

A Global Focus
on the Prevention
and Treatment of
Kidney Disease

International Federation
of Kidney Foundations

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The International Federation of Kidney Foundations leads the way in the prevention and treatment of kidney disease through its membership on all continents around the world. The Federation was formed to foster international collaboration and the exchange of ideas that will improve the health, well-being and quality of life of individuals with kidney disease.

We hope to achieve this in a number of ways, such as advocating for improved health care delivery as well as adopting and disseminating standards of best practice of treatment and care. We facilitate educational programmes for member organisations, promote research, communicate with other organisations and exchange ideas, particularly those concerning fund raising.

The single most important thing the International Federation of Kidney Foundations does is to help facilitate the establishment of more kidney foundations in areas where there are none and to help existing foundations become more dynamic and effective. In this the organisation has achieved outstanding results. The number of member foundations and organisations has grown from 19 in 2001, to 43 in 2005.

How Can You Help?

It's the energy of people like you that's helping to focus the world on the issues surrounding kidney disease. Clearly, one way you can help is by joining the IFKF, but we're also asking you to join the global fight in two other ways. First we want you to help us make the celebration of World Kidney Day on March 9, 2006 a truly global event. And, perhaps more to the point, we're also asking you and the organisations you represent to support the IFKF with a donation. This will help raise awareness. It will advocate funding for research into new treatments and ways of preventing kidney disease. And it will help coordinate activities that are taking place around the world to minimise its effects.

How to Join

Members of organisations or kidney foundations are eligible to become financial members of the IFKF. The formal Membership Application Form can be found at www.ifkf.net and to apply, the nominating individual must submit on behalf of their group with a formal written application letter on a letterhead to one of the Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee.

On receipt of this form and copy of a formal resolution from the Board or Committee of the applicant, your organisation's application will be considered at the next available meeting of the IFKF Board Executive Committee.

Financial Contributions and Donations

The IFKF is a not-for-profit organisation staffed by volunteers. Financial contributions to support the very important work of the IFKF are always welcome and may be made by credit card or cheque payment. You may prefer to arrange for a bank draft or telegraphic transfer in US dollars, payable to The International Federation of Kidney Foundations.

The Account number is INKIDUSD01, National Australia Bank, 271 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia. (If you are using telegraphic transfer from your bank, please quote SWIFT code for NAB: NATAAU3303M.)

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Annual IFKF Conferences

An essential part of the global fight against kidney disease is the networking and dissemination of information and ideas at our annual conferences.

The 7th IFKF International Conference will be held in Taormina Sicily from June 7-10 2006.

www.ifkf.net

The new website provides information about the International Federation of Kidney Foundations. It lists details of the current executive membership and member organisations with their website addresses. It also has an inventory of educational materials for patients and healthcare professionals, position papers, membership application forms and useful web links to other kidney websites. It is updated at regular intervals, and is currently being upgraded and expanded with the kind assistance of staff from Kidney Health Australia.

World Kidney Day Thursday 9 March 2006

The first World Kidney Day, jointly established by the IFKF and the International Society of Nephrology, will be on March 9, 2006. The theme will be Early Detection and Prevention and the aim is to promote and foster awareness of prevention and screening programs of people in high-risk groups for kidney disease.

We encourage you to work closely with local kidney specialists, health professionals and educators in your country to highlight the benefits of free screening programs targeting high risk individuals. The day will encourage those over 50, smokers, people with diabetes and/or hypertension, or who have first-degree relatives with hypertension to seek evaluation and follow-up from a physician.

Members attending our conferences have highlighted the benefits of the prevention and screening programs operating successfully in Australia, Europe, South America, New Zealand and the United States. Prevention programs like this are particularly cost effective in large populations and remote regional areas. This simple, cost effective, proven tool identifies and educates those with early kidney disease, and health professionals are able to provide corrective treatment before risk factors develop into chronic kidney disease. The relentless progression to kidney failure can be slowed or reduced by between 20-50% in most cases.

As we approach the first World Kidney Day the IFKF will make information available to support you in your efforts to highlight and promote this important event.

Our mission: to foster international collaboration and exchange ideas that will improve the health, well-being and quality of life of individuals with kidney disease.

Come and support World Kidney Day – 9th March 2006

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IFKF Member Organisations and Kidney Foundations

ARGENTINA

Fundacion Renal del
Nordeste Argentino
www.fundacionrenal.org

Asociacion Solidaria
de Insuficientes Renales
(Buenos Aires)
www.asir.turincom.com

AUSTRALIA

Kidney Health Australia
www.kidney.org.au

BRAZIL

Pro-Renal Foundation of Curitiba
www.pro-renal.org.br

BULGARIA

Kidney Foundation Bulgaria
www.bantao.org

CANADA

Kidney Foundation of Canada
www.kidney.ca

CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech Kidney Foundation

EGYPT

National Kidney Foundation
of Egypt

FIJI

The Kidney Foundation of Fiji

GERMANY

German Kidney Foundation –
Deutsche Nieren Stiftung
www.nierenstiftung.de

GUATEMALA

Fundacion Para el
Nino Enfermo Renal
www.fundanier.org

HONG KONG

Hong Kong Kidney Foundation
www.hkkf.org.hk

HUNGARY

Hungarian Kidney Foundation
www.vesealap.hu (soon)
Kidney & Hypertension
Foundation (Southeast Hungary)

INDIA

National Kidney Foundation
(India)
www.nkfi.in

Tanker Foundation –
Tamilnad Kidney Research
Foundation
www.smfhospital.org

IRELAND

Irish Kidney Association
www.ika.ie

ISRAEL

Kidney Foundation for
the Rights of Patients in Israel

ITALY

Italian Renal Foundation –
Fondazione
Italiana del Rene

MAYALSIA

Kidney Foundation Malaysia
www.nkf.org.my

MEXICO

Fundacion Mexicana del Rinon
(Mexico City)
Una Solucion de Vida AC (Mexico)

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Kidney Foundation
www.nzkidneyfoundation.co.nz

NIGERIA

Nigerian Kidney Foundation –
Kidney Watch Initiative K1W1
www.kiwiafrica.org

PARAGUAY

Paraguayan Kidney Foundation

PAKISTAN

Kidney Foundation of Pakistan
www.kidneyfoundation.net.pk

POLAND

Polish Kidney Foundation

SINGAPORE

National Kidney Foundation
Singapore
www.nkfs.org

SOUTH AFRICA

The National Kidney Foundation
of South Africa
www.kidney.co.za

SPAIN

The Spanish Kidney Foundation
www.friat.es

THE NETHERLANDS

The Dutch Kidney Foundation –
De Nierstichting
www.nierstichting.nl
Nierpatienten Vereniging Nederland
(Dutch Kidney Patients' Association)
www.nvn.nl

TURKEY

National Kidney Foundation
in Turkiye (Adana)

Anatolia Kidney Foundation
(Ankara)

www.anadolubv.org.tr

The Turkish Kidney Foundation
(Istanbul)

www.tbv.com.tr

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

The TCI National Kidney
Foundation (Caribbean)

UNITED KINGDOM

National Kidney Federation
www.nkf.org.uk

National Kidney Research Fund
www.nkrf.org.uk

USA

National Kidney Foundation
www.kidney.org

Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation
www.pkdcure.org

World Federation of Renal Care
(WFRC)

www.worldrenal.org

URUGUAY

Fundacion Renal Del Uruguay
www.fundacionrenaluruguay.org