

ERA-EDTA Facts and Dates

1964

The year after its foundation EDTA holds its first congress in Amsterdam, with a one-day program.

1966

The duration of the congress, held in Lyon, is increased to one day and a half. There are no simultaneous sessions.

1968

On its 5th anniversary EDTA has 490 members. The program of its annual congress (held in Dublin) is extended to two days.

1969

The congress is held in Stockholm, back-to-back with the congress of the ISN, with one session in common.

In the same year EDTA decides that the collection of data on kidney failure and treatment in Europe will become a permanent activity of the Society and so it creates a Registry Committee, W. Drukker is the Chairman.

1970

The annual congress, held in Barcelona, has more than 1000 participants.

1971

The annual congress is held in East Berlin. It is the first EDTA congress to be held in the part of Europe belonging to the Socialist Block. It will be followed by Prague in 1980 and Budapest in 1986.

1973

From this year the position of President of EDTA lasts for three years.

EDTA opens its bank account in Switzerland and adopts the Swiss Franc as the currency for its accountancy, due to its stability.

1981

EDTA adds ERA to its name (European Renal Association) to reflect the fact that there is more in nephrology than just dialysis and transplantation. So from this year on the association is named EDTA-ERA.

1982

EDTA-ERA creates the status of Honorary Members, for those members who most contributed to the society, the first Honorary Members are Arthur Kennedy and M. Drukker.

1986

EDTA-ERA has its journal, *Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation*, Alexander M. Davison is the Editor-in-Chief and the publisher is Springer Verlag. Formerly the annual *Congress Proceedings* and the *Book of Abstracts* were the only publications.

1987

The file of EDTA-ERA members and the accounts go digital. Formerly there were paper files only.

1990

For the first time the annual congress, held in Vienna, has over 3000 participants.

1991

From this year on the votes to elect Council members are collected during the annual congress, by means of a voting station, and not just at the General Assembly.

1992

From this year on the journal *Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation* is published by Oxford University Press.

1995

The name of the association is modified from EDTA-ERA to ERA-EDTA.

1996

ERA-EDTA has its first webpage

For the first time the annual congress (Amsterdam) is attended by over 4000 participants.

2000

The ERA-EDTA Registry gets a new life. It is transferred from London to Amsterdam and its procedures for collecting and processing data is completely transformed.

2001

The euro becomes the currency of the ERA-EDTA bank accounts and also of its balance sheets.

2002

ERA-EDTA creates its free, online educational journal *NDT-Educational*.

In this same year, for the first time the congress (Copenhagen) has over 5000 participants. From this year on the abstracts of the congress are submitted also online.

2003

A change to the Constitution is introduced, to add scientific research to the statutory aims of the association.

In Berlin ERA-EDTA and ISN have their congresses together as one joint congress.

2004

ERA-EDTA starts holding courses on epidemiology, due to their success they will be repeated twice a year.

ERA-EDTA starts publishing a newsletter, *Follow Us*, to inform all members about the current news concerning the society.

ERA-EDTA starts its CME support program.

2006

ERA-EDTA starts its Fellowships program.

2007

Within NDT-Educational a new initiative, accessible to all, starts: Literature Review.

ERA-EDTA becomes part of EKHA (European Kidney Health Alliance), an alliance of physicians, patients, nurses and foundations to lobby at the EU level for nephrology matters.

2008

ERA-EDTA has a second journal: *NDT Plus*.

From this year on the votes to elect Council members are collected online in the period before the General Assembly, keeping anyway the possibility to vote during the annual congress and at the General Assembly.

2009

The second congress of ERA-EDTA and ISN together is held, in Milan.

ERA-EDTA establishes its first Working Groups.

The ERA-EDTA Research Program starts.

2010

The ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee is created in its current format.

2011

The first ERA-EDTA awards are assigned. Stanley Shaldon, Ebehard Ritz and Norbert Lameire are the first awardees.

ERA-EDTA introduces a new logo.

ERA-EDTA stops publishing *NDT Plus* and creates a new journal: *CKJ*.

2012

ERA-EDTA, at the annual congress in Paris, honours the pioneers of Nephrology.

For the first time the annual congress has an app.

For the first time the annual congress reaches 8.531 delegates.

All members of ERA-EDTA committees/bodies must fill in their DoI (Declaration of Interest). These forms are available to all on the ERA-EDTA web-site.

2013

Follow Us Flash, the electronic ERA-EDTA Newsletter, is created and sent out to all the ERA-EDTA contacts every two weeks.

The abstracts to the annual congresses are only submitted online.

For the first time the 1st day of the Congress, the opening day, is a full CME Course day.

ComIA (Committee for International Affairs) is created for initiatives that are held outside of the traditional geographical area (young fellowships; support to CME courses; etc.).

2014

For the first time the ERA-EDTA members were more than 7000.

ERA-EDTA supports, through its Registry, EURODOPPS.

ERA-EDTA's Social Media activity starts.

For the first time a half day meeting is organized with the National Societies of Nephrology.

The strapline, "Leading European Nephrology", is added to the ERA-EDTA logo.

2015

E-materials of the congress are provided.

For the first time 2679 abstracts were received.

Tweeting activity during the congress.

CKJ becomes Open Access.

2016

ENP (European Nephrology Portal) is launched.

Euromeetings is donated to ERA-Eurocongress (the subsidiary company of ERA-EDTA).

Follow us Flash becomes ERA-EDTA Flash and has a new logo.

Joint collaboration with ASN, ERA-EDTA and ISN.

2017

ERA-EDTA has its motto: Innovation and Education in Kidney Science and Care.