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Keeping ISN Council informed; updates to ISN membership year and fee structure and on WCN'22

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Dear members of the ISN Council,

Please see below important updates about ISN's membership year and fee structure from Agnes Fogo and on WCN'22. Do let Charu and me know if you have questions or comments.

Best regards,

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ISN Membership Changes – Message from Agnes Fogo

In these first few months of being ISN President, my appreciation for the ISN's global community has grown into something close to awe at the work and dedication of its members to advance kidney health worldwide. The ISN continues to deliver on its mission of advancing kidney health worldwide thanks to members like you and your commitment to the ISN's [Vision, Mission and Values](#).

Among these values is the ISN's promise to be a good steward of its resources in order to advance its mission effectively and efficiently, as well as to strive to be innovative and open to change. Guided by these principles, and after careful assessment, we have decided that ISN Members will **renew on a fixed calendar-year cycle as of 2021**.

The decision was a no-brainer really. Currently, the facilitation of rolling membership renewals makes daily demands on staff time and ISN resources. Going to a fixed-calendar renewal cycle helps us all stay better on track with membership renewal AND allows better use of ISN resources to its main mission. A win-win!

We also have worked to divert resources back into the ISN mission. I have discussed continuing efforts to align better with the ISN's commitment to equitable access to kidney health with Masaomi Nangaku, President-Elect, Vivek Jha, Past-President, and Fergus Caskey, Treasurer. We decided to extend these efforts to ISN Membership dues. The Executive Committee having been informed already, I am now pleased to share with you that as of September 2021, a new ISN Membership fee structure will go into effect with more accessible fees for ISN members and collective societies based on the economic reality of their country. The table below gives a brief overview of the new fee structure. The bottom line is that kidney health professionals worldwide will have more equitable access to the benefits of ISN Membership.

New Fee Structure (in USD) – Equal Access to ISN Membership through fee stratified according to country-income level

	HIC	UMIC	LMIC	LIC
Online	230	130 (down from 230)	70 (down from 230)	0
Print	260	170 (down from 260)	100 (down from 260)	50
Collective	130	100	60	0

Of course, changes like these do not occur overnight. Staff will guide ISN members through the new join/renewal cycle and fee structure with tailored communications and timely discounts/prorated offerings in 2021 and 2022. All this information will also be available on the member's portal, MYISN.

The changes will be announced on an individual basis to ISN members as their memberships expire starting September 2021. As usual, we rely on you as ISN leaders to help us reinforce this change, once instituted, through your support and encouragement of members in your region.

Thanking you for your continued support of the ISN in this transition, which will help us better advance kidney health worldwide – together.

Best wishes,

Agnes Fogo
ISN President

WCN'22

1. Abstract Submission Deadline: 22 September 2021

We do hope that you will submit your abstract and, just as importantly, encourage those in your network to do so as well. We share with you some key points about submitting abstracts at WCN'22 below.

Prepare your abstract now, and be sure to submit before September 22.

An accepted abstract for WCN'22 offers many opportunities, such as:

- Publication in *Kidney International Reports*
- Availability for an extended period, accessible on-demand
- An e-poster with option to add a short audio recording
- Gaining professional recognition and career advancement
- Discussions with peers and experts

- Receiving direct feedback and answering questions

[Submit now](#)

If you have questions regarding abstract submission, please contact the ISN [events team](#).

2. Raising-the-Curtain Sessions at WCN'22: 21 to 23 February 2022

We are pleased to keep you informed about the Raising-the-Curtain sessions at WCN'22, which are scheduled to take place 21 to 23 February 2022.

ISN Collective-Member Societies and Regional Societies will join us for a series of inspiring Raising-the-Curtain sessions. This special format connects communities from different parts of the world in the days leading up to the congress.

The presentations bring regional issues to the forefront but also highlight common global challenges, strengthening the international kidney community.

The sessions, which are open-access and accessible to all, will be scheduled in the presenting region's time zone.

Stay tuned for full details on Raising-the-Curtain content and how to participate.