Dear Friends & Colleagues,
We are getting closer and closer to Christmas and each year we try to catch up and finalize everything before taking some days off to relax with friends and families. But before leaving for some Christmas holidays, we would like to express our gratitude to all our Volunteers, Members, Industry Partners and all our Newsletter readers for another fantastic and great year we have spent together. We are looking forward to share our enthusiasm about all our ongoing projects, the excellent planning for our next International Conference in Krakow and last but not least - visit our New Website. We all are sharing the same interest in Renal Care Improvements and that makes us such a Great Team!

EDTNA/ERCA would like to Thank You All for an excellent collaboration and we are very much looking forward to next years achievements.

We wish you some nice relaxing days and Happy Holidays!

With very warm regards,

Maria Cruz Casal
Publication Coordinator & English Editor
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the LOC I have the honour to invite you to participate in the 46th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference, which will be held 9-12 September 2017 in the beautiful city of Krakow, where tradition intertwines with modernity. This former capital and seat of Polish kings still impresses with its unique charm. It is home to the oldest University in Poland and the school nurse, in which nurses have been trained for over 90 years. The city is famous for its unique atmosphere, which owes its wonderful cafes, where you can not only eat well, but also listen to good music. Therefore, Krakow has become a meeting place of people from all over the world and I hope that we will have the opportunity to meet there to talk about "True Partnership and the Global Approach in Managing of Renal Care".

Welcome to Krakow, beautiful anytime of the year!
The Value of the Conference

We are proud to introduce you to the Conference theme - ‘True Partnership and Global Approach in Management of Renal Care’. Our aim, as usual is to make this an unforgettable Conference in the historical city of Krakow.

The EDTNA/ERCA is a multidisciplinary organization for those working in renal care. Through the Scientific Programme we offer a significant and valuable contribution to the care, given to those referred to our renal services. The Conference is a forum for sharing the best research and innovations in practice and helps in initiating and promoting quality renal research and practice around the world.

The Conference has an important role of educating, exchanging information and experience, utilizing the expertise of health care professionals, service leaders, academics, researchers, care givers, people with renal disease and industry partners, from around 70 countries, who come together to share innovations and knowledge.

The Conference is a showcase for the latest technology and innovation in the treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease and our delegates are keen to view novel therapies, products and services at the exhibition area in conjunction with the excellent scientific program. The Conference therefore also provides an invaluable opportunity to promote therapies & products not only across Europe, but around the world.

Dates - September, 9th - 12th, 2017
Place - Krakow, Poland
46th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference, Krakow -
The Scientific Programme

The scheduling of the Scientific Programme for the 46th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference, September 9th - 12th, 2017 works according to plan. The theme of the conference is "True Partnership and Global Approach in Management of Renal Care". The On-line Abstract submission has been open since November.

Call for Abstracts

Please submit your Abstracts by the 15th of February, 2017. Successful authors will be notified of their Abstract acceptance by the 31st of March, 2017.

The topics for Abstract submission are:

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Anastasia Liossatou
Scientific Programme Committee Chair

Visit our New Website - www.edtna-erca.com!

We have the pleasure to invite you to visit our new website. Our intention is to make your life easier, to find the information you are looking for quicker and faster. We are in the final phase to integrate Members login in and payment method. At this moment, when you need to get access to Members only section, you will be directed from our new website to the old Associations website.

Enjoy navigating through the new website! If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact our Secretariat who will guide you further at edtna_erca@adexcellentbranding.com.
In Memoriam

It is our sad duty to inform you that John Southwood, Member of the Executive Committee of EDTNA/ERCA and President 1990/1991, has passed away.

John Southwood was a nurse teacher in the UK before moving to the Netherlands in the 1970s. Changing his field of practice in nursing, he became a dialysis nurse at the dialysis department of the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam, starting the Peritoneal Dialysis Programme in 1979. John was closely involved in the setup and, as an experienced trainer; he did fantastic work in educating PD patients. He developed education materials, not only for the skilled readers, but also for the illiterate patients and those from abroad being unable to understand the Dutch language.

John became involved in the Dutch Society of Dialysis Nurses and the EDTNA/ERCA. The important work he did for the promotion and implementation of PD, not only in The Netherlands, but all over Europe, cannot be valued enough.

We miss his fine and friendly personality, and will never forget his great commitment and join Colin Aldridge, UK, EDTNA/ERCA President 1994/1995 emailing: "John was a real Nurse, who (along with many nurses met in
EDTNA/ERCA taught me to respect and value this fine profession”.

Dr. Els Boeschoten, nephrologist, NL
Aase Riemann, PD consultant EDTNA/ERCA
Alois Gorke, EDTNA/ERCA Finance Coordinator

International Conference of EDTNA/ERCA, Brussels, 1991, John Southwood, President of EDTNA/ERCA

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**Do you want to continue to receive the Journal of Renal Care?**

With the change of the Constitution and Membership fees at the Annual General Meeting, 18.09.2016, our Members will receive all information via e-mail.

However, for the Journal of Renal Care there is one exception:

**As a Member you have the right to receive a printed copy of the Journal of Renal Care, but you have to make your application by email to edtna_erca@adexcellentbranding.com**

Please read the [New Constitution](#) and use your rights as a member.

EDTNA/ERCA Committee

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**Fresenius Medical Care and EDTNA/ERCA are celebrating 10 years of collaboration!**
Congratulations to all of us! More than 110 delegates from 17 countries across Middle East & Africa attending the 10th Renal Education Program Seminar. It was the 10th time and the seminar took place in Barcelona, Spain on November 12th – 14th. It was a great success and we are already planning for the next years seminar.
Diaverum Spain Travel Guide for Renal Patients

Diaverum Spain launched a Travel Guide for Renal Patients. If you didn’t have the opportunity yet to get a copy in English or Spanish, do not hesitate to download it from www.edtna-erca.com.

Welcome to the World of our Brand Ambassadors

To perform volunteering at EDTNA/ERCA is well known for professional skill development, to meet new friends and colleagues and also allow yourself to have some fun.

Volunteering has positive benefits for you as a Volunteer as well as for the persons or communities served and involved in your activities.

Don’t forget to follow our Brand Ambassadors’ local activities in their countries. We are updating it frequently and if you have any specific questions, either contact our Brand Ambassadors directly or our Secretariat who will provide you with more information.

Take the opportunity to learn more about our EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassadors’ Country Activities and their achievements.

Are you committed and enthusiastic? Are you looking for a new challenge?
Join our team of Volunteers to play an active role in our worldwide Association.

Become a part of an amazing team!

The following Vacancies are open for EDTNA/ERCA Members:

Currently there are the following Brand Ambassador positions open:

- **Hungary**
- **Germany**
- **Ireland**
- **Israel**
- **Portugal**

Consultants for:

- **Peritoneal Dialysis**

If you are interested in any of these positions, or if would like to obtain a detailed Job Description, please contact the Secretariat at edtna_erca@adexcellentbranding.com
We wish You
Happy Holidays and A Happy New Year!

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