

Note from the Editor-in-Chief

NDT Plus introduces the Clinical Kidney Journal

Four years ago, the Council of the ERA-EDTA took the wise decision to publish a sister journal to *Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation*. The goal was to issue a bi-monthly educational publication for young as well as seasoned nephrologists. Following some brainstorming, the title of the new journal was chosen as '*NDT Plus*'. It was indeed a 'Plus' that soon attracted a soaring number of submissions: comprehensive in-depth reviews, catching clinical reports, thoughtful teaching points, puzzling nephroquizzes and seductive images in nephrology. The Editor-in-Chief was the same for *NDT* and *NDT Plus*, with the hard task of leading a 'two-in-hand' harness. The coach and pair worked their way successfully along. They still do. However, considering the fast pace of evolving interests among nephrologists, the coach driver and his team of editors wondered about a change. Would it not be a good idea to create more individuality for the two journals? A difficult quandary: the two horses got along well. The number of submissions had been growing. The readership was content. However, some voices ruffled this complacency. *NDT Plus* was educational alright, but not sufficiently 'academic'. In fact, there was increasing demand for more and better. Reader, you can imagine the turmoil. More? Better? This was not asking for a revolution but rather for a complete change over. After some hesitancy the ERA-EDTA Council and Oxford University Press decided to go ahead without further stalling. New name. New cover. New editorial team. New content. This does not mean that *NDT Plus* has died. It is merely evolving, and we are confident that the first issue of the *Clinical Kidney Journal*, which you will discover in February 2012, will more than fulfil your expectations.

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