Dear All,
I hope you are doing well and that everything is fine with you. Time is really running quickly and it is hard to believe that it is already a couple of weeks ago since we met in Krakow and shared knowledge and expertise with each other. We hope you have enjoyed our 46th Conference and are already planning your participation for next year which takes place in Genova.

I wish you a great autumn and talk to you soon again when we are closer to Christmas. Please don’t hesitate to contact myself or our Secretariat if you have any comments or questions.

Until next time…With very warm regards,

Maria Cruz Casal
EDTNA/ERCA Publications Coordinator

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 46TH EDTNA/ERCA CONFERENCE, KRAKOW, POLAND – SEPTEMBER 9-12, 2017

Did you attend our Conference in Krakow? If so, we hope you enjoyed being with us and already plan your participation at our next year’s Conference. However, before we move into Genova, September 15-18, 2018 we would like to give you some highlights.
On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee of 46th EDTNA/ERCA Conference, it is a pleasure and privilege to thank you all for attending the Conference. I hope you enjoyed both the Scientific Programme and the city. We are happy to have been able to host you in Poland for the first time in the history of EDTNA/ERCA. We wish that this important for nephrology nurses meeting had a positive impact on the renal care you give.

With best regards,
Anna Kliś
Local Organizing Committee Chair

We have been honoured by the participation of Professor Zbylut Twardowski, Nephrologist and Pioneer in the field of Chronic Kidney Disease. At the Opening Ceremony Professor Twardowski talked about “Kt/V Urea index should be forgotten – sodium is a real uremic toxin” and it was brilliant.

EDTNA/ERCA BEST MANUSCRIPT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & BEST POSTER AWARDS

On behalf of the Scientific Committee of EDTNA/ERCA, it is a pleasure and privilege to announce and acknowledge the winners of this year’s Best Manuscript Scholarship Awards & Best Poster Awards.

THE 3 WINNERS OF THE MANUSCRIPTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE:

1ST PRIZE
Frailty in potential kidney transplant recipients
M. Vera Casanova¹, A. Bach Pascual¹, Y. Castillo Piña¹, S. Álvarez Morales¹, M. Folgueiras Lopez¹, M. J. Pérez Sáez¹, D. Redondo Pachón¹, T.M. Ho Wong¹, A. Faura Vendrell¹, E. Junyent Iglesias¹
¹Nefrologia, Hospital del Mar - Parc de Salut Mar, Barcelona, Spain

2ND PRIZE
Renal patients’ symptoms, experience and quality of life in their last year of life
Bonner¹-², S. Chambers¹, H. Healy²-³, W. E. Hoy⁴, G. Mitchell⁵, A. Kark², S. Ratanjee², P. Yates¹-⁶
¹School of Nursing, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia; ²Kidney Health Service, Metro North Hospital and Health Service, Queensland Health, Brisbane, Australia; ³Kidney Research
3RD PRIZE
Using creative and therapeutic activities to improve dialysis patients’ depressed-mood and physical inactivity
G. Pedreira-Robles1, A. Vasco-Gómez1, C. Herrera-Morales1, Y. Martinez-Delgado1, E. Junyent-Iglesias1, T.M. Ho Wong1
1Hospital Del Mar, Barcelona, Spain

THE 3 WINNERS OF THE BEST POSTER AWARDS ARE:

1ST PRIZE
Reduced actual sleep and sleep efficiency in patients on in-centre nocturnal haemodialysis
E. Holvoet1, S. J. Maertens1, W. Van Biesen1, S. Eloot1
1Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium

2ND PRIZE
Successful treatment of a child with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation/continuous renal replacement therapy
S. Besedic1, K. Valentak1, J. Slavicek1, D. Milosevic1
1Department of nephrology, dialysis and transplantation, University Clinical Hospital Centre Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

3RD PRIZE - 1ST TIME POSTER PRESENTATION
A new approach in our outpatient clinic for chronic kidney disease
S. Pečolar1, F. Kogal1
1Dialysis, Splošna bolnišnica Slovenj Gradec, Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia

May I take this opportunity to congratulate the above authors in receiving the most prestigious and deserving awards as well as to thank them for their valuable contribution to the scientific programme of the 46th EDTNA/ERCA Conference in Krakow.

Anastasia Liossatou
Scientific Programme Committee Chair

THREE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED

“Home Haemodialysis - A Nurses Guide to Implementing Best Practice in Home Haemodialysis”

Order the book at: www.edtna-erca.com/education-and-research/order-of-educational-material
NEW VOLUNTEERS & NEW POSITIONS

New Volunteers and Volunteers in new positions were officially appointed:

- Mrs Edita Noruisiene from Lithuania – EDTNA/ERCA President
- Mrs Evgenia Golland – EDTNA/ERCA Treasurer
- Ms Maria Teresa Parisotto – EDTNA/ERCA Secretary
- Ms Maria Arminda Tavares – Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant
- Berislav Poje – Scientific Programme Committee Chair
- Anastasia Liossatou – Scientific Programme Committee Member
- Angela Drähne – Brand Ambassador - Germany
- Hanadi Mezher – Brand Ambassador - Lebanon
- Galia Rusakov Barbalat – Brand Ambassador - Israel
WELCOME!

The leaving Volunteers acknowledged were:

- Mrs Marianna Eleftheroudi – President ad Interim for 2 years
- Mrs Aase Riemann – Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant for 6 years
- Mrs Sophie Halldin – Brand Ambassador from Sweden for 3 years

Thanks to all of them for a great contribution with our Association!

EDTNA/ERCA PLANTING A TREE IN KRAKOW
Mrs Edita Noruišiene in her role as new President has had the honour of planting a tree in the green area of the ICE Krakow Congress Centre. The name of the EDTNA/ERCA will remain with it as a reference of our 46th Conference in this wonderful city.
CONFERENCE PHOTOS

Did you have a look at all the fantastic photos from our Conference.
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