



The International Society of Nephrology

Mission statement **of the International Society Nephrology**

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) is dedicated to the humanitarian goal of advancing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of kidney diseases in the developing and developed world.

It will achieve this **philanthropic** mission through meetings, publications, outreach, collaborations and other activities that:

- *raise public awareness of the importance **of early recognition and treatment** of kidney diseases*
- ***connect** renal professionals around the world*
- *support research to achieve optimal **care** of people with **kidney diseases***
 - *provide nephrology **education** and training worldwide*
 - *reduce the frequency and impact of **kidney diseases** and their associated conditions*

Global Outreach Programs

ISN-COMGAN has held activities in over 90 countries in the emerging world through its outreach programs:

- *Continuing **Medical Education** (CME) Program*
- ***Fellowship Training** Program*
- ***Sister Center** Program*
- *Research and **Prevention** Program*
- ***Travel Grant** Program*
- *Sister Scholarship Program*
- *Library Enhancement Program*

ISN invests 30 % of its annual operating budget in its outreach and capacity building programs

CME Program

- **Continuing Medical Education (CME)** courses, and site visits are organized to meet the clinical needs in emerging countries.
- The program sponsors the attendance of **expert nephrologists** who share their knowledge.
- The CMEs educate approximately **11,000 physicians** per year.

Fellowship Training Program

- Nephrological training for **physicians from emerging countries** to improve standards in the Fellows' home countries upon their return.
- Until January 2007, a total of **430 young nephrologists** from **76 countries** have been trained as ISN Fellows.
- Knowledge in
 - *basic and clinical nephrology,*
 - *dialysis,*
 - *transplantation and*
 - *epidemiology.*

Sister Renal Center Program

To create local 'centers of excellence' in the emerging world.

The centers should:

- *serve as supporting centers for units within their geographical region.*
- *provide state-of-the-art clinical practice*
- *provide diffusion of knowledge, training and implementation of disease-preventive strategies.*

Research & Prevention Committee

The Committee provides :
a global strategy for the prevention and regression of
progressive renal diseases.

The intervention and screening programs:

- *are established in emerging countries.*
- *involve active participation of local nephrologists and health authorities.*
- *increase overall level of care.*

If you are interested, where do you get more information?

**Information on ISN-COMGAN and how to apply
for them is available via:**

- **The ISN Gateway at www.isn-online.org**
- **The ISN Headquarters at info@isn-online.org**

ISN-COMGAN Mission

The Commission on the Global Advancement of Nephrology is responsible for implementing the Society's mission :

‘Prevention of Chronic Kidney Diseases around the World ‘

through education and collaboration.

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To fulfill its global mission in accordance with local needs the ISN will enhance:

- ***Knowledge***
- ***Education***
- ***Research***
- ***Clinical practice***
- ***Provision of leadership in nephrology***

Sister Scholarship Program

It enables senior experts in nephrology to undertake educational visits to institutions in the developing world.

They focus on 'hands-on' activities to improve the quality of :

- *patient care,*
- *education, and/or*
- *research (in fields relevant to the kidney at the host institution).*