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### CKJ has started a review series on CKD hotspots around the world

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is one of the three causes of death that has increased the most in the last 20 years. However, CKD is not distributed homogeneously. CKD hotspots are defined as countries, region, communities or ethnicities with higher than average incidence of CKD. The Clinical Kidney Journal (CKJ) has launched a global quest for CKD hotspots in order to analyse them and, thus, to identify risk factors.

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### ERA-EDTA's ComIA Fellowships: Applications can be sent up to July 15, 2015



ERA-EDTA's COMmittee for International Affairs (ComIA) offers a Fellowship Program that provides educational and training opportunities in Europe. Medical doctors living in developing countries outside of Europe (or countries bordering Europe and the Mediterranean Sea) can apply for a long or a short term fellowship and will be trained in a leading academic medical center in Europe.

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### ERA-EDTA and National Societies' Meeting: Collaborating at international level to strengthen Nephrology



On October 18-19, 2014, the ERA-EDTA National Societies' Meeting took place in Bari, Italy. As Prof. Andrzej Więcek, president of the ERA-EDTA, pointed out, "To become politically stronger and to promote nephrology in Europe networking is vital. This is why it is important to collaborate at international level, form alliances among the National Societies of Nephrology and to share knowledge and ideas". The first important steps were taken in Bari. Four national societies presented projects with a call to participate or projects which could serve as model projects for other countries: Prof. Mai Rosenberg presented the Estonian Prevalence Study, Prof. Lucile Mercadal introduced a French study investigating the effect of acetate free dialysis on mortality in Europe. Prof. Giovambattista Capasso gave an outline on an Italian study project investigating the phenotypic and molecular characterization of cancer in renal transplant patients, and, finally, Prof. Elena Zahkarova presented the Russian National Registry of patients with ANCA-associated vasculitis.

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