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IN THIS ISSUE of the journal, we present several important contributions that were presented in Honolulu, Hawaii, during the recent XVI International Congress on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease (ICRND) part of World Renal Nutrition Week (www.RenalNutritionWeek.com) June 25 to 30, 2012. The International Society for Renal Nutrition and Metabolism (ISRNM) has organized these Congresses since 1977 to promote research, education, and clinical use of nutrition and metabolism for the benefit of people with kidney disease.[1]

The World Renal Nutrition Week 2012 was a joint project of the ISRNM (www.RenalNutrition.com), the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii (www.kidneyhi.org), and the National Kidney Foundation Council of Renal Nutrition (www.kidney.org). World Renal Nutrition Week 2012 also included the first International Dietary Phosphorus Consensus Conference (www.PhosInFood.com), a workshop on basic and translational muscle science, a course on protein-energy wasting, and the 4th biannual ISRNM Dietitian Education Program. The 16th ICRNM was the largest and most diverse congress ever with 70 faculty and over 700 participants from over 40 countries and 5 continents, and it included nephrologists, other physicians, nutrition specialists, dieticians, and basic scientists. It was also the most diverse in subject matter with wide representation of basic, translational, and clinical research. Although diet, intermediate metabolism, body composition, muscle metabolism, clinical trials, outcomes research, and dietetics continued to be well represented, there was a great outpouring of studies on protein-energy wasting, mineral metabolism, cardiovascular risk, dialysis modalities, transplantation, and progression of renal disease.

Rather than trying to present comprehensive proceedings, we selected 16 of the invited lectures for this issue and may present others as selected reviews in upcoming issues of this journal. Much of the content of the meeting has already been published. The 324 accepted research abstracts appeared in the June 2012 issue of *Kidney Research & Clinical Practice* by Elsevier on behalf of the Korean Society of Nephrology www.krcp-ksn.com (Vol. 31, No. 2, 2012). Selected proceedings from the accepted abstracts were published in book form by Medimond, l.c.i., Bologna, Italy (http://www.medimond.com/proceedings/moreinfo/20120626.htm). Finally, the faculty of the first International Dietary Phosphorus Consensus Conference intends to publish additional proceedings and consensus papers pertaining to phosphorus as a food additive and food labeling in different countries. Thus, the several selected papers in this issue give only a small sampling of diverse offerings of the congress. They were selected for their general interest and applicability to the clinical use of nutrition and metabolism in renal medicine.

The ISRNM has the objective of advancing knowledge, education, and awareness pertaining to nutrition and metabolism in kidney disease by fostering communication of the advancements of knowledge in renal nutrition including practice recommendations and guidelines.[2-4] We hope these proceedings fulfill that mission. The organizing societies of the ISRNM, the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, and the National Kidney Foundation Council of Renal Nutrition thank the faculty and participants for their support and are grateful that publication of these proceedings is sponsored in part by a generous unrestricted educational grant from Shire. The ISRNM look forward to welcoming you (and your best research) during the next congress, the 17th International Congress for Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease, May 6 to 10, 2014, in Würzburg, Germany.

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