LATEST UPDATE DURING 2017

In 2017, there were a little more than 60 Belgian EDTNA/ERCA members. Membership declined the last years, mostly due to economic circumstances, but is stabilized now. However more than 80% of the Belgian Members attended the 46th EDTNA/ERCA Conference in Krakow.

2017 activities included:

- Organization of national awards for the accepted Belgian abstracts with the support from the national nephrology industry.
- The two national associations and the French speaking Nephrologists Association offered each 3 or 4 seminars during the academic year 2016 - 2017. The Belgian EDTNA/ERCA brand Ambassador was at most of the events and general information about the association and abstract submission were offered
- Writing articles for the ORPADT-VL Publication "Forum" offering information about the EDTNA/ERCA activities

In 2017 the Belgian members produced six abstracts for the 46th International Conference in Krakow.

**Abstract ID: 91**  
Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus outbreak on nephrology department: how to manage it at the dialysis unit  
Olbrechts, C., Crols, S., Van Paesschen, N., Roden, M., Tielemans, C., Doctors and nursing Staff Haemodialysis unit UZ Brussel, Infection Prevention Team UZ Brussel

**Abstract ID: 93**  
Electrical safety on a hemodialysis (HD) ward.  
Roden, M., Vonckx, L., Van Paesschen, N., Tielemans, C.  
Haemodialysis Department, UZ Brussel Hospital, Brussel, Belgium

**Abstract ID: 144**  
Reduced actual sleep and sleep efficiency in patients on in-centre nocturnal haemodialysis  
Holvoet, E., Maertens, S.J., Van Biesen, W., E loot, S.  
Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium
Abstract ID: 145
Utility scores to assess quality of life in prevalent haemodialysis patients
Holvoet, E., Van Dorpe, I., Deman, E., Verleysen, A., Eloot, S., Van Biesen, W. Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium

Abstract ID: 147
Machine TMP is a misleading parameter to follow haemodialyser clotting
Van Ommeslaeghe, F.¹, Van Biesen, W.¹, Claus, S.¹, Dierick, M.², Van Hoorebeke, L.², Dhondt, A.¹, Eloot, S.¹
¹ Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium
² Centre for X-ray Tomography, Physics and Astronomy, Ghent University, Gent, Belgium

Abstract ID: 172
Quality of life in paediatric patients with chronic kidney disease
De Bruyne, E.¹, Van Herzeele, Ch.¹, Snaauwaert, E.², Holvoet, E.³, Vermeiren, S.³, Van Hoecke, E.¹, Goubert, L.⁴, Van Biesen, W.³, Raes, A. and Vande Walle, J.², Eloot, S.³
¹ Paediatrics, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium
² Paediatric Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium
³ Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium
⁴ Experimental-Clinical and Health Psychology, Ghent University, Gent, Belgium

Two of these abstracts won a National Award offered by the Belgian Nephrology Industry

Belgian National Bellco - Medtronic Award 2017
Quality of life in paediatric patients with chronic kidney disease
De Bruyne, E.¹, Van Herzeele, Ch.¹, Snaauwaert, E.², Holvoet, E.³, Vermeiren, S.³, Van Hoecke, E.¹, Goubert, L.⁴, Van Biesen, W.³, Raes, A. and Vande Walle, J.², Eloot, S.³
¹ Paediatrics, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium
² Paediatric Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium
³ Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium
⁴ Experimental-Clinical and Health Psychology, Ghent University, Gent, Belgium

Belgian National MCMedicole Award 2017
Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus outbreak on nephrology department: how to manage it at the dialysis unit
Olbrechts, C., Crols, S., Van Paesschen, N., Roden, M., Tielemans, C., Doctors and nursing Staff Haemodialysis unit UZ Brussel, Infection Prevention Team UZ Brussel
Furthermore: Els Holvoet, from Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium won the Poster Scholarship Award 2017 with her abstract: “Reduced actual sleep and sleep efficiency in patients on in-centre nocturnal haemodialysis”. She received a cheque of 250€ from EDTNA/ERCA.

Future projects include:

- Further contacts with ORPADT French – ORPADT Flemish and DTV
- Writing articles in the National Association Publications
- Providing National Scholarships for the 47th EDTNA/ERCA Genova Conference 2018
- Attending seminars of the National Organizations
- Completing the English – French translation of the Home Hemodialysis book
- Looking out to increase the Members ratio
Latest Update from the Brand Ambassador
Belgium 2017

Michel Roden, Céline Olbrechts (UZ Brussel Hospital) and Sylvain Marlair (MC Medicole)
with the MC Medicole Award 2017
Latest Update from the Brand Ambassador
Belgium 2017

Els Holvoet (UZ Gent Hospital), Dirk Nauwelaers (Bellco – Medtronic Belgium) and Sofie Vermeiren (UZ Gent Hospital) with the Bellco – Medtronic Award 2017
Latest Update from the Brand Ambassador

Belgium 2017

Michel Roden & Els Holvoet with the EDTNA/ERCA best abstract award 2017

Michel is available to answer EDTNA/ERCA related questions.

For more information please contact Michel Roden, Brand Ambassador, rodenmichel@gmail.com