



Brand Ambassador Annual Report, Belgium

In 2019, there were a little less than 40 Belgian EDTNA/ERCA members. Membership declined the last years, mostly due to economic circumstances and sponsoring problems, but must be stabilized now. However more than 45% of the Belgian Members attended the 48th EDTNA/ERCA Conference in Prague, Czech Republic.

2019 activities included:

- Organization of national awards for the accepted Belgian abstracts with the support from the national nephrology industry.
- The three national associations, ORPADT VI & Fr, DTV and the French speaking Nephrologists Association offer each 3 or 4 seminars during the academic year 2019 - 2020. The Belgian EDTNA/ERCA brand Ambassador was at most of the events and general information about the association and abstract submission was offered.
- Writing articles for the ORPADT-VL Publication "Forum" offering information about the EDTNA/ERCA activities

For the 2019 International EDTNA/ERCA Prague Conference, the Belgian members produced 1 abstract.

Abstract ID 83: Patient's experiences of a transition from homebased to in-center based renal replacement therapy modalities.

E. Holvoet, W. Van Biesen, S. Eloot; Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium.

Due to the fact that that the author was not able to present her work at the conference the National Award offered by the Belgian Nephrology Industry, MCMedicol, was not awarded.

Future projects include:

- Further contacts with: ORPADT French, ORPADT Flemish, GNFB and DTV
- Writing articles in the National Dutch Association Publication: Forum
- Providing National Scholarships for the 49th EDTNA/ERCA Ljubljana Conference 2020
- Attending seminars of the National Organizations
- Continuing the translations of the EDTNA/ERCA Newsletter to French

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- Making translations to French/Dutch for EDTNA/ERCA publications if necessary
- Controlling the Belgian part of the DOPPS 7 study as CRA
- And last but not least: Looking out to increase the Members ratio
- Some of the Belgian attendees at the EDTNA/ERCA Prague International Conference in September 2019.

Michel is available to answer EDTNA/ERCA related questions.

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