Join us in Vancouver

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the Canadian Society of Nephrology (CSN), we have the pleasure to invite you to the 2011 World Congress of Nephrology taking place on April 8-12, 2011 in Vancouver, Canada.

ISN and CSN are pleased to join forces to host ISN’s biennial 2011 World Congress of Nephrology. This edition will focus on Sustainability and Diversity. It will showcase the importance of ensuring that renal science and patient care are tailored to the unique and diverse needs of patients and clinicians worldwide. The event will also highlight several green initiatives set to raise ecological awareness about our planet.

ISN continues to develop initiatives and strategic alliances to further deliver on its two overarching goals. These include reducing the incidence and impact of kidney disease worldwide and making ISN the leading international organization for all issues related to the science and practice of nephrology. CSN will ensure that participants are exposed to ISN’s mission and vision, the scientific initiatives concordant with advancing nephrology care, and the cultural aspects of Canada.

ISN and CSN have worked on developing WCN 2011 to strengthen and support the global nephrology community. With their support, the WCN 2011 Scientific Program Committee is working on providing education and training to improve the understanding of the global burden of kidney disease and, give vital guidance and support to advance nephrology in developing countries. The WCN 2011 Scientific Program Committee Chair, Richard J. Johnson, with co-chairs Adeera Levin, Jürgen Floege and Marcello Tonelli, and the scientific theme committees have designed a groundbreaking program accompanied by oral abstracts and poster presentations. They have invited world-renowned renal medical professionals to cover eight scientific themes, give many CNE, interventional nephrology and pathology courses, as well as present eight insightful and innovative keynote addresses.

The WCN 2011 is seen as the leading “world congress” of nephrology. It not only provides a world-class scientific program, but also reflects the unique role of ISN’s efforts to advance renal care in both the developed and the developing world. This Congress will also highlight Canada’s distinguished experience with diversity. The country’s inhabitants embody a true cultural mosaic and reflect an ethnic and linguistic makeup found nowhere else on earth.

We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver, the third largest metropolitan area in Canada, renowned for its innovative programs in the areas of sustainability and inclusivity.

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Green Capital

Bordered by the Coast Mountain Range and the Pacific Ocean, Vancouver is located almost exactly halfway between Europe and the Asia Pacific region and is recognized as one of the most livable and ‘green’ cities in Northern America.

The city is committed to protect its exceptional natural environment and renowned for its innovative programs in the areas of sustainability, inclusivity and social entrepreneurship. Vancouver celebrates diversity in its population and culture that fosters the creative and innovative character of the city. Visitors can enjoy this diversity in the different neighborhoods, cultural events, and various culinary influences.

Vancouver Convention Center
Vancouver Convention Center is one of the greenest convention centers in the world. The West building, where WCN 2011 will be held, has been the first Convention Center to receive the highest LEED® rating (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), Platinum certification thanks to its design features and a number of sustainable practices.

Did you know?
• Vancouver’s location makes it one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The city offers breathtaking sceneries and year round outdoor activities.
• Vancouver hosted the Winter Olympic Games in 2009. The city was selected for its beauty, accessibility, unlimited services and activities.
• There are no urban freeways in Vancouver and greenhouse gas emissions are the lowest of any major North American city.
• Vancouver is fast becoming known as one of Canada’s best dining destinations with its local and seasonal ingredients, conscious seafood sustainability, Asian influences, and access to British Columbia wines and local craft beers.

Social events
Several ticketed events will be available to congress delegates enhancing their experience in Vancouver, including:

A Night at the Vancouver Aquarium
Canada’s national aquarium is set in Stanley Park and offers not only an outstanding view of the ocean, mountains and the city, but also a profound experience of educational and visual brilliance. The evening at Vancouver Aquarium will include a guided tour of the aquarium, high quality West Coast food and wine, and an exclusive Dolphin Show in close proximity to the Beluga whales, otters, dolphins and other amazing sea creatures. The evening combines education and beauty in a unique venue.

Grouse Mountain: The Peak of Vancouver
Stand on the edge between city and wilderness! Perched 4,100 feet above Vancouver, leave the city and take an aerial journey on the famed Skyride to view from the top, one of the world’s most spectacular cities, the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges and Vancouver Island all in one glance. Once at the top, guests will be offered the ultimate fine dining experience with an award-winning menu, elegant atmosphere and spectacular view.

Accommodation
Vancouver Convention Center is located at the heart of downtown Vancouver, where everything is accessible. All WCN2011 hotels are within walking distance to the Convention Center.
The Scientific Program will open on Friday, April 8 and close on Tuesday, April 12. Plenary lectures will alternate with parallel sessions, poster viewing, oral abstracts and sponsored lunch symposia. Pros and Cons debates will be featured for the first time.

Sustainability & Diversity in Renal Care

ISN’s mission is to advance the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of kidney diseases in the developing and developed world. The Program Committee took care to meet the educational needs of all ISN members and designed the program to cover the full spectrum of renal care. The congress will not only deliver the most recent innovations but also state-of-the-art knowledge that is relevant and adapted to renal care practice throughout the world. Speakers have been selected to reflect a balance in age, gender, countries of origin and backgrounds.

Plenary Sessions

Inspiring plenary speeches will provide scientific insights in renal medicine and state-of-the-art kidney care:

- **Human Origins and Common Diseases: Insights from Mitochondrial DNA**
  Doug Wallace, USA
- **Personal Perspectives on Hemodialysis and Transplantation**
  Robin Eady, UK
- **The Future of Renal Transplantation: Tolerance and Xenografts**
  David H. Sachs, USA
- **Renal Disease in Indigenous Populations: Lessons from the Australian Aborigine**
  Wendy Hoy, Australia
- **Membranous Nephropathy: Journey from Rat to Man**
  David J. Salant, USA
- **Preeclampsia: New Insights into the Cause and Treatment**
  S. Ananth Karumanchi, USA
- **The Autoimmune Basis of Systemic Lupus**
  Carola Garcia de Vinuesa, Australia
- **Renal Antioxidant Defense Systems**
  Toshio Miyata, Japan
- **Cellular Defense Systems in Hypoxia: Mechanisms for Renal Protection**
  Masayuki Yamamoto, Japan
- **Rare Renal Diseases: Bedside to Bench and Back**
  Fiona E. Karet, UK

Continuous Nephrology Education & Courses

CNE courses will be held from Saturday April 9 to Tuesday April 12 in parallel with Renal Pathology courses and Interventional Nephrology courses.

Travel Grants

Travel grants will be awarded to selected participants. Detailed information and application procedures are available on the WCN 2011 website.

Exhibition

Companies and associations servicing renal professionals worldwide will showcase their activities and products from Friday, April 8, 2011 (afternoon) to Tuesday, April 12, 2011 (morning).
**Overarching Themes**
Symposia will be held in eight parallel sessions covering a wide variety of clinical topics in renal research and clinical applications. Themes include:

1. Fluid and electrolytes, tubular transport
2. Heredity disorders, development and pregnancy
3. Glomerular diseases and Infectious diseases of the kidney
4. Acute kidney injury (AKI)
5. Chronic kidney diseases (CKD):
   - Epidemiology, prevention, progression, pathophysiology
6. Hypertension, vascular disease and diabetes
7. End stage renal disease and dialysis
8. Transplantation

**Courses**
- Renal Pathology Courses and Interventional Nephrology Courses
- Continuous Nephrology Education (CNE)

**CME Credits**
CME credits will be available for attendance at the WCN 2011.

**For more information**
www.wcn2011.org
WCN 2011 is organized by the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) in cooperation with the Canadian Society of Nephrology.

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN)
www.isn-online.org
ISN is a global not-for-profit society dedicated to its philanthropic mission of advancing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of kidney diseases in the developing and developed world. Since its foundation in 1960, ISN has pursued the worldwide advancement of education, science and patient care in nephrology. The Society represents a wide international network and provides an efficient platform for timely scientific exchange, debate and dissemination between healthcare professionals around the world. ISN has over 9,000 professional members from more than 125 countries. In addition, ISN closely collaborates with over 70 national and regional nephrology societies around the world, representing about 20,000 professionals.

The Canadian Society of Nephrology (CSN)
www.csnscn.ca
The Canadian Society of Nephrology is a society of physicians and scientists specializing in the care of people with kidney disease, and in research related to the kidney and kidney disease.

CSN mission is to promote the highest quality of care for patients with renal diseases by setting high standards for medical training and education and to increase the knowledge, skills and attitudes of nephrologists. An essential component of the CSN is to encourage research in biomedical sciences related to the kidney, kidney disorders and renal replacement therapies so as to improve the delivery of health care related to nephrology by promoting the continuing professional competence of nephrologists and to encourage and support scholarly and ethical approaches to the enhancement of the specialty.

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- On-site: $750

### ISN-CSN Member in Training 2
- Early Bird: $270
- Pre-registration: $390
- On-site: $450

### New ISN Member 3
- Early Bird: $620
- Pre-registration: $820
- On-site: $940

### Non-Member 4
- Early Bird: $850
- Pre-registration: $1050
- On-site: $1200

### Travel Grant Recipient 5
- Early Bird: Free
- Pre-registration: Free
- On-site: Free

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1. **ISN Member:** ISN Members in good standing will be asked to provide their membership ID numbers.
2. **ISN-CSN Member in Training:** Young nephrologists members of CSN and ISN under the age of 37 are asked to provide their membership ID number.
3. **New ISN Member:** Includes ISN membership dues for 2011. New Members are individuals currently not members of ISN, who wish to attend the congress and join ISN as members at the same time. Choosing this category will automatically enrol you as a member of ISN and you will save $50 on your first year of ISN membership.
4. **Non-Member:** Individuals not interested in being ISN members.
5. **Travel Grant Recipient:** Recipient of ISN Travel Grants will be asked to provide their registration voucher codes.

Registrations are accepted through the WCN 2011 website, registration form or by contacting us at: registration@wcn2011.org

To book your accommodations, events and tours, please contact us at accommodation@wcn2011.org or visit the WCN 2011 website.

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