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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope you all are doing well, preparing yourself for your participation at our 46th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Krakow, September 9-12. The Online Registration is now open, the online Registration for Hotel Accommodation is also open – ready for the registrations to be done.

We are planning for a success together with our colleagues and our Industry Partners and we will keep you informed and in the loop through our Website and communication via Social Media.

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

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EDTNA/ERCA Supporting Recognition of Renal Education

EDTNA/ERCA continues to build strong external partnerships with schools of nursing and universities offering renal education as well as with renal industry who are interested in striving to gain EDTNA-ERCA accreditation of their renal education programs. With programs across Europe, Middle East and Asia having successfully gained accreditation a number of existing award holders are busy preparing their re-submissions for re-assessment for the 2017 accreditation assessment cycle. Interest has been expressed in gaining short award approval 'Approved Status' awards for smaller programs of learning workshops & seminars/conferences.

The Accreditation Committee have continued to provide individualized support to applicants seeking for Accreditation with a dedicated guide to assist in preparing submission of documents. This includes contact via telephone and web conferencing. Current successful applicants have expressed their satisfaction with having a designated individual support. Gaining accreditation is testament to the quality of educational programs provided and an important quality hallmark to students and learners who are keen to have their program of learning recognized not only within Europe but globally!

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Latest update of the joint project between EDTNA/ERCA & NxStage - Home Haemodialysis - A Nurses Guide to Implementing Best Practice in Home Haemodialysis

The decision regarding the choice of the RRT modality is crucial. It impacts all aspects of patients' lives and the lives of their families. Studies demonstrate that many patients, when given the freedom to choose, will select a treatment modality on the basis of their lifestyle.

Education of the patient and exposing them to the option of Home Haemodialysis is vital to increase the uptake of this modality. It is also crucial that health care providers are familiar and well educated about the option of HHD and feel confident being advocates for this treatment option.

One of the main goals of the EDTNA/ERCA is to provide educational resources for nurses and other healthcare professionals who care for renal patients, both as printed material and as on-line application tools.

This tool is focuses on health professional-patient pathways to support



the successful implementation of HHD. It offers practical guidance for managing a HHD program with information to enhance effective training of patients to empower them to feel secure performing dialysis at home.

The objectives of this tool are: to increase the health care professionals' awareness of the benefits of HHD, to provide them with an educational tool which can help them understand the unique needs of home haemodialysis patients, to implement this knowledge into practice and to improve access to HHD for patients who can benefit from it. This tool with many chapters has been brought together thanks to the cooperation and collaboration of enthusiastic professionals from various countries.

New joint Project initiated between EDTNA/ERCA & B. Braun Avitum -

Exploring Nutrition Practices among Renal Nurses

The main objective is to explore the level of awareness, knowledge and current practices of nutritional care among nurses dealing with Chronic Kidney Disease patients. Preliminary data was conducted through a survey at the last Conference in Valencia. The results have been evaluated and it was identified a high interest in getting more education on Nutrition. This led us to extend the project by a more wide collection of data through a new survey. The survey will be performed during spring and the result will be presented at the next International Conference in Krakow. We appreciate the collaboration we have with B. Braun and we are very enthusiastic about this joint Project.



EDTNA/ERCA active at European Kidney Health Allianz (EKHA)

The European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA) is embarking on a Multi-Country Survey to build a Snapshot of Renal Patient Choice in Europe.



The results of this survey were presented at the European Kidney Forum in April 2017, in Brussels along with a Call to Action to address any inequalities of access to choice of treatment for patients in Europe. After the presentation, the results will be also available at our Web: www.edtna-

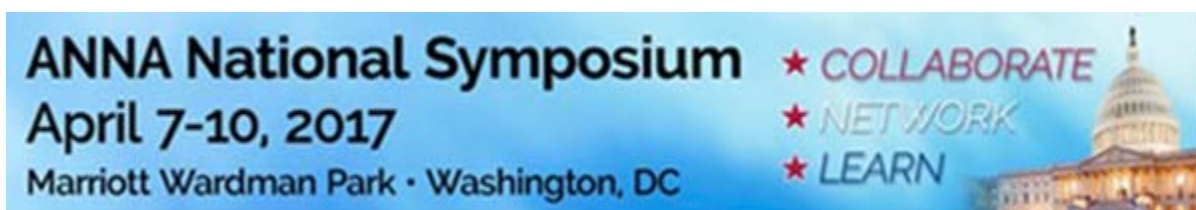
erca.com. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of those who completed the Questionnaire!



Latest update of the Krakow Conference preparations

Abstracts were already marked. Several Interesting Workshops were agreed on key topics like: Home Haemodialysis, Nutrition, Communication and Oral (mouth) Care. Don't lose the opportunity to get the **Early Registration Benefits** to attend the 46th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Krakow. Find detailed information at www.edtna-erca.com/conferences by clicking "Conferences" tab.

The online Registration is now open – please Register at www.edtna-erca.com/conferences/registration



EDTNA/ERCA and National Associations cooperation Worldwide

EDTNA/ERCA strives in promoting education by cooperation with Associations who pursue the same objective. Our President, Mrs Marianna Eleftheroudi attended the ANNA Annual Symposium and had the opportunity to discuss projects in partnership with the ANNA Board.



Travel Guide for Renal Patients produced by Diaverum Spain

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



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Are you looking for a new challenge?
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Welcome to EDTNA/ERCA

For us, within our Association, it is about 'Achieving the best standard of education, standards and research for all renal care professionals caring and supporting their patients and families around the world. To be able to live by this Mission and the Purpose and Reason for being a true renal professional, we are many people involved. Many tasks to split and share among us, to become stronger and achieve our goals.

We always strive for Excellence in everything we do. Our Knowledge and Experience ensure that the outcome of our Educational Programs and Projects in Collaboration with our Partners shows the evidence of this. Our Commitment towards each other encourage us to do even more. Through the globalization and our Global presence we have an Opportunity to share knowledge and experience not only at Conferences and Seminars but also through our Publications and Digitalization Programme. All this creates fantastic opportunities for everyone involved. Our strength is to focus on the unique competencies and experience of each and every individual to create a Caring Culture that brings out the best in us all.

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The AGM Minutes Valencia 2016 are now [available](#)

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The VND App is now available for [download](#)

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Diaverum presents the first Travel Guide for the Renal Patient - now available for [download](#) in English &

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