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JSN and ERA-EDTA: Looking back on a successful year of collaboration

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Last November, the Japanese Society of Nephrology (JSN) and the ERA-EDTA decided to sign a collaboration agreement in order to further consolidate and intensify the very good cooperation of both societies and, thus, to build a stronger bond between Japanese and European Nephrology.

The collaboration agreement was initiated by Professor Seiichi Matsuo (Nagoya/Japan), who was president of the JSN until this June, and is now continued and strongly supported by the current president of the JSN, Professor Naoki Kashihara (Okayama/Japan) as well as by the president of the ERA-EDTA, Professor Andrzej Więcek (Katowice, Poland).

“In my opinion this partnership opens up new opportunities for both societies and enables us to exploit synergy effects”, explains Professor Kashihara. The formal agreement regulates the organization and marketing of joint sessions at the respective annual congresses. Besides, the agreement creates new collaborative opportunities between the JSN and the ERA-EDTA regarding the ERA-EDTA Registry, the ERA-EDTA working groups or existing ERA-EDTA funded research projects.

This year, a successful JSN-ERA/EDTA joint symposium on “AKI to CKD, CKD-MBD, biomarkers and lipoproteins” took place at the ERA-EDTA congress in Vienna. It was jointly chaired by Professor Masaomi Nangaku (Tokyo, Japan) and Professor Andrzej Więcek and attracted a great audience. “Besides, the active participation of Japanese nephrologists in our ERA-EDTA congress was really high. Most of the received and accepted abstracts came from Japan – and I am really proud that we enjoy such a fruitful relationship with our Japanese colleagues”, comments Professor Więcek

Another JSN/ERA-EDTA joint symposium (chaired by Professor Markus Ketteler (Coburg/Germany) and Professor Masaomi Nangaku) took place at the JSN congress in Yokohama/Japan. The thematic focus was laid on CKD-MBD and IgA nephropathy. Besides, representatives of the JSN and the ERA-EDTA met on the fringe of this congress to discuss further joint activities.



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“I am very happy that we could establish this kind of cross-cultural exchange. Japanese nephrology has a very high standard in clinical science as well as in basic research”, comments Professor Więcek. “I am sure both of our societies will further benefit from the collaboration!”

About ERA-EDTA

With more than 7,000 members, the ERA-EDTA ("European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association") is one of the biggest nephrology associations worldwide and one of the most important and prestigious European Medical Associations. It supports basic and clinical research in the fields of clinical nephrology, dialysis, renal transplantation and related subjects. The ERA-EDTA supports a number of studies as well as research groups and has founded a special "Fellowship Programme" for young investigators as well as grant programmes. In order to involve young nephrologists in all activities of the ERA-EDTA the Council decided to create a Young Nephrologists' Platform (YNP). Besides, it has established various research networks and different working groups to promote the collaboration of nephrologists with other medical disciplines (e.g. cardiology, immunology). Furthermore, a "European Renal Best Practice" (ERBP) advisory board has been established by the ERA-EDTA to draw up and publish guidelines and position statements. Another important goal of the ERA-EDTA is education: several series of CME-courses as well as the annual congress offer an attractive scientific programme to cover the need of continuous medical education for doctors working in the fields of nephrology, dialysis and transplantation. The association's journals, NDT (Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation) and ckj (Clinical Kidney Journal), are currently the leading nephrology journals in Europe. The ERA-EDTA Registry is a large epidemiologic database comparing countries by assessing nephrology practice throughout Europe. Finally, ERA-EDTA is member of the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA), a consortium of renal societies that actively interacts with the European Parliament. For more information please visit www.era-edta.org

About JSN

The Japanese Society of Nephrology (JSN) has been dedicated to preventing, treatment, curing of kidney diseases and thus improving the lives of all people affected by kidney diseases since its establishment in 1959. To achieve our mission, the JSN undertakes a broad range of efforts that: support research activities, facilitate the translation of new research findings into novel therapies, improve clinical care through professional training and education programs, connect health care professionals, raise public awareness of the importance of early recognition and treatment of kidney diseases, and expand collaborative alliances with other countries.

The JSN has released a Clinical Practice Guidebook for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in 2012 and an Evidence-Based Practice Guideline for the Treatment of CKD in 2013. To facilitate clinical research, the JSN has established the Japan CKD Registry/Japan-Renal Biopsy Registry (CKDR/J-RBR), and is supporting several prospective cohort studies to determine treatments and prognoses for kidney diseases.

The annual meeting of the JSN as well as two official journals, CEN (Clinical and Experimental Nephrology) and CEN Case Reports showcase tremendous expansion in high-quality basic and clinical research. The JSN also holds numerous educational seminars for medical students and



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young nephrologists at the annual meeting as well as our eastern and western regional meetings.

Through these activities, the JSN has gained more than 10,000 members with more than 4,300 board-certified nephrologists.

In recent years, the JSN has placed a high premium on international relationships and collaborates with a greater number of international nephrology societies to transmit our activities and to expand our knowledge regarding a wide range of topics in nephrology. The JSN is also deeply committed to educating young nephrologists in developing countries in Asia through its Continuing Medical Education project.

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