



# ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

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### President's Newsletter

The last 3 months has been extraordinarily successful for the APSN, with genuine advances being made in the Journal, in CME and in finance.

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## 1. Member Society Involvement in APSN

With the constitution giving member societies a real voice on APSN Council, I remind all Societies that they may choose to change their Council members prior to APSN 2008 if need be.

I welcome any communication from all local societies with suggestions, criticisms or comments regarding APSN activities.

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## 2. Finance

TM Chan has continued to watch our financial base. With a recent substantial contribution from Singapore WCN 2005, the Society for the first time now has a reasonable bank account.

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In my view the role of the Society is to promote nephrology development – clinical, research and teaching; not to just accumulate money. Nevertheless it is good to have a reasonable income to support these activities – currently mainly CME and the journal. The challenge now is to use this wisely and I suggest we invest more in the journal and in CME at this stage.

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## 3. Nephrology – the Journal

Under the energetic leadership of David Harris the journal has progressed remarkably on all fronts. Since Medline listing, and David's taking on the role of Editor-in-Chief the impact factor has risen from 0.278 (2004) to 1.023 (2005).

### CME Chair:

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The number of articles being submitted increased steadily, and accordingly since the page numbers are restricted the acceptance rate is now around 25%; similar to the most prestigious of nephrology journals. A decision soon needs to be made, but it is clear to me that we will need to find extra pages in the journal in 2006 unless we wish to have either a lower acceptance rate, or longer delays to publication.

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The 2005 publisher's report shows, compared with 2004, submissions increased by 17%, circulation by 44%, with electronic access article downloads totalled 62306.

In 2006-7 we would expect many more authors to consider Nephrology as the journal which to submit their work.

In view of the success of the journal David Harris has asked for the following to be circulated:

Dear APSN Member

The editors and staff of Nephrology are very appreciative of the support of APSN. Reviews are the most popular form of article in Nephrology, in terms of downloads. As the journal is very keen to remain as relevant and useful to APSN as it can, we would like to commission reviews that will be of most interest.

Therefore, if you have any request for review articles I would ask you to email Martha Rundell ([martha.rundell@asia.blackwellpublishing.com](mailto:martha.rundell@asia.blackwellpublishing.com)) with the topic. You may also suggest the author. Although there is no guarantee that each request can be fulfilled, each will be given serious consideration.

Yours sincerely

David Harris  
Editor-in-Chief

I would appreciate it very much if this would be forwarded to all members of your Society.

#### **4. Continuing Medical Education - CME**

Y Tomino has continued to organise CME, co-ordinating our efforts with those of ISN COMGAN and the Japanese Society of Nephrology.

Activities have included:

- 41<sup>st</sup> Asian Integrated Nephrology Forum (AINF) of the Japanese Society of Nephrology  
Country: People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Date: December 5, 2005  
Lecturer: Dr Yasuhiko Iino (Nihon Medical University, Japan) and Dr Enyu Imai (Osaka University, Japan)  
Topics: Strategy for Acid-base disturbance treatment?  
Estimation of GFR from serum creatinine  
Organisation: Japanese Society of Nephrology (AINF), ISN (COMGAN), APSN (CME course), SAARC
- CME course of Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology (APSN)  
Country: Surabaya, Indonesia  
Date: August 4-6, 2006  
Lecturer: Dr Benno Ihle (Australia), Dr Ian R Fraser (Australia), Dr Kenjiro Kimura (Japan), Yusuke Suzuki (Japan)  
Topics: 21<sup>st</sup> Continuing Medical Education in Internal Medicine  
Organisation: APSN (CME course), JSN (AINF), ISN (COMGAN), Indonesian Society of Nephrology

Stabilisation of the APSN finances allows us to consider what more we can do. I would like to suggest regular CME activities in each of the 4 major Asian Pacific areas (East, North, South and South East/ANZ). I would welcome some feedback, but if APSN can help with a conference in and of these regions I

believe we can put even more value into our CME activities.

#### **5. Acute Kidney Injury Network (AKIN)**

APSN was represented in Amsterdam September 2005 by Dr Vince D'Intini. Subsequently the APSN endorsed.

A further AKIN meeting will be held in September 2006 and Dr D'Intini and Dr Ravindran Visvanatham (Malaysia) have volunteered to represent APSN at their own expense at the meeting in Vancouver, Canada.

#### **6. International Society of Nephrology**

The ISN communicates frequently with APSN, regarding many matters including CME, Sister Centres, Developing Countries, Council nominations from our area and a host of other mutual interests. APSN member societies can communicate independently to ISN; or if it is felt regional matters need addressing, APSN Council would be happy to consider them and add their weight if required.

#### **7. APSN CONGRESS MALAYSIA 2008**

Next year will be a busy time organising this meeting. A conjoint CME will be arranged, so a large APSN attendance is hoped for.

Once again, I welcome feedback or comment from any member or Society. I will send the next Newsletter in 3 months.