

Notes from the Editor



Dear Members, Volunteers, Colleagues,

We are counting down to the end of another year. EDTNAERCA is committed to share with all members the news across borders. We want to build a strong association to achieve the best standards of education and research for all renal care professionals. Every day we work to ensure that the outcome of our education programs, publications, and projects in collaboration with our members, delegates, and partners will show that excellence in education is our **GOAL**,

Thank you so much for being part of EDTNA/ERCA

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Newsletter Editor

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

BECOME A PART OF THE EDTNA/ERCA VOLUNTEER TEAM!

Transplant Consultant - OPEN

The basic requirements are:

- Being a Registered Nurse, currently involved in the care of patients with kidney transplant.
- Being a member of EDTNA/ERCA.
- Having 2 EDTNA/ERCA members to be reference.

If you are interested in this position, please send your CV with photo to the EDTNA/ERCA Secretariat:

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Currently, there are the following **Brand Ambassador's positions OPEN:**

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EDTNA/ERCA Webinar December 2022

We would like to invite you to the following online webinar, which will take place on December 14. **The webinar is FREE**

 **Register Today!**

Title: Assessment and Identification of patients on haemodialysis with CKD – associated Pruritus: The crucial role of dialysis nurses

Date: December 14, 2022

Time: 14:00 - 15:15 CEST

Speaker(s): Anastasia Lisossatou

Dr Afra Masià-Plana

Daniel Gallego

Moderator: Jane Golland

Registration:

<https://www.edtnaerca.org/education/webinars-2022>



EDTNA/ERCA Webinar
European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/
European Renal Care Association

December 14 2022
14:00-15:15 CET

Assessment and identification of patients on haemodialysis with CKD – associated Pruritus: The crucial role of dialysis nurses

Moderator: Jane Golland, RN, MSc

Speakers: Anastasia Liossatou, RN, MSc, PhD(c); Dr Afra Masià-Plana, RN, MSc, PhD; Daniel Gallego, President, European Kidney Patients Federation

News from Israel



The annual conference for the Israel Nephrology Nurses Association took place from 20/10/2022-22/10/2022 in the David Hotel by the Dead Sea, Israel.

200 nurses from nephrology departments, dialysis (peritoneal and hemo) units and pediatric nephrology clinics participated in the conference. The theme was **quality management and safety**.

Zoya Grimberg, as the Brand Ambassador for Israel, presented on the EDTNA/ERCA during the conference.

The main topics of the presentation were the 50th Anniversary of the EDTNA/ERCA, the conference in Rotterdam and new publications that were launched during the conference. She explained about the new membership fees and highlighted membership benefits, which include free access to all publication and webinars. She also presented about the RenalPro discussion forum and more than 40 new members expressed interest in joining the forum.

Zoya talked about the **sustainable approach of the EDTNA/ERCA** and invited the nephrology nurses to follow the green initiatives of the Association and visit the webpage of the EDTNA/ERCA site and download the guidelines on Green Excellence in dialysis, to be used during daily practices in dialysis units.



Grimberg Zoya, Brand Ambassador for

Israel



The annual conference Israel Nephrology Nurses



In December 2022 the Dutch Journal Dialyse & Nefrologie (Year 40/December 2022) will be sent to about **2000 members of the**

Dutch Association for Nurses, working in Dialysis and Nephrology. In this issue you can read several impressions about the Rotterdam EDTNA/ERCA conference, written by the 5 Dutch nephrology-colleagues who presented their abstracts at the conference. Their names are: Bettie Hoekstra, Gerben van den Bosch, Brian McGeehan, Wil Jansen en Rachel Tolsma.

Read their thoughts about the conference!

If you want to contribute abstracts for the upcoming conference in Lithuania in October 2023, do not forget the submission deadline of 15 February 2023. Please pass this date on to your colleagues in your centres. Support for writing abstracts can be given by: Ronald Visser: r.visser@dianet.nl Bettie Hoekstra: HoekstraB@maasstadziekenhuis.nl or Aase Riemann: aase.riemann@kpnmail.nl

The EDTNA/ERCA is looking for someone who as an active volunteer can do the job of Transplant Consultant. If you would like to do this yourself or know someone who is interested, please contact me and I can tell you more.

Kind regards,



Aase Riemann, Brand Ambassador, The Netherlands.

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The Cyprus Nephrology Nurses Association (CyNNA), within the framework of the Pan-Cyprus Conference of the Pan-Cypriot

Association of Nurses and Midwives (PASYNM), which was held on 11-12 November 2022, presented key issues at its session, which benefit the conference attendees. The participation was great and we hope to have contributed in our own way, to the supreme good of human health, to the care and well-being of the individual, family and society. The significant work and contribution of the **nurses and midwives is honoured by a monument** in a small park, in the heart of the tourist area, of the Municipality of Germasogeia, Limassol in Cyprus. According of the town's Mayor, "The occasion for the dedication of both the park and the sculpture was the World Health Organization's decision to designate **2020 as the year of Nurses and Midwives**, as it was 200 years since the birth of Florence Nightingale, whose work laid the foundations of modern nursing and midwifery and has highlighted the important role of those who practice these professions in promoting the health of the population". **Cyprus Nephrology Nurses Association (CyNNA)**, as an integral part of the Cyprus Nursing Community was invited to participate in this very honourable and moving event. Nurses' contribution, according to CyNMA president, in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, highlighted the importance of the role they have to play in all their workplaces.



Despo Theodorou, Cyprus, Brand Ambassador

News from Greece



• The HENNAS' 20th Regional Meeting was held in Florina on 27th of November, 2022.

• We are glad to inform you that the 1st Annual Nursing Conference of General University Hospital of Alexandroupolis was organised with great success on 4th and 5th of November 2022.



In this 1st Annual Nursing Conference, under the auspices of the Hellenic Nurses Association, a nephrology nursing symposium was delivered with the participation of many high-profile nephrology nurses' specialists. **Stavroula Vovlianou**, EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassador of Greece, made the official announcements and promoted the EDTNA/ERCA International Conference.

More than 1050 nurses from several areas of Greece participated. 55 speakers presented their work at the conference.



Members of the Organizing and Scientific Committee of the Conference



Stavroula Vovlianou, EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassador for Greece

News from Germany



Seminar for vascular enthusiasts in Hamburg

On 15th and 16th September Beate Spindler organised a Seminar about Vascular access in Hamburg.

Beate is a very experienced renal nurse and teacher who has a special interest in vascular access for ages. A few years ago, she decided to start her own business. She now offers seminars and workshops around her favourite topic.

Among other subjects we learned about different cannula designs, POCUS cannulation, plastic cannula and how to use Pythagoras for deep vessels.

Kathleen Rickert, EC member of our German vascular access society (IAD) has been one of the lecturers and among others told us about new surgical developments.

An important topic for me has been a workshop about implementing vascular access nurses in Germany. I am personally very interested in this as I think it is an important role to improve the quality of care for our patients.

Beside all this Beate offered me the opportunity to **present EDTNA/ERCA and RenalPro during the event.** I also had the opportunity to present EDTNA/ERCA with a small booth. There have been interesting and lively discussions. Most of the participants decided to join our **RenalPro forum.** So, Chava and I are looking forward to more interesting discussions.

Thanks to Beate for organising two very interesting days and for offering me the opportunity to present EDTNA/ERCA and RenalPro.



Sabine Nipshagen,
Brand Ambassador
for Germany

News from Poland



Congress of the Polish Vascular Access Club

The 3rd Congress of the Polish Vascular Access Club took place in Warsaw on October 13-15, 2022.

About 350 participants took part in the Congress.

Workshops were held on the first day of the conference. The next two days of the conference are lectures and discussion panels.

Workshops: Right Line, Right Patient, Right Now !, implantation of vascular ports, maintenance and care of vascular ports, PICC, cannulation of large vessels under ultrasound guidance, Midline catheter - implantation, care, maintenance, service and care of vascular access for hemodialysis.

Aneta Trzcińska and **Anna Kliś** represented EDTNA / ERCA, the Polish Nephrology Nurses Association and the Polish Vascular Access Club at the conference. Aneta and Anna conducted workshops and gave lectures.



Aneta Trzcińska, Brand Ambassador for Poland

News from Portugal



Following the 50th EDTNA/ERCA conference, the communications and posters presented by colleagues from Portugal are being presented in the context of the “Monday Talks About Nephrology In Portuguese” Webinars, with the aim of sharing them with nurses who could not attend the conference which showed the best that is being done, in terms of research, in Portugal. Thus, two sessions have already taken place and 4 more are planned until March 2023.

APEDT (Portuguese Nurses Association of Nephrology and Transplant) congress, the ENCONTRO RENAL 2022, took place on 17th, 18th, and 19th of November. The main subject of the conference was **Sustainability, Science and Promotion of Nephrology**. Maria Tavares and I were representatives of EDTNA/ERCA. During the meeting, I was discussing the EDTNA/ERCA advertisement and webinar programs with representatives of several clinics in two communications, the EDTNA/ERCA Green Excellence in Dialysis was being promoted by Inês Fonseca (BBRAUN, PT) and by Cristina Pires (Davita PT).



Eulália Novais, Brand Ambassador for Portugal

New free article – Nurse Science

This month we promote this important article regarding the “**Shared decision-making and planning end-of-life care for patients with end-stage kidney disease: a protocol for developing and testing a complex intervention**”

 This link is a free access:

<https://pilotfeasibilitystudies.biomedcentral.com/counter/pdf/10.1186/s40814-022-01184-z.pdf>



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