Latest Update during 2018

In 2018, there were a little less than 50 Belgian EDTNA/ERCA members. Membership declined the last years, mostly due to economic circumstances and sponsoring problems, but must be stabilized now. However more than 80% of the Belgian Members attended the 47th EDTNA/ERCA Conference in Genova, Italy.

2018 activities included:

- Organization of national awards for the accepted Belgian abstracts with the support from the national nephrology industry.
- The two national associations, DTV and the French speaking Nephrologists Association offer each 3 or 4 seminars during the academic year 2018 - 2019. The Belgian EDTNA/ERCA brand Ambassador was at most of the events and general information about the association and abstract submission was offered
- Writing articles for the ORPADT-VL Publication "Forum" offering information about the EDTNA/ERCA activities

For the 2018 International EDTNA/ERCA Genova Conference, the Belgian members produced five abstracts. Abstract ID: 125: Associations between toxin concentrations and quality of life in children with chronic kidney disease

E. Snauwaert1, E. Holvoet1, E. De Bruyne1, W. Van Biesen1, A. Raes1, K. Van Hoeck2, M. Van Dyck3, N. Godefroid4, S. Roels5, J. Vande Walle1, S. Eloot1

1Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium; 2Antwerp University Hospital, Antwerp, Belgium; 3Leuven University Hospital, Leuven, Belgium; 4UCL, Brussels, Belgium; 5Ghent University, Gent, Belgium.

Abstract ID: 154: Risk factors for Chronic Kidney Disease: Prevention campaign and survey on World Kidney Day 2018

Sarah Crols, Céline Olbrechts, Michel Roden, Nico Van Paesschen, Patricia Van der Niepen, Christian Tielemans; Hemodialysis Team UZ Brussel

Abstract ID: 155: The malnutrition pilot project: Improving the nutritional status of haemodialysis patients

Céline Olbrechts, Freija Debruyn, Scarlett Imbrechts, Nico Van Paesschen, Ilse Loodts, Christian Tielemans; Hemodialysis Team UZ Brussel, Nutrition Team UZ Brussel
Abstract ID:  **156: When low care becomes high care: A case study on haemodialysis profile determination**  
Céline Olbrechts, Sarah Crols, Nico Van Paesschen, Christian Tielemans, Nephrologists and Nursing Staff  
Haemodialysis Unit UZ Brussel

Abstract ID:  **210: Reduced sleep and sleep quality in dialysis patients**  
E. Holvoet, C. Dequidt, S. Maertens, W. Van Biesen, S. Eloot; Nephrology, Ghent University Hospital, Gent, Belgium.

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

Belgian National MCMedicole Award 2018

Sarah Crols, Céline Olbrechts, Michel Roden, Nico Van Paesschen, Patricia Van der Niepen, Christian Tielemans;  
Hemodialysis Team UZ Brussel

Céline Olbrechts, Hemodialysis UZ Brussel, Guido Olbrechts, MCMedicol Belgium, Sarah Crols, Hemodialysis UZ Brussel (left to right)
Future projects include:

- Further contacts with: ORPADT French, ORPADT Flemish, GNFB and DTV
- Writing articles in the National Dutch Association Publication: Forum
- Providing National Scholarships for the 48th EDTNA/ERCA Prague Conference 2019
- Attending seminars of the National Organizations
- Continuing the translations of the EDTNA/ERCA Newsletter to French
- Making translations to French/Dutch for EDTNA/ERCA publications if necessary
- Controlling the Belgian part of the DOPPS 7 study as CRA
- And last but not least: Looking out to increase the Members ratio

Michel is available to answer EDTNA/ERCA related questions.

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