

Season's Greetings EDTNA/ERCA president

Dear Members, Volunteers, and Colleagues,

Another year is over, and it is usual to look behind the shoulders.

2022 will be remembered as the EDTNA/ERCA 50th Anniversary and I would like once again to thank all the people involved in these 50 years in the Association who contributed with their personal time and energy to keep EDTNA/ERCA stable, healthy, and productive.

2022 is the year in which we gained together again after 2 years of physical distance and online events with the Annual Conference in Rotterdam where we had the opportunity to celebrate EDTNA/ERCA achievements with colleagues, volunteers, industry partners, and new friends.

The 2022 year has been a year in Europe of uncertainty and fear due to the war in Ukraine that is still impacting our lives somehow. A special thought from our side to the Ukraine population, and particularly to the Healthcare Professionals who are working in awful conditions and the people suffering from kidney disease who are facing dramatic situations.

We hope that the new year will bring peace and stability. EDTNA/ERCA will continue to advocate for renal healthcare professionals, to disseminate education, to give the opportunity to network, to and deepen our knowledge with scientific publications.

A special thanks to EDTNA/ERCA volunteers who are supporting all the activities of the Association and to our industry partners for the successful cooperation in 2022.

Season's Greetings to each one of you. It is the time of year when we kick off our shoes, reflect on the successes of the past year, and plan our goals.

I appreciate all you have done this year and look forward to a new year filled with determination and vigor.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Ilaria de Barbieri
EDTNA/ERCA President

2023 EDTNA/ERCA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2023 EDTNA/ERCA International Conference will be in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Kidney Care in a challenging world – economic and sustainable implications

Don't miss the opportunity to share your knowledge and experience with all kidney healthcare professionals worldwide.

The Abstract Submission process will be opening in JANUARY... Stay Tuned!



EDTNA/ERCA EC meeting

EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee meets in Vilnius to prepare for the upcoming year. During three hard days of work, we set the goals and the strategies that will guide us. It was the first meeting for the new two executive members, and they shared their experiences:

Maria Tavares: How do you describe your first EC meeting and what are your expectations?

Vicky Zoi: Meetings are an opportunity to discuss projects, provide updates, share ideas and make decisions. My first EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee meeting was filled with both enthusiasm and also anxiety. On one hand, enthusiasm to share a fresh point of view and new ideas about our strategies, and on the other hand anxiety but in a creative way. I always wanted to be part of EDTNA/ERCA and now I can do it from this position in EC. Thank you again all EC members for your time and advice. It was great to connect with you on the future plans of our Association. I am touching base with resources that I think would be helpful and I can surely say to all our members that great things are coming our way!

Deepa Kariyawasam: As the season of Advent started, it was the start of a new beginning for me within the

EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee meeting. This was my first 2.5-day meeting and I was looking forward to meeting the exec team in Vilnius as I was aware that they had so much experience within EDTNA/ERCA. It was eye-opening to see how an association works, as usually I would pay to be a member of an association but had no idea of what happens behind the scenes. The work going into the planning of the conference with the Secretariat and ensuring how both delegates and industry can get the best out of the conference as well as planning of webinars for the year. Hearing the work of various EDTNA/ERCA volunteers, it is clear how much hard work and commitment is given throughout the year. I realized I have big shoes to fill within the Executive Committee but have been very fortunate to have such a supportive team to work with. I was also fortunate to start at the same time as Vicky, so we could have our introductions together. Thank you to those who voted to pick the committee members, I look forward to working in this role to ensure members continue to get the most from EDTNA/ERCA.



EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee

EDTNA/ERCA in EKHA roundtable at European Parliament

EDTNA/ERCA was represented by our Volunteer **Jeanette FINDERUP** from the Scientific Board, at the EKHA roundtable at the European Parliament – on 30th November 2022. Jeanette shared an overview of what is needed to **improve access to kidney care for all** in Europe (e.g. robust health data, national registries, financing, exchange of best practices and harmonization of legislation and practices between countries and regions when possible, improved health literacy, digital health, patient education and information, use of patient-reported outcomes measurements, etc.).

During the meeting, Jeanette raised awareness about **nurse shortages**, and how this contributes to inequities in access to kidney care across the EU. During her presentation, Jeanette focused that “Nurses have the communication skills to support health literacy, self-management, and shared decision-making and meet the needs of the patient by providing person-centered care”.

The key message to reduce inequities in access to kidney care is to work on nurse shortage and recall the importance of primary and secondary prevention in delaying the need for kidney replacement therapies.



EKHA Roundtable at European Parliament
EDTNA/ERCA represented by Jeanette FINDERUP



Clinical nurse specialist

European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care [Denmark]

EDTNA/ERCA & ESNO Collective Letter

Recognition of Nephrology Specialist Nurses in Europe

In view of the requirement for quality assurance in nephrology nursing to provide safe and appropriate patient care during a period of unprecedented shortage of nurses globally, **nephrology nursing as a specialty must be well established and recognized throughout Europe**. The EDTNA/ERCA is intended to call on national healthcare authorities and the EU to

invest in the formal education of Nephrology Nurse Specialists and to implement cross-border regulatory frameworks towards a legal and harmonized position of Nephrology Nurse Specialists in each country. There is a high demand for the establishment of a recognized European title for Nephrology Nurse Specialist combined with a clear definition of Nephrology Nurse Specialist roles and responsibilities. This process should be in alignment with ESNO in terms of the ongoing accredited Continuing Professional Development program (CPD) and the ESNO developed Common Training Framework 'Competences of the Nurse Specialist (NS): Common plinth of competencies for a Common Training Framework of each specialty.

ESNO is a non-profit organization and its goal is to facilitate and provide an effective framework for communication and cooperation between ESNO and its constituent members. EDTNA/ERCA is a member of ESNO & works closely with ESNO to promote the role of Specialist Nurses in Europe and in particular the Nephrology Nursing Specialty.

Recognition of the role of Nephrology Nurse Specialists as experts within healthcare is vital and fundamental to providing high-standard patient care to people with kidney disease. Recognition will lead to the advancement of evidence-based nephrology nursing practice and subsequently to economic and health benefits of the society. Therefore, in EDTNA/ERCA in collaboration with ESNO, we are preparing a collective letter to be addressed to the European National Associations representing the nephrology nurses in their respective countries with the aim to invite them

to support this EDTNA/ERCA & ESNO Initiative to a call on 'Recognition of nephrology specialist nurses in Europe'.

More information will follow soon!



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EC Member

Become a Member, Today!

As a EDTNA/ERCA member who can benefit:



-  Apply for a **volunteer position** and to stand for election
-  Be a part of the decision making in EDTNA/ERCA: file motions and to vote
-  Have **access to the Journal of Renal Care in E-Version** and printed version per request
-  Have access to all **available publications** in E-Version and printed version
-  Get all information available for Members
-  Register at reduced member fee for all available events

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