Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope you all are doing well and that you have had a good start of 2017! We feel that this year will be very exciting for our Association and for all of us involved. We are planning for a success at our 46th International Conference in Krakow, we are working heavily with the Online strategy (read about it below), our relationship with our Industry Partners and all our joint Projects are going very well. So, as you can see, it is really exciting and now it is time for us to present the first issue of EDTNA/ERCA News 2017. Every second month you will receive the latest News of our Association and of course you can always follow us by visiting our website www.edtna-erca.com and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our Secretariat at edtna_erca@adexcellentbranding.com

Maria Cruz Casal
EDTNA/ERCA Publications Coordinator

We Proudly Present the News in 19 Languages!

One advantage and benefit of many being a Global Association is to have the possibility to publish the News in several languages more, not only English. Our Brand Ambassadors and Translators are doing an extremely good job and we are very privileged to have such dedicated and committed colleagues. This issue of the News are available in 19 languages; Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Turkish.

We are very proud about this and you can find all the languages at www.edtna-erca.com.
If you have any specific questions regarding the availability of your language, please contact our Brand Ambassador of your country. They are more than happy to support you. [www.edtna-erca.com/about-us/brand-ambassadors](http://www.edtna-erca.com/about-us/brand-ambassadors)

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**ABOUT WORLD KIDNEY DAY**

Celebrated every year on the second Thursday of March, World Kidney Day (WKD) is the global awareness campaign that aims at increasing awareness of the importance of our kidneys to our health and reduce the impact of kidney disease and its associated problems worldwide.

Read more about World Kidney Day: [www.edtna-erca.com](http://www.edtna-erca.com)

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**Improvements of Poster display and visibility in Krakow**

This year in Krakow, all Posters will be displayed on screens, which we see as an advantage for you since you don’t need to carry your Poster in a tube to Krakow. All of you who will get the acceptance of your Abstract as Poster will receive clear guidelines about this year process.

As usual we want to maximize the level of importance of your achieved work by having Selected Posters to be presented as Short Orals. And all Posters will be assessed by experts in the topics before the Conference to select the winners of scholarship.

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**Visit our New Website - [www.edtna-erca.com](http://www.edtna-erca.com)!**

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](mailto:edtna_erca@adexcellentbranding.com).

Follow our activities on [Facebook.](https://www.facebook.com)
Authors of ALL accepted Abstracts (oral and poster presentation) are encouraged to submit a full paper to be considered for the Manuscript Scholarship Award. Papers submitted must conform to the guidelines that will be sent to each confirmed Abstract author.

BEST MANUSCRIPTS AWARDED DURING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

- 1st prize of 500,- EUR
- 2nd prize of 250,- EUR
- 3rd prize Full year EDTNA/ERCA membership to maximum of 3 contributors to the Abstract (the chief author / not the presenter will decide who will get the membership for free)

All authors will get a certificate.

BEST POSTER PRESENTATION PRIZES will be AWARDED DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY

- 1st prize of 250,- EUR
- Certificate of Merit Full year of EDTNA/ERCA membership
- 1st time Poster Presentation Full year of EDTNA/ERCA membership

All authors will get a certificate.

Collaboration between EDTNA/ERCA & National Associations - Project on Electronic Library Educational Papers

Languages will not be a barrier anymore! At the last meeting of EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee & Presidents of National Associations, more than 10 countries agreed on a project in partnership by translating the Educational Papers included in the EDTNA/ERCA Electronic Library Advanced and Expert Levels. This Project does include as well development of new Papers. If you speak Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Slovenian, Spanish, Turkish, these important Educational Papers will be available for you in your language. The project will be launched in Krakow.

We would like to say Thanks to the Presidents of National Associations for such a great cooperation and the EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassadors from these countries for their great support in the success of this project.
Follow the project at www.edtna-erca.com/education-and-research/electronic-library

THANK YOU very much for the Collaboration!

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**Ten Years of Collaboration – DOPPS Research**

We are very pleased to announce that the EDTNA/ERCA/DOPPS monograph titled, “Ten Years of Collaboration: DOPPS Research, The European Dialysis Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA), Arbor Research Collaborative for Health, and the Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (DOPPS)” has been completed.

This document was created with an interactive component that will allow you to navigate to different sections of the monograph simply by clicking on a topic within the table of contents. Download it from www.edtna-erca.com

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**Travel Guide for Renal Patients produced by Diaverum Spain**

Don’t miss the opportunity to get a copy in English or Spanish to be shared with your patients. With the facilities offered by Diaverum the possibility to enjoy a wonderful holiday in Spain is there. Download it from www.edtna-erca.com

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**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.

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**EDTNA/ERCA Volunteers Vacancies**
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. The following Vacancies are open for EDTNA/ERCA Members:

Brand Ambassadors:
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Portugal
- Russia
- Sweden

Consultants for:
- Peritoneal Dialysis
- Transplant

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Secretariat at edtna_erca@adexcellentbranding.com

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