
NEWS ARTICLE

Update on the International Society for Hemodialysis (ISHD)

The ISHD held its annual business meeting the evening of February 21, 2001, at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. The first report was of the Council Meeting held October 14, 2000, during the American Society of Nephrology meetings in Toronto. These officers of the ISHD were elected: President – Todd Ing, MD, Hines VA Hospital, Renal and Hypertension Section (111L), Building 1 G335, Hines, IL 60141 U.S.A., tel: (708) 202-2781, fax: (708) 202-2256, email: Todd.Ing@med.va.gov; Assistant Secretary – Madhukar Misra, MD, Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, University of Missouri–Columbia, MA 436 HSC, Columbia, MO 65212 U.S.A., tel: (573) 884-7090, fax: (573) 884-4820, email: misram@health.missouri.edu; Treasurer – Rodney Kenley, BS MS MM, OrthAssist, 2211B Lakeside Drive, Bannockburn, IL 60015 U.S.A., tel: (847) 482-1516, fax: (847) 482-1518, email: Rodk@prodigy.net, rkenley@1stconnect.com.

The structure of the Board of Trustees was discussed during the business meeting. There was unanimous agreement that the Board of Trustees will comprise 21 members, and that physicians, nurses, patients, and other health care professionals should be considered for these positions. Six members will be from the United States, one from Canada, one from South America, six from Western Europe, two from Eastern Europe, three from Asia, one from Africa, and one from Australia/New Zealand. A nominating committee was selected and charged with the task of proposing candidates for the Board of Trustees to the president. The nominating committee met afterwards and selected these Trustees:

Tadao Akizawa, MD, Yokohama, Japan
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The constitution has not yet been formulated. Several versions have been considered, based on constitutions of sister societies. The final version will be approved by the Board of Trustees.

A publications committee was appointed to recommend the best offer for an official journal to the president and the Board of Trustees. *Hemodialysis International* was ultimately selected for final negotiations to become the official journal in 2002.

The ISHD has endorsed the Hemodialysis Symposia at the Annual Dialysis Conference, and the first Fundamentals of Extracorporeal Dialysis session was presented in cooperation with the Society in New Orleans. Topics included:

Uremic Toxins: Removal with Different Therapies
Understanding Diffusion, Convection, Osmosis and Adsorption in Dialysis
Solute Compartmentalization during Dialysis
Essentials of Water Treatment
Design and Membrane Characteristics of Hemodialyzers
Components of Blood and Dialysate Circuits
Components and Modeling of Dialysis Solutions
Anticoagulation for Extracorporeal Dialysis
Acute Complications during Extracorporeal Dialysis
Dialyzer Reuse, Basics of Biocompatibility
Ultrafiltration and Antihypertensive Medications
Dialytic Removal of Drugs and Poisons
A Holistic Approach to Dialysis Adequacy

The ISHD encourages those interested in extracorporeal dialysis to submit abstracts for slide and poster forums for the 8th Hemodialysis Symposium in Tampa, FL, March 4–6, 2002, and to submit papers for consideration for publication in Volume 6 of *Hemodialysis International*.

The first meeting organized by ISHD will be held in Asia in 2003.

Inquiries related to membership should be directed to the Assistant Secretary of the Society.