The world's best specialists in Peritoneal Dialysis shall meet in Madrid to share the latest advances on the subject

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Madrid, 18 August, 2014 _ The International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD) shall host for the first time in Spain its International Congress dated 7 - 10 September, 2014 in Madrid. This is a scientific-educational event that is unique in the area of nephrology aimed at improving the clinical practice and offering nephrologists an opportunity to share clinical experiences and research work. The scientific committee in charge of organizing the event shall be arranged by the Nephrology Societies of Spain and Portugal as well as the Spanish Society for Dialysis and Transplant, the Spanish Nephrology Nursing Society and the Nephrology Society of Madrid.

Dr. Rafael Selgas, M.D., Head of the Nephrology Service of University Hospital La Paz and President of the 15th Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, pointed out that the Congress, focusing on this year's motto "The patient comes first", will provide "broad, quality information on the latest scientific advances, as well as technical and diagnostic novelties in the treatment with peritoneal dialysis in order to improve care and quality in the treatment to patients suffering kidney disease in PD".

Amongst the novelties presented there are issues relating handling **high-risk patients**, as this is one of the main challenges of nephrology due to the fact that those patients of old age, with diabetes, liver disease, HIV and mainly cardiovascular disease have a higher death rate.1 Physicians Anabela Rodrigues (Nephrology Consultant and Associate Professor of Nephrology in the University of Porto, Portugal) and Rajnish Mehrotra (Professor of Medicine, Division of Nephrology Section Chief, Harborview Medical Center, Seattle, WA, USA) shall provide an approach for this kind of patients and also speak about strategies aimed at preventing and decreasing risk drivers in these instances.

Dr. Jorge Cannata, (Professor of Nephrology, Univ. of Oviedo), Dr. Teresa Adragao, (Nephrologist Consultant Santa Cruz Hospital, Lisbon) and Dr. Myles Wolf, (Professor of Medicine of the Feinberg School of Medicine, Univ. of Chicago) shall tackle the latest progress achieved in regard to the relation existing between **alteration in mineral metabolism** in patients with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and **vascular calcification**. Cardiovascular disease is widely dealt with in the Congress, as between 40-75% of people suffering Chronic Kidney Disease starting dialysis programs have also cardiovascular disease, accountable for 44% of deaths in patients in this condition.2

**Telemedicine in peritoneal disease**, a novel technique, shall be explained through the experiences of Doctors Mitch Rosner, Medical Director of Nephrology, Charlottesville Center Hospital, USA, and K.S. Nayak, Head of Nephrology Services of Saint Lazarus Hospital, India. Through telemedicine it is possible to provide patients with a better quality of life as they are able to received customised, real-time medical
consultation, thus avoiding the need to travel. In the advantages obtained through the use of this service, implementation at a global level is still small, being the USA, Canada and particularly, India, the countries most determined to implement tele-assistance in PD patients.

Furthermore, during the Congress stress shall be placed in the import of nursing staff and the role they play in attention and care to patients with kidney disease, most specially when performing peritoneal dialysis as replacement renal therapy (RRT). Attention shall be also paid to the importance of the guides on clinical practice in Peritoneal Disease, as they allow updating knowledge and unify clinical practices of all medical and nursing professionals involved in this RRT.

“Advances on peritoneal dialysis foreseen in the future are aimed at progressing on prevention of infections, tolerance of the peritoneal membrane to dialysis through new components in dialysis fluids, preventing complications relating kidney disease at an advanced stage affecting these patients, as well as in changes for better handling at home (tele-assistance). Additionally, in the R&D field is worth noting the initiative to be launched in coming years by an European task force working on Horizon H2020 in regard to a portable peritoneal dialysis based on recycling of used fluids, which could end up becoming a true renal substitute for depuration, completely autonomous” explained Dr. Selgas.

This Congress means a unique opportunity to make more than 2,000 professional aware first-hand about the most recent research carried out by the best PD specialists from all over the world: USA, Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Uruguay, UK, Germany, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, China, India… In addition to all the above-mentioned advances, speaker shall deal with all novelties taking place in paediatric and teenage peritoneal dialysis, prevention and treatment of peritonitis and other infections, patient registration,…

Registration forms and preliminary scientific program may be found in www.ispdmadrid2014.com

About the ISPD Congress

The Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Disease has as purpose advancing in the knowledge of peritoneal disease and promoting, through international scientific meetings and scientific publications.

This year 2014, the ISPD Congress is holding its 15th edition in Madrid from 7 to 10 September. With the motto The Patient Comes First, the meeting shall assemble the world’s leading specialists in the field in order to tackle through over 100 speeches everything relating new developments in Peritoneal Disease. So far more than 700 abstracts have been received and about 2,000 professionals from all over the world are expected to attend.

Registration information and preliminary scientific programme can be found in the official web page of the congress at www.ispdmadrid2014.com.

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