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51st EDTNA/ERCA International Conference

Kidney Care in a challenging world – economic & sustainable implications

Vilnius, Lithuania
October 14–17, 2023

2nd Announcement

IMPORTANT DATES

January 2, 2023	Abstract Submission open
March 30, 2023	Abstract Submission deadline
May 1, 2023	Registration open
May 22, 2023	Acceptance decision for authors
Before July 31, 2023	Early registration fee
August 1, 2023 – September 18, 2023	Regular registration fee
After September 19, 2023	Late registration fee
October 14, 2023	Conference Opening

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues & Friends,

It is with great pleasure and pride that we invite you to join us in **Vilnius, Lithuania** on the **October 14–17, 2023** where the 51st EDTNA/ERCA International Conference will take place. The theme of our Conference is *"Kidney Care in a challenging world – economic & sustainable implications"*.

The theme highlights two main topics: economy and sustainability, which are related, sometimes in conflict. But as healthcare professionals, we need to consider them as pivotal.

Our Conference will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva, which is a standing conference hotel located right by the city center. Thanks to its unique and varied interior it is the ideal venue for organizing conferences.

The UNESCO-listed medieval old town of Vilnius is one of Eastern Europe's biggest and best preserved. Vilnius is a compact and walkable city, filled with urban green spaces and a healthy dose of impressive architecture, tasty eats, and all kinds of exciting leisure activities. 46 % of Vilnius is made up of green spaces, so you can definitely expect a breath of fresh air.

Get ready to dive into the latest advancements in renal care at the upcoming EDTNA/ERCA International Conference! Our scientific programme is packed with cutting-edge research and expert insights from top healthcare professionals from around the world. From innovative treatment approaches to groundbreaking new technologies, you'll discover everything you need to know to provide the best care for your patients. Join us and be a part of this exciting event that's shaping the future of renal nursing. Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your knowledge and connect with the best in the field.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to Vilnius.

Ilaria de Barbieri
EDTNA/ERCA President

THE VALUE OF THE EDTNA/ERCA CONFERENCE

The International EDTNA/ERCA Conference is an annual event held in Europe and around the world. The conference includes a range of activities, including keynote lectures, educational sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities. EDTNA/ERCA also hosts a variety of awards and recognitions, related to the Scientific programme, and the EDTNA/ERCA International Collaboration Award. Additionally, the conference features an exhibition hall, where vendors, suppliers, and employers showcase their products and services. The conference also provides delegates with an opportunity to learn more about the latest developments in dialysis and renal nursing, as well as to network with colleagues from around the world.

This event is sure to offer attendees the opportunity to explore the latest advances in nursing and healthcare education.

Network with fellow professionals, share best practices and participate in stimulating sessions and workshops. At this event, you will gain valuable insight into the latest research and initiatives to advance the development of nursing and healthcare education.

You will also have the opportunity to mix and mingle with international colleagues, learn from renowned experts, and engage in meaningful discussions.

We invite you to join us and be part of this exciting event. Our team is looking forward to welcoming you and ensuring that you have the best possible experience. Register now to secure your seat at the EDTNA/ERCA Conference 2023!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Accreditation of learning hours

The 51th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference will be accredited. To ensure maximum quality education and a professional Scientific Programme, EDTNA/ERCA intends to obtain International Continuing Nursing Education Credits (ICNEC) for the International Conference in Vilnius. The ICNEC are granted by the International Council of Nurses once strict admission conditions are fulfilled. The ICNEC awards provide proof of a high-quality Conference. EDTNA/ERCA makes its best effort to render such an opportunity to its delegates and members, so the approval for awarding International Continuing Nursing Education Credits (ICNECs) is currently being sought from the International Council of Nurses. Details of the sessions eligible for accreditation points will be published on the Conference website in August – www.edtnaerca.org

Conference Badges

Each Conference delegate will receive a Conference badge upon registration. The Conference badge must be worn at all times to be able to enter the Scientific Sessions and receive education accreditation. On your badge, there is a barcode that will be scanned when entering and leaving each session hall.

Credits will be assigned according to the information received from the barcode system. This information is also used for safety reasons to register participants who actually are in the building in case of emergency. Therefore it is important you present your badge at each session hall.

Coffee Breaks

Coffee & tea will be available during the entire Conference and are included in the participation fee. Lunch bags will be served on Sunday (October 15) and Monday (October 16).

Insurance

The Conference organizer cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained or for loss or damage of property belonging to Conference participants, either during or as a result of the Conference. Please check the validity of your own insurance.

Letter of Invitation

The organizers will be pleased to send a letter of invitation upon request, once your registration form and fee have been received. Such an invitation is intended to help you to raise travel funds or obtain a visa. It is not a commitment on the part of the Conference to provide any financial support. You may request such a letter from the Conference Department at edtnaerca2023@edtnaerca.org.

Mobile Application

A week before the Conference, the Mobile Application will be available for download via Google and Apple stores. You can use it to prepare your personal Conference program, download abstracts, and posters, participate in Conference surveys and vote for the best poster and other useful information. The Mobile Application will be updated with news and program changes during the Conference. E-Poster rating will be available for Conference participants via Conference Application for mobile phones.

Official Language

The Conference is being organized by an International Association with the goal of Education and Science. All oral presentations and posters should be in English. Special sessions might be organized in languages other than English and without translation. All hostesses and Conference staff speak English and other languages.

EDTNA/ERCA SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The upcoming International EDTNA/ERCA Conference is an eagerly anticipated event for healthcare professionals around the world. With a diverse range of guest speakers and topics, this year's scientific program promises to be an exceptional opportunity for knowledge sharing and professional development.

Renowned keynote speakers from around the world will present on a wide range of topics, including the latest research and advancements in nursing renal practice. From evidence-based approaches to nursing care to the latest innovations in healthcare technology, attendees will have the chance to deepen their knowledge and explore new perspectives on the nursing renal profession.

In addition to the keynote presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to engage in interactive workshops and panel discussions. These sessions will explore a range of topics, including patient safety and quality of care, nursing leadership and management, and the latest developments in nursing education and research. The workshops will cover topics, such as peritoneal dialysis, the use of ultrasound of vascular access, and diabetic foot care: the aim is to offer a more practical and interactive approach to renal care issues and encourage the interactivity during the workshop.

In the Scientific Programme you could find Oral Presentations in the sessions, specific E-poster sessions, workshops, symposiums, Corporate Education sessions.

The E-posters on interactive screens will be on display during the entire Conference.

The Corporate Education Sessions are focussed on specific educational aspects for nurses and healthcare professionals involved in kidney care.

EDTNA/ERCA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023 WILL INCLUDE

SCIENTIFIC PLENARY & PARALLEL SESSIONS

Invited Guest Speakers will discuss the latest developments in renal care during the plenary sessions. Quality Abstracts including the Short oral presentations will be selected for inclusion in the parallel sessions.

EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Workshops are open to all participants from any discipline who wish to discuss matters relating to their specific field of interest or learn more about another aspect of renal care. Workshop sessions provide the opportunity for delegates to extend their knowledge and skills through interactive discussions with experts to identify solutions for real practice problems. All workshop participants will receive a certificate. Certificates will be sent by email after the conference.

CORPORATE EDUCATION SESSIONS

These sessions are organized and sponsored by Industry Partners and provide an opportunity for participants to access worldwide knowledge and expertise to improve their own knowledge of particular focused subjects. Further details will be available on the Conference website and EDTNA/ERCA Newsletters.

E-POSTER PRESENTATIONS

All accepted E-posters will be displayed on digital screens during all the Conference days and abstracts will be included in the Abstract Book. Poster Sessions will be organized for the authors who wish to present their E-posters. E-poster Sessions will have 10 presented E-posters (5 min each) and take one and half hours.

The E-posters will be Pre-evaluated for the Best Poster prize before the Conference by the Scientific Board.

Best Poster Prizes Awarded During the Opening Ceremony

1st prize	of 500 EUR
2nd prize	of 250 EUR
3rd prize	Full-year of EDTNA/ERCA membership

All authors will get a certificate.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGM OF EDTNA/ERCA

The Annual General Meeting is the one opportunity when all Members of EDTNA/ERCA can meet; exchange information with the elected Volunteer leadership and will vote on motions regarding constitutional issues of the Association according to the Constitution.

BEST ORAL PRESENTATION AWARDED BY THE AUDIENCE

The Best Oral Presentation rating will be available for Conference participants via the Conference App for mobile phones. The award for the Best Oral Presentation chosen by Conference Delegates will be presented during the Closing Ceremony. The prize consists of 250 EUR.

REGISTRATION

All participants must be registered. It is advised to register in advance. Any person who is not registered will not have access to the session halls and exhibition area. Please keep in mind, that abstracts without any registered author will be excluded from the Conference Scientific Programme.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the Conference please sign in to Oxford Abstracts using this link. If you are new to Oxford Abstracts, create an account first. To finish the registration process successfully, you are required to choose the adequate registration fee and submit the form. Upon submitting the Registration Form, you will have an option to download the Invoice. You will receive the Registration Confirmation by email.

Abstract submission and conference registration are accessible by signing to the Oxford Abstracts. You can always log in into your account and see the status of the registration and the invoice.

GROUP REGISTRATION

If you have a group of 10 or more participants, please send your request to the EDTNA/ERCA Conference Management & Registrations at edtnaerca2023@edtnaerca.org.

REGISTRATION FEES

Period	Category	EUR Total incl. VAT *Would include Lithuanian VAT if applicable*
EARLY **before July 31, 2023**	Member	395 EUR
	Non-member	665 EUR
	Student*	175 EUR
REGULAR **August 1 – September 18, 2023**	Member	500 EUR
	Non-member	670 EUR
	Student*	215 EUR
LATE **after September 19, 2023**	Member	570 EUR
	Non-member	695 EUR
	Student*	270 EUR
GENERAL FEE	Student Fee* for MEMBERS	150 EUR

Fees are quoted in EUR. These prices are final.

*Student fee is applicable until the age of 26 years, students shall submit a document of their school or university proving the age and student status when they register.

Members may not apply for the Member Participant Fee if they are not an active member. To become a member, please register here.

To verify your membership status kindly login to the Membership Management System or contact the Secretariat at secretariat@edtnaerca.org.

Participant Fees Include

- Admission to Scientific sessions, exhibition and poster area
- Admission to Opening Ceremony
- Conference materials
- Refreshments

PAYMENT METHODS

Registration fees must be paid in EUR by one of the following methods:

1. CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

For credit or debit card payments, please choose this option once you finish your registration. The Oxford Abstract system is accessible with the password that you received upon registration. The system uses Stripe for online payment and accepts MasterCard/Eurocard, Visa and Amex.

2. BANK TRANSFER

For bank transfer payments, please choose this option once you finish your registration. The Oxford Abstract system is accessible with the password that you received upon registration.

The invoice can be downloaded from the system at any time you login once you are registered.

The invoice includes all bank details needed for the money transfer. Please use the Invoice number as a payment identifier. Please note that payments without this payment identifier will not be identified and the registration will not be confirmed.

Please note that bank transfer payments will only be accepted by September 29, 2023. After this date, only payments by credit/debit cards will be accepted.

All bank transfer amounts should be minus bank charges. Any banking fees accrued from the transfer is the responsibility of each party.

FINAL INVOICE – RECEIPT

The final and taxable invoice will be sent to your email address after July 1, but the earliest 14 days from the receipt of the payment.

TRANSFERS; CANCELLATIONS, AND REFUNDS

- Registrants may transfer their registration to a colleague at any time. For any change of name an administration fee of 50 EUR will be charged.
- All cancellations must be notified in writing (email) to the Conference Department according to the following conditions:
  - Refunds will be processed AFTER the Conference.
  - Requests for refunds made after December 30, 2023 will not be considered.

CANCELLATION TERMS AND CHARGES

If a change or cancellation made by a participant regarding registration results in a refund, we reserve the right to charge a 50 EUR handling fee.

Until June 30, 2023	Full participant fee paid minus 50 EUR (for administrative charges) refunded
August 1 – September 18, 2023	50 % of participant fee paid will be refunded
After September 19, 2023	No refund will be made

JURISDICTION

The EDTNA/ERCA Head Office is Hergiswil, NW; the place of jurisdiction is Stans, Switzerland.

STATEMENT BY EDTNA/ERCA AND DATA ADMINISTRATORS ON PROTECTION AND PROCESSING OF DATA

Data administrators declare that they and their employees will collect, manage, handle and store any personal, professional or financial data for the constitutional remit of EDTNA/ERCA only, and according to Swiss Law, EU regulations and national law of contracted service providers involved. The collected and managed data shall not be used for commercial purposes or sold to third parties. Every person and entity involved has the right to get information from EDTNA/ERCA on his or her personal data collected and managed by EDTNA/ERCA and its partners at any time and ask for complete deletion.

Employees of the administrators or other individuals who process personal data under contract with the administrator and other persons are obliged to maintain the confidentiality of all data as mentioned above, even after termination of employment or work. The leading legislation is the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection (DPA; Law stated as at August 1, 2014), General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), implementation of May 25, 2020 and national law of contracted service providers are involved.

General Terms and Conditions of EDTNA/ERCA available here.

Code of Conduct version 2023 available here.

On-site registration and Registration opening hours

On-site registration and issue of badges will take place at self-check-in stations. You will receive a QR code before the Conference via email. You can print the QR code or use your mobile device to obtain your badge.

Each participant is kindly requested to wear the name badge when attending the Conference. There will be a registration desk available in case of any difficulties.

The registration desk will be opened as follows:

Saturday, October 14	11:00–20:00
Sunday, October 15	08:00–18:00
Monday, October 16	08:00–17:00
Tuesday, October 17	08:00–13:30

Registrants may transfer their registration to a colleague at any time. For any change of name an administration fee of € 50 will be charged. Lost badge may be re-issued for a charge of 100 EUR.

RESPONSIBILITY

The participant acknowledges that he/she has no right to lodge damage claims against the organizers should the holding of the Conference be hindered or prevented by unexpected political or economic events or generally by force majeure, or should the non-appearance of speakers or other reasons necessitate program changes. With registration, the participant accepts this proviso.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

We recommend you to book a stay in one of the following hotels. All of them are within walking distance from the Conference venue and Vilnius' Old Town. You can learn more information about each of the hotels on our website.

Hotel	Double room / 1 person	Double room / 2 people	**Individual / Group booking	Walking distance to the Venue
***Best Western Hotel Vilnius**	50 EUR Single room only	70 EUR Double or single use	email	0.65 km / 8 min
***ibis Vilnius Centre**	70 EUR	80 EUR	email	1.2 km / 16 min
***Holiday Inn Vilnius, an IHG Hotel**	90 EUR	110 EUR	link	0.8 km / 10 min
Congress HOTEL	62 EUR	69 EUR	email	0.85 km / 11 min
***Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva**	110 EUR	125 EUR	link / email	0 km / 0 min

*Prices do not include 1 EUR / person city tax.
When booking, include reservation code **20EDTNA_ERCA23 in the email subject.

All rates quoted are per room per night including breakfast and 9 % VAT. Should VAT change before the beginning of the Conference, the hotel will automatically change the price of your hotel room and should inform you in writing about the new rate.
Please note that the price of accommodation is not included in the registration fees.

Group reservations
For group booking please contact the hotel directly.

Individual reservations
To make a hotel reservation, please contact the hotel directly. The preferred hotel is the Raddisson Blu Lietuva, where individual booking can be done via this link. **Please make sure the Promotional code "EDTNA" is ticked in the Selected rates section.**

Reservations will be processed on a "first come, first-served" basis. Please book your accommodation as soon as possible.
The availability is upon the hotel overall availability.

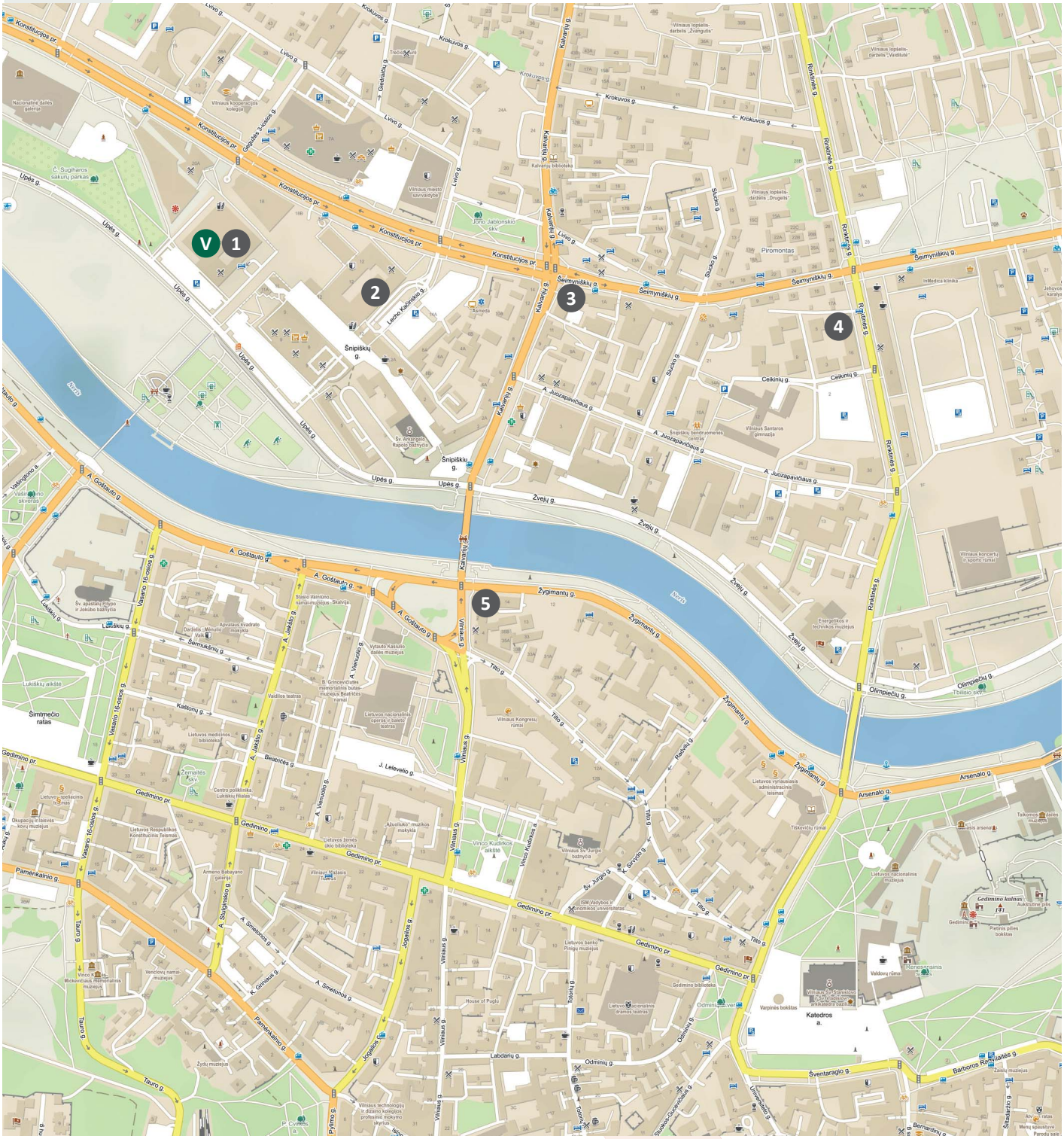
Full pre-payment is required to guarantee the reservation. After the full payment is received, your hotel reservation will be confirmed in writing by e-mail by the hotel.

Any change or cancellation of the hotel reservation must be sent in writing to the specific hotel.

MAP OF HOTELS

V Conference Venue – Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva

1. Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva
2. Best Western Hotel Vilnius
3. Holiday Inn Vilnius, an IHG Hotel
4. ibis Vilnius Centre
5. Congress Hotel



EXHIBITION & SPONSORSHIP

The EDTNA/ERCA gratefully acknowledges the support from all Industry Partners organizing Corporate Education Sessions, Workshops, support our Exhibition and any other educational support. The Industrial Exhibition brings together renal and other healthcare companies, manufacturers of materials and equipment and scientific publishers from all over the world and provides a unique opportunity to display and advertise the latest products, services, and technical innovations. The exhibition will be located close in proximity to the scientific lecture halls.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT EXHIBITION & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT:
EDTNA/ERCA INDUSTRY RELATIONS
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Detailed exhibitor services kit and more details regarding EXHIBITION & SPONSORSHIP can be obtained from:
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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN EDTNA/ERCA CORPORATE MEMBER?

To fully receive the benefits of the EDTNA/ERCA Membership, you need to be engaged with the Association. With any membership, however, you get what you put into it. Get involved as often as possible and you will harvest the benefits offered to you as a Corporate Member.

Corporate Membership is open to all Hospitals, Institutions and Companies. The Corporate Membership will provide excellent opportunities and it is a perfect way of keeping up to speed on all the Educational Projects of the Association.

As a Corporate Member, you receive an extensive range of benefits and if you would like to discuss how we could, together, develop our Collaboration further, please don't hesitate to contact our EDTNA/ERCA INDUSTRY RELATIONS
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THE BENEFITS

- To be a part of the EDTNA/ERCA Multidisciplinary Community with Personal Support from the EDTNA/ERCA Secretariat
- To collaborate around joint Educational & Scientific Projects
- Access to EDTNA/ERCA Research Projects
- Opportunity to exchange knowledge and expertise on a global level
- 5 pcs of EDTNA/ERCA Associated Memberships
- Journal of Renal Care – Online
- Educational Courses, Text books & Materials – Online
- Access to Electronic Library & Articles – Online
- Opportunities To Collaborate In Projects Developments (Books, Apps)

STAY INSPIRED – STAY MOTIVATED – ENRICH YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE – BECOME AN EDTNA/ERCA MEMBER

Membership fees and types

Membership Types	Fees
Member	60 EUR
Corporate Member	900 EUR

GOOD TO KNOW ABOUT VILNIUS

Along the rivers Neris and Vilnelė lies the beautiful and bustling city of Vilnius, with its unique old town that combines the heritage of many cultures.

Centuries-old architecture, modern buildings and unspoilt nature right in the city, making Vilnius one of the greenest capitals in Europe, create a unique harmony. The contemporary atmosphere of the city goes hand in hand with the stories and legends of the Old Town.

The cobbled streets will take you on a romantic stroll through the UNESCO World Heritage Sites that exemplify the Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical movements. The business and commercial sections of the city make up the New City Center, with its modern architecture and style.

However, this city can give you so much more, as it is home to many talented contemporary artists, which means you can attend a play or film by a world-famous Lithuanian director, listen to the world's best opera singer, or visit an exhibition by a renowned contemporary artist, among other things, as there are dozens of free events daily and a theatre, film, dance or cultural festival every month. At night, Vilnius transforms into a different city, where, amidst a buzzing club and bar culture, people dance until sunrise.

Beyond all of this, Vilnius is home to a fast-growing and innovative entrepreneurial ecosystem, and the city is continuously developing strategies to support the continued growth of several priority sectors, including shared service centres, FinTech, ICT, high-tech manufacturing and biotechnology.

To make the most of getting around the city, you can also get a Vilnius Pass and explore the city for less – and take advantage of free entry to many museums and tours, special offers and discounts to top attractions, shops and restaurants and for a very unique way to the see the city, you can try a hot air balloon ride that gwill give you a bird's-eye view of the juxtaposition of the old and the new city sights.

HOW TO GET HERE – VERY EASILY!

BY PLANE

Vilnius International Airport is currently served by more than 15 airlines to more than 40 destinations. In addition, flight times are only three hours or less from European cities.

From the airport, it's only 15 minutes by bus or taxi to the city centre and only 7 minutes by train to the city station.

Airport – city centre
Train
There is a special "Vilnius – Airport" train that runs regularly from Vilnius Railway Station to the airport and back. The trains run 16 times a day and the journey takes 7 minutes. The ticket costs € 0.70. It can be bought online, on the train or at the station.

Taxi
There is an approved Vilnius Airport taxi rank in front of the arrivals terminal. All taxis accept cash and credit cards. Here are the most popular routes and their price:

Vilnius – Old Town Airport (Cathedral Square) – approximately € 10
Vilnius Airport – Constitution Avenue – approximately € 12
Vilnius Airport – Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva (Conference Venue) – approximately € 12

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public buses and trolleybuses run from around 5 am until midnight. Information about schedules can be found at bus and trolley bus stops and online at www.vilniustransport.lt.

Smart Vilnius provides apps for m-parking and m-ticket.

Electronic tickets can be purchased at press kiosks (called "Lietuvos spauda") or at the information desks of Maxima supermarkets. Individual paper tickets can be bought from the driver, however, during COVID-19 pandemic, drivers do not sell tickets.

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