Claudio Ponticelli graduated in Medicine at the University of Milano in 1961. After a training in Endocrinology, in 1964 he started his nephrological activity at the Ospedale Maggiore of Milano where he worked until his retirement, at the end of 2003. His clinical activity encompassed the different aspects of Clinical Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation. He extensively researched and devised original treatments in primary glomerular diseases and lupus nephritis and furthermore conducted many randomized controlled trials in autoimmune renal diseases and kidney transplantation. During his career he also trained numerous nephrologists from Italy and abroad especially as a Professor at the University of Milan (1984-2003) and Brescia (2004-2013).



He is an author or co-author of over 500 original papers; he has edited 19 books, and written 81 book chapters for international books. Dr. Ponticelli can be proud of having an H-index of 56 (WoS). He published in such prestigious medical journals as The New England Journal of Medicine (6 times), The Lancet (14 times) and many others.

His main scientific contributions were in the areas of primary glomerular diseases, lupus nephritis and kidney transplantation. He devised an original treatment of membranous nephropathy (currently known as the Ponticelli regimen) and also demonstrated the efficacy of alternative treatment of this disease. He conducted controlled trials to assess the efficacy and safety of different therapeutic approaches in minimal change disease, focal and segmental glomerulosclerosis and IgA nephropathy. Several studies were also made in the field of lupus nephritis, acute kidney injury, thrombotic microangiopathy and pregnancy in kidney diseases. In renal transplantation, he was among the first to use new immunosuppressive drugs.

Finally, Dr. Ponticelli is a member of many Editorial Boards: NDT, J. Am. Soc. Nephrol., Am. J. Transplant, Clin. Nephrol., Nephron., Int. J. Artif. Org., Transplant. Proc., Transplant. Int., Cur. Opin. Transplant. and others.

ERA-EDTA Award for Outstanding Contributions to ERA-EDTA

Dr. Fernando Carrera is the recipient of 2015 ERA-EDTA Award for contributions to ERA-EDTA.

Dr. Fernando Carrera has been an active member of ERA-EDTA since 1980, but for 10 years (1994-2004) his service to ERA-EDTA was particularly intense. In 1994 at the ERA-EDTA Congress in Vienna (Austria) he was elected as an Ordinary Council Member. In 1996, he started his first term as the Secretary-Treasurer.

In the first years he and the Council faced major challenges. His personal task at that time was the consolidation of the ERA-EDTA Office and ERA-EDTA finances. Despite

many opinions he persisted to keep the ERA-EDTA Headquarters in Parma, Italy. His choice was right and the ERA-EDTA Headquarters in Parma is still serving the Association today and remains one of its most valuable assets. First as a Council Member and later as an Officer, he took part in making and executing the decision of moving the ERA-EDTA Registry from London to the AMC in Amsterdam (the Netherlands), where it continues its fruitful activity.



Dr. Carrera was also involved in registering ERA-EDTA as a Charity in England and Wales. Moving the official location of the Association from The Netherlands to England gave ERA-EDTA an opportunity to reduce the burden of taxes and get a wide recognition as a charity.

In his term as a Secretary-Treasurer the first Council Regulations were approved. It is a very important document regulating the day to day activities of the Association.

Dr. Fernando Carrera played a major role in installing and linking the guidelines body EBPG with ERA-EDTA (starting with the guidelines on Anaemia) and creating new rules and a specific managing committee for CME Courses, highlighting the importance of Eastern Europe.

His last official contribution to ERA-EDTA, finalizing this 10 year period, was the Presidency of XLI ERA-EDTA Congress in Lisbon (Portugal). The Congress was very successful in number of participants, submitted abstracts and generated income.

Taking the above into consideration Dr. Fernando Carrera deserves to be acknowledged as an outstanding Council Member, outstanding Secretary-Treasurer and outstanding Congress President, as well as for all his other contributions to ERA-EDTA.

Stanley Shaldon Award for Young Investigators

Dr. Kate Stevens is the recipient of the 2015 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 Congress. After carefully reviewing their curricula vitae, a shortlist of 2 to 3 candidates is selected by the Award Committee and from this shortlist, the Council then selects the final winner.

Dr. Stevens has spent most of her career at the University of Glasgow and hospitals in Glasgow. In 2014 she completed her Ph.D. looking at the effects of phosphate on vascular and endothelial function with a view to better understanding its mechanism of action as a cardiovascular risk factor (she was awarded a competitive personal research training fellowship by The British Heart Foundation). She is now close to ending her clinical training.

Dr. Stevens has 17 publications in such prestigious jour-



nals as The Lancet, NDT, Am. J. Kidney Dis., Clin. Transplant., Transplantation, Quart. J. Med. and others. She is a very active member of the ERA-EDTA and the Young Nephrologists' Platform, and has presented her work at every ERA-EDTA Congress since 2009. As one of the finalist of the 2014 Stanley Shaldon Award she was featured on the front cover of NDT in October 2014.

Dr. Stevens came out first among three very high quality shortlisted candidates, which suggests bright future perspectives. We are looking forward to the further evolution of her scientific career.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015 - Saturday 30 May 2015 – 9.30-10.45 am
Capital Suite 8/9, ExCel Congress Centre, London (UK)

All ERA-EDTA members are invited to participate in the General Assembly. 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 no vote. The 2015 meeting will take place on May 30, 2015 from 09.30 to 10.45 in room “Capital Suite 8/9” at the ExCel Congress Center in London (UK).

ERA-EDTA Council Elections for 2015 (Ordinary Council Members)

During the General Assembly three new Ordinary Council Members must be elected, as Denis Fouque (France); Loreto Gesualdo (Italy) and Mehmet Sukru Sever (Turkey) will be ending their term with the Council at that time.

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

- Mustafa Arici (Turkey)
- Giuliano Brunori (Italy)
- Giovambattista Capasso (Italy)
- Danilo Fliser (Germany)
- Jolanta Malyszko (Poland)
- Hans-Peter Marti (Norway)
- László Rosivall (Hungary)
- Goce Spasovski (F.Y.R. of Macedonia)
- Mihály Tapolyai (Hungary)
- Muhammad Yaqoob (United Kingdom)
- Elena Zakharova (Russia)

All full members of the ERA-EDTA will be able to vote for a maximum three (3) candidates.

Only electronic voting will be available before the Congress and onsite during the Congress. All full members will receive, in plenty of time, a username/password to participate in the elections. **Please note that voting credentials (username/password) will be sent only by e-mail:** if you wish to receive your credentials by post, please contact the ERA-EDTA Membership Office allowing enough time for the letter to reach you (Via XXIV Maggio 38; I-43123 Parma; Italy; Fax +39-0521-959242; Phone: +39-344-1409706; E-mail: membership@era-edta.org). The system has been designed to ensure that once a vote has been cast using the personal credentials, the eligible voter will not be able to vote a second time.

Electronic voting will be open from April 27, 2015 to May 30, 2015 up to 9.00 am (GMT). 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 2015”), as well as being included in the e-letter with the voting credentials, as soon as the voting is open.

All full ERA-EDTA Members will receive, by email, a letter on April 27, 2015 with the precise details regarding the procedure to be followed as well as the Username and Password to be used. Please contact the ERA-EDTA Membership Office: membership@era-edta.org should you require any assistance.

Voting onsite in London will also be possible: please note that it will only be possible to vote online at the voting station using the personal computers provided.

The voting station, next to the ERA-EDTA Membership Office, in the Registration Area will be open from May 28, 2015 until May 29, 2015 (following the opening hours of the Registration Desks). On May 30, 2015 the voting station will close at 09.00. Voting immediately before the start of the General Assembly (Saturday 30 May 2015 - 9.30-10.45 am Capital Suite 8/9, ExCel Congress Centre, London - UK) will also be possible. A valid identification document (i.e. passport or national identity card) of the full member who has lost his/her voting credentials will be requested in order to receive them again. Voting by proxy is NOT possible. A short curriculum for each candidate will be on display at the voting station as well as on the ERA-EDTA's website (www.era-edta.org), click on "About ERA-EDTA" and then on "ERA-EDTA Council Candidates 2015".



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51st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Monday, June 2nd, 2014

9.45 am – 11.00 am

MINUTES

01. Opening.

The President welcomed ERA-EDTA members to the meeting.

The President of the Association, Prof. R. Vanholder, announced that he had received a sealed envelope with the results of the electronic voting for the three Council vacancies. The President announced that prior to closing the voting any full member who had not yet voted could do so before the General Assembly began. 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. Gerard London, Prof. Vladimir Tesar, Prof. Michel Jadoul and Prof. Giovanni Cancarini were designated for counting the votes.

02. Minutes of the 50th General Assembly, Istanbul, Turkey, May 21st, 2013.

The President reminded that the Minutes were published in the Annual Report. There was one remark to the Minutes. Remark from Prof. Halima Resic:

Presented version:

“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.”

Correct version:

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 Zakharaova and Prof. Halima Resic were elected as new members of CME Committee. Prof. Jorge Cannata-Andia and Prof. Loreto Gesualdo remain in the Committee as Chairman and Committee member respectively."

The Remark was approved. The minutes from the General Assembly in Istanbul 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 presented his report describing ERA-EDTA's activities in the years 2011-2014 (the slides will be published on the ERA-EDTA website):

- ERA-EDTA last Congresses
- Increased number of members to 6939 in May 2014
- ERA-EDTA Awards and recognitions
- Collaboration in EKHA and ECDA
- CME activity
- Relations with National Societies
- Registry activities
- ERBP activities
- Ethics Committee activities
- Collaboration with other societies
- Number of submitted and granted Fellowships
- Refurbishing the website
- Follow us and Follow us Flash together with appearance in Social Networks
- Journals activities
- Working Groups activities
- YNP launch and activities
- Collaboration with The Lancet

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 the persons responsible for preparing the Congress in Amsterdam:

- the Presidents: Prof. Pieter ter Wee and Prof. Raymond Vanholder
- the Congress Secretary: Prof. Peter Blankestijn
- Chairman of Scientific Committee: Prof. David Wheeler and Prof. Carmine Zoccali who helped the Committee
- Chairman of Paper Selection Committee: Prof. Denis Fouque

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 the work during the Council Meetings to Prof. Raymond Vanholder, Prof. Jonathan Fox, Prof. Ziad Massy and Prof. Vladimir Tesar who finished their terms in the Council.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the list of persons recognized as Distinguished Fellows of ERA-EDTA since the last General Assembly as well as published issues of the Follow us and Follow us Flash. Prof. Wiecek thanked the Editor of the Follow us Flash – Prof. Mehmet Sever for his efforts. Prof. Wiecek presented also the activities of the YNP (the slides will be published on the ERA-EDTA website).

There were no remarks and no questions to the report. The report was unanimously approved.

Prof. Raymond Vanholder thanked Prof. Wiecek for his work during his term as the Secretary-Treasurer.

06. Approval of the 2013 accounts.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2013 accounts which were published in the Annual Report (the slides will be published on the ERA-EDTA website)

At the end of the year 2013 the total funds carried forward were 9,200,470 EUR. A. Wiecek stressed that the expenditures are still higher than incomes. The funds carried over from 2013 to 2014 are 9,2 million Euro and year before it was 12,266 million Euro. It is caused by the decisions of the Council from previous years. Since the Association as a charity should not accumulate money, the Council decided to launch a few activities to spend more money.

There were no more remarks and no questions to the report The accounts were unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

07. Proposed changes to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA.

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

- Senior Membership Benefits - presented for the second 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 second time.

- Presenting ERA-EDTA Member for new Members - **presented for the second time**

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** - 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** - 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 unanimously approved, by the General Assembly for the second time.

08. Election of Ordinary Council Members.

The President presented the results of the election of the Ordinary Council Members: Angel Argiles (France), Pieter Evenepoel (Belgium) and Alberto Ortiz (Spain) were elected.

09. Report of the Chairman of the Administrative Offices of the ERA-EDTA, Prof. Markus Ketteler.

Chairman of Administrative Offices presented his report (the slides will be published on the ERA-EDTA website) with the facts and figures of the membership for the years 2009-2014. Prof. Ketteler stressed that the biggest increase is in junior membership, which is promising for the future.

Prof. Markus Ketteler presented also statistics of the website visits since the last General

Assembly and various aspects of the Congress in Amsterdam including participation and fields of interest of the participants as well as symposia, income and exhibition data. Prof. Markus Ketteler presented the barter agreements with the publishers and report on the activities of the Working Groups.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report. The report was unanimously approved.

10. Report of the Chairman of the Paper Selection Committee, Prof. Denis Fouque.

Chairman of the Paper Selection Committee presented (the slides will be published on the ERA-EDTA website) the composition and core group of the Paper Selection Committee. Prof. Fouque presented compared statistics of abstract submission, countries with highest submissions, acceptance rate for last 4 Congresses. Prof. Fouque also mentioned the collaboration with The Lancet and presented the Late Breaking Clinical Trials.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report. The report was unanimously approved.

11. Report of the Chairman of the CME Committee, Prof. Jorge B. Cannata-Andia.

Prof. Jorge B. Cannata-Andia presented (the slides will be published on the ERA-EDTA website) the composition of the CME Committee: Jorge B. Cannata-Andia (Spain, Chairman), Loreto Gesualdo (Italy, ERA-EDTA Council representative), Halima Resic (Bosnia Herzegovina), Laszlo Rosivall (Hungary), Elena Zakharova (Russia) and stated that he had asked the Council to extend the Committee by two more people: the Council approved this proposal and elected Annibal Ferreira (Portugal) and Maurice Laville (France). Prof. Cannata-Andia presented the 2014 CME Courses and CME needs throughout Europe as well as the proposal of a new ERA-EDTA CME policy.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report. The report was unanimously approved.

12. Report of the Chairman of the Registry, Prof. Christoph Wanner.

The Chairman of the Registry presented (the slides will be published on the ERA-EDTA website) the achievements of the Registry since last General Assembly with the full day CME and Symposium, the Annual Report 2012, the publications, the collaboration with national Registries and the status of the EQUAL study. Prof. Wanner also presented the collaboration with DOPPS for the new EURODOPPS initiative. At the end Prof. Wanner presented the staff of the ERA-EDTA Registry.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report. The report was unanimously approved.

13. Report of the NDT Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Carmine Zoccali.

The Editor-in-Chief began his report (the slides will be published on the ERA-EDTA website) with the statement that NDT is perceived as a hard journal because of the acceptance rate which is lower than the acceptance rate of his predecessors. Prof. Carmine Zoccali presented the editorial Workflow. Very often the papers are immediately rejected. Time from acceptance to publication was shortened to 5 weeks. Prof. Zoccali then confirmed that Alberto Ortiz was appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of CKJ. The mission of CKJ will be redesigned and it will become an Open Access Journal.

Dr. Jose Divino Filho commented that to be “hard” it does not always mean to be good and to be fast it does not always mean to be effective. The papers rejected by the Editor within the first 24 hours may be accepted in other, perhaps better, renal journals. The NDT Editor should ask the authors of the rejected papers for information if their paper was published after being rejected by NDT and is yes, in which Journal.

Prof. Zoccali answered that when he is rejecting a paper he is sure that it will not be accepted in other journals. There may be some exceptions. An analysis of what happens to the rejected paper will be done. Prof. Zoccali said that he knows a case in which a paper rejected by Prof. Norbert Lameire, at that time the Editor-in-Chief of NDT, was published later in *Kidney International*. When Prof. Lameire followed up the article the author wrote to him that it was accepted by KI mostly thanks to the corrections that had been done after the remarks from NDT’s Editor.

There were no other remarks and no questions to the report. The report was unanimously approved.

14. Ethics Committee, Prof. Jacques Bernheim.

The Chairman of the Ethics Committee explained that he was ending his term. There were many activities of the Ethics Committee while he was its Chair, one of them being the presence of a symposium on Ethics held during the annual ERA-EDTA Congress. Prof. Bernheim expressed hope that the Ethics Committee will continue its mission and stated that ERA-EDTA can be proud to be ahead of other societies with regard to dealing with issues related to Ethics.

Prof. Vanholder thanked Prof. Bernheim for his work during his term and for his collaboration with the Council and other ERA-EDTA Committees.

There were no remarks and no questions to the report. The report was unanimously approved.

15. Venue and date of future ERA-EDTA Congresses, Prof. Raymond Vanholder.

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

The 52nd Congress is planned in London, 28th– 31st of May 2015 in Excel Congress Center.

The 53rd Congress is planned in Vienna, 21st – 24th of May 2016 in Austria Center.

16. Election of the ERA-EDTA Chairperson of the Administrative Offices for the term 2015 - 2018.

The President presented the candidate nominated by the ERA-EDTA Council for the second term - Prof. Markus Ketteler.

Prof. Markus Ketteler was unanimously approved as the Chairman of the Administrative Offices of ERA-EDTA.

17. Election of the ERA-EDTA Chairperson of the Registry for the term 2015 - 2018.

The President presented the candidate nominated by the ERA-EDTA Council - Prof. Ziad Massy.

Prof. Ziad Massy was unanimously approved as the Chairman of the ERA-EDTA Registry (first term).

18. Election of the new member of the Ethics Committee for the term 2014 - 2019.

The President presented the candidate nominated by the ERA-EDTA Council - Prof. Gerard London.

Prof. Gerard London was unanimously approved as the new member of the Ethics Committee.

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 - May 30th 2015 in London.

21. Closure.

The President thanked all members for their participation. The General Assembly was closed at 11.00 am.

Signed:

Prof. Raymond Vanholder
President
ERA-EDTA

Prof. Andrzej Więcek
Secretary-Treasurer
ERA-EDTA



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52nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 30th, 2015 - 9.30-10.45 am
Capital Suite 8/9
ExCeL Congress Centre
London, United Kingdom

AGENDA

1. Opening.
2. Minutes of the 51st General Assembly, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Report of the President of the ERA-EDTA, A. Wiecek.
5. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the ERA-EDTA, J. Fox.
6. Approval of the 2014 Accounts.
7. Proposed changes to the Constitution of the ERA-EDTA.
8. Report of the Chairperson of the Administrative Offices of the ERA-EDTA, M. Ketteler.
9. Report of the Editor-in-Chief of NDT, C. Zoccali.
10. Report of the Chair of the Registry, C. Wanner.
11. Venue and date of future ERA-EDTA Congresses, A. Wiecek.
12. Election of the Members of the Ethics Committee for the term 2015- 2020.
 - o Nominated Candidates: Judit Nagy (Hungary), Francesco Paolo Schena (Italy), Raymond Vanholder (Belgium).

13. Election of Ordinary Council Members (three vacancies)*.

14. Election of Honorary Member

o Douglas Briggs

15. Correspondence and other business.

16. Date and venue of the next meeting.

17. Closure.

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

- Mustafa Arici (Turkey)
- Giuliano Brunori (Italy)
- Giovambattista Capasso (Italy)
- Danilo Fliser (Germany)
- Jolanta Malyszko (Poland)
- Hans-Peter Marti (Norway)
- László Rosivall (Hungary)
- Goce Spasovski (F.Y.R. of Macedonia)
- Mihály Tapolyai (Hungary)
- Muhammad Yaqoob (United Kingdom)
- Elena Zakharova (Russia)

ERA-EDTA CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Article IV-04 – old version

04. Notice of the Ordinary General Assembly will be given by electronic mail and *by letter* by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association to all members entitled to participate at least 30 days before the date of the General Assembly and will include:.....

Article IV-04 – NEW version

04. Notice of the Ordinary General Assembly will be given by electronic mail by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association to all members entitled to participate at least 30 days before the date of the General Assembly and will include:

Article XIV-05 – old version

05. The Board of Directors of the Subsidiary Company shall be composed of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Chair of Administrative Offices, the General Manager of the Subsidiary Company and a Full ERA-EDTA member appointed each year by the Council. Except as otherwise resolved by the Council, the Chair of Administrative Offices shall be the *Chair* of the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise resolved by the Council the Board of Directors of the Subsidiary Company may delegate powers to the Secretary/Treasurer and the Chair of the Administrative Offices.

Article XIV-05 – NEW version

05. The Board of Directors of the Subsidiary Company shall be composed of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, the Chair of Administrative Offices, the General Manager of the Subsidiary Company and a Full ERA-EDTA member appointed each year by the Council. Except as otherwise resolved by the Council, the Chair of Administrative Offices shall be the *Secretary* of the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise resolved by the Council the Board of Directors of the Subsidiary Company may delegate powers to the Secretary/Treasurer and the Chair of the Administrative Offices.

ERA-EDTA 2014 ACCOUNTS

All the ERA-EDTA final account statements are public and can be found by going to our website (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 2014 accounts please contact the ERA-EDTA Administration Office (Via XXIV Maggio, 38; 43123 Parma; Italy - fax: +39-0521-959242; 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 2014

Income & Expenditure

		2014			2013		
		€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES							
Congress							
Income	- Registrations and other congress proceeds	3,181			2,579		
	- Exhibition space	2,754			2,651		
		5,935			5,230		
Expenditure	- Congress expenses	-4,793			-4,292		
Net balance on Congress activity			1,142			938	
Educational							
Income	- Educational grants/contributions						
Expenditure	- NDT-Educational	-99					
	- CME Courses	-270			-386		
	- Educational support to other societies	-74					
Net balance on Educational activity			-443			-386	
Guidelines							
Income	- Guidelines grants/contributions						
Expenditure	- Guidelines	-446			-476		
Net balance on Guidelines activity			-446			-476	
Journal							
Income	- Volumes & supplements (gross)	1,521			1,500		
Expenditure	- Volumes & supplements (gross)	-736			-884		
	- Editorial office expenses	-249			-249		
Net balance on Journal activity			536			367	

		2014			2013		
		€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Registry & AMC							
Income	- Registry grants/contributions				20		
Expenditure	- Registry expenses - General	-28			-11		
	- Registry expenses - Quest/Equal	-104			-888		
	- Registry expenses - Paediatric	-195			-195		
	- Registry expenses - EURODOPPS	-189					
	- Registry expenses - AMC	-530			-521		
Net balance on Registry activity			-1,046			-1,595	
Publications & Website							
Expenditure	- Press services, newsletters and website hosting	-46			-95		
Net balance on Publications & Website			-46			-95	
Officers' staff and expenses							
Expenditure	- Salaries of Officers' staff	-104			-82		
	- Reallocate to Governance	21			16		
		-83			-66		
	- Office expenses	-19			-25		
Net balance on Officers' staff and expenses			-102			-91	
Fellowships							
Income	- Fellowships grants/contributions						
Expenditure	- Fellowships	-617			-770		
Net balance on Fellowships activity			-617			-770	
Research							
Income	- Research grants/contributions	17					
Expenditure	- Working Groups	-390			-334		
Expenditure	- Research programme	-591			-385		
Net balance on Research activity			-964			-719	
ComIA							
Income	- ComIA grants/contributions						
Expenditure	- ComIA	-51			-60		
Net balance on ComIA activity			-51			-60	
Awards							
Income	- Grants /donations received	10			10		
Expenditure	- Awards	-15			-16		
Net balance on Awards			-5			-6	

		2014			2013		
		€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
YNP							
Income	- YNP grants/contributions						
Expenditure	- YNP	-29			-18		
Net balance on YNP activity			-29			-18	
Membership							
Income	- Subscriptions	426			468		
Expenditure	- Mgt charges (related support costs)	-98			-171		
Net balance on Membership			328			297	
Net balance on Charitable Activities				-1,743			-2,614
DONATIONS				4			
GENERATING FUNDS ACTIVITIES							
Investments							
Income	- Investment income	54			63		
Expenditure	- Investment management charges	-19			-10		
Net balance on Investments			35			53	
Promotional activities							
Expenditure	- Promotional activities	-41			-43		
Net balance on Promotional activities			-41			-43	
Net balance on Generating Funds Activities				-6			10

		2014			2013		
		€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE DIRECT							
Income	- Currency exchange gains	34			4		
	- Other				1		
			34			5	
Expenditure	- Salaries of Officers' Staff (allo- cated from Charitable)	-21			-16		
	- Consultant fees	-252			-238		
	- Office of external relations	-113					
	- Council meetings	-83			-71		
	- Miscellaneous				-3		
	- Credit card commission and bank charges	-121			-112		
	- Cancelled credits (unrecoverable)				-25		
	- Depreciation	-9			-6		
	- EKHA	-44			-43		
	- Committees	-5			-15		
	- Currency exchange losses	-215			-11		
			-863			-540	
Net balance on Administration & Governance direct					-829		-535
NET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR					-2,574		-3,139
	Gains on Investment disposals & revaluations			36			28
	Consolidation adjustments			-159			-13
	Reserves b/f @ year start			9,143			12,267
	Reserves c/f @ year end			6,446			9,143

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2014

	2014		2013
	€'000		€'000
Fixed assets:			
Tangible fixed assets	12		4
Investments	2,897		2,729
	2,909		2,733
Current assets:			
Debtors	1,844		1,206
Cash at bank	3,657		6,749
	5,501		7,955
Total assets	8,410		10,688
Creditors	-1,964		-1,545
Net assets	6,446		9,143

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