

There are currently 100 EDTNA/ERCA Members in Belgium

Dear All,

My name is Michel and I am the EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassador for Belgium since the Vienna Conference in 2005. Belgium have for the moment almost 100 members and 60 of them visited the Dresden Conference in September 2015. The Belgian Brand Ambassador's poster can be seen on www.edtnerca.org.



The Belgian Educational Groups for Nephrology nurses and doctors have a full program every year. Lessons are given in Dutch and French by ORPADT VL; ORPADT FR; DTV; GNFB and NBVN.

As a Brand Ambassador one of my responsibilities is the translation of the "Newsletter" to the languages of my members (in this case only to French as the Dutch Brand Ambassador makes the translations to Dutch). In 2015, I translated also the CKD11 to CKD14 booklets for patient education to French in cooperation with Tai Mooi Ho Wong from Spain and the EDTNA/ERCA sponsor BBraun.

During the year and at the conference, I help out the Scientific Committee Chair with abstract marking; poster marking; chairing sessions; presenting and mentoring new brand ambassadors.

With the Belgian Nephrology Industry I try to provide every year at least two National Awards (2 free participations to the next year's EDTNA/ERCA Conference) for the Belgian abstract authors. In 2015 we had 7 accepted abstracts. The following two abstracts were chosen by my National Nephrology Partners.

MCMedical Award:

Implementation of a multidisciplinary consultation for chronic kidney disease stage 4 and 5. Dierickx K. Nephrology UZ Gasthuisberg, Leuven.

Bellco-Belgium Award:

Hemofiltration and Reinfusion (HFR): an educational movie to train our nursing staff. Van Paesschen N. Hemodialysis UZ Brussel, Brussel.

I stay in contact with the members mostly by email or phone and try to see them as much as possible on the national meetings of the different nephrology educational groups. Further on I write two or three articles every year in the ORPADT VL publication "FORUM" where I also advertise for the oncoming EDTNA/ERCA conference.

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As Brand Ambassador for Belgium and volunteer I have a lot of opportunities as I work together with nurses from all over Europe, changing ideas and helping each other. We discuss and solve problems regularly by conference calls. Next opportunity to see our Brand Ambassador Group in person will be from the 17th to 20th of September 2016 at our Valencia Conference.

I hope to see you all there.

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