**A Message from the President October 2013**

Dear Members of APSN

The Executive and Council of APSN will meet in Atlanta in November during ASN Renal Week.  A major agenda item will be selection of the host for the APCN 2016, after presentation to Council from the 2 bidding groups.

Plans are well underway for the 2014 APCN, to be held on May 14-17 at Shinagawa Prince Hotel, Tokyo.  See “Meetings” on the website for more details.  One of the highlights of the meeting will be the delivery of the APSN Ross Bailey lecture, and announcement of the latest recipients of the Oshima and the Priscilla Kincaid-Smith Awards.  Nominations have just been called for the 2016-2018 President of APSN, and the appointment will be announced at the 2014 APCN.

As mentioned in my last message, it is vital that APSN continues to increase its relevance and activity within our region.  The partnership with ISN in its Global Outreach programs will be an important vehicle for achieving this.  In addition I have asked Vivek Jha to join the Executive to lead an “International Liaison Committee”.  His appointment has been endorsed by both the Executive and Council.

Shunya Uchida and the new CME committee have been exploring ways of increasing the CME activities of APSN, both throughout the region (especially in developing countries) and also on the APSN website.  There should be more to announce about this later in the year.

The Executive would like to receive suggestions from members of APSN about how best it can support and advance nephrology in our region.  Please contact me or any member of the Executive with your ideas.

Yours sincerely

David Harris