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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Shougang Zhuang, MD, PhD

The American Society of Nephrology's annual meeting during Kidney Week 2016 is coming soon. Our CASN annual meeting this year will take place on Friday, Nov. 18. Philip Li, the President of the Asian Pacific Society of

Nephrology, will be the keynote speaker. He will deliver a speech on Peritoneal Dialysis in Hong Kong and Global Perspectives. I encourage all of you to attend the meeting.

In the early September, CASN members Dr. Qi Qian, Hui Cai and I were invited to present our work at the annual meeting of the Shanghai Society of Nephrology. It was a successful meeting, providing a lot of new information about peritoneal dialysis, acute kidney injury and other topics.

CASN has initiated a special education program for the Chinese nephrologists. This program is designed to provide an opportunity for the Chinese nephrologists in mainland China to advance their knowledge and to receive further training on specific topics from

the institutions which have the best expertise in the world at the topics. This year, our international honorary member, Professor Hung-Chun Chen, who is also the President of the Taiwan Society of Nephrology, held a course on CKD management. Fifteen medical directors of renal divisions attended the course. Professor Chen and his team members introduced their experiences in CKD management and provided an opportunity for trainees to visit the HD and PD centers in Kaohsiung Medical University Hospital, Taiwan. I really appreciate Dr. Chen for his dedication and contribution to the CASN.

The annual meeting of the Chinese Society of Nephrology (CSN) was held on October 12-15 in Chongqing. Several CASN members was invited by Professor Xueqing Yu, the President of the Chinese Society of Nephrology and the international honorary member of the CASN, to attend the meeting. I thank Dr. Yu for his great contribution to our society.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the board directors and members for your strong support on the CASN this year and hope to continue to get your support next year. I look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

**Shougang Zhuang, MD/PhD**  
**President, Chinese Society of Nephrology**

## Fundraising Activities:

Any amount of donation will be greatly appreciated. It will also be greatly appreciated if you can contribute time and efforts to the CASN.

For membership dues, please follow [this link](http://casn-online.org/join-casn--membership-renewal.html) <http://casn-online.org/join-casn--membership-renewal.html>. For donations, please follow [this link](http://casn-online.org/donation.html) (<http://casn-online.org/donation.html>).

## Membership Drive:

### Membership application and renewal:

Please download the [membership application and renewal form](http://casn-online.org/join-casn--membership-renewal.html) at <http://casn-online.org/join-casn--membership-renewal.html>. There will be an option of onsite application and renewal for membership at the CASN annual meeting. Check or cash will be accepted and receipts will be provided.

## News and Announcements

### Annual Meeting

**Date:** Friday, November 18, 2016

**Time:** 6:45 pm - 11:00 pm

**Location:** Hyatt Regency McCormick Place,  
Chicago (0 mile from convention center)  
Room: Burnham

6:45-7:30pm Registration & Dining  
Sponsoring Companies  
Exhibitions

7:30 -7:45pm President's Annual Report  
Summary of CASN activities  
Sponsor Acknowledgements

7:45-7:50pm Sponsor company's greeting

7:50-8:00pm Outstanding Trainee award  
(10 minutes: 2 min introduction  
by the nominator and 8 min  
awardee presentation)

8:00-8:30pm Annual CASN Keynote lecture  
**Title "Peritoneal Dialysis:Hong  
Kong and global  
perspectives"**

**Prof. Philip K.T. Li,**  
Honorary Professor of Medicine,  
Chief of Nephrology and  
Consultant,  
Director, CUHK Carol & Richard  
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President, the Asian Pacific  
Society of Nephrology

8:35-8:50pm Young Investigator award  
(15 minutes: 5 min introduction  
by the nominator and 10 min  
awardee presentation)

8:50-10:00pm Social time

10:00-11:00pm Board of Directors meeting

## Meeting Announcement



**第二屆全球華人腎臟病學術大會**  
ICCN 2017 Taiwan  
**2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of  
Chinese Nephrologists, ICCN**  
- From Prevention to Innovation

**Date:** 2017年12月8-10日  
*December 8-10, 2017*

**Venue:** 台北萬豪酒店  
*Taipei Marriott Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan*

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**Congratulations** to **Dr. Youhua Liu**, Professor of Pathology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, for his recent appointment as the UPMC Endowed Chair in Tissue Biology. The appointment comes with an endowment of 2.4 million USD, which generates investment income to support Dr. Liu's research program.

## **Institute of Nephrology, Zhong Da Hospital Affiliated with Southeast University**



The Institute of Nephrology, Zhong Da Hospital Affiliated with Southeast University is located in the center of the historical city of Nanjing. It is a nationally recognized and prestigious nephrology center. Upholding the motto of "Integrity, Erudition and Innovation", the institute has been aiming to offer state-of-the-art clinical services, cutting edge research and comprehensive training programs since its founding in 1979. There are currently 28 nephrologists including five PhD supervisors in the institute. Over 70% of doctors hold the PhD degree or have overseas study experience. The current director of the institute is Professor Liu Bi-Cheng, who is the distinguished professor of Southeast University, serving as the Vice President of



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Zhong Da Hospital and the Secretary-General of the Chinese Society of Nephrology.

### **Patient Care**

The institute delivers outstanding clinical services for patients with all facets of kidney diseases, including chronic renal failure, diabetic kidney disease, refractory nephrotic syndrome, lupus nephritis, and acute kidney injury. Currently, there are 90 renal beds and 180 dialysis stations, with a state-of-the-art furnished area of 6,600m<sup>2</sup>. Our dialysis unit is one of the largest model centers in China, providing high quality medical support to over 800 maintenance hemodialysis patients. The renal pathology and renal replacement therapies, as the main clinical features of our institute, have attracted patients from many provinces of China. With our well-equipped facilities and a large patient base, the institute has engaged in several international large-scale RCTs and is authorized as the "National base for clinical drug trial".

### **Education**

Taking advantage of their intercultural expertise and professional knowledge, the faculty of the institute offers many educational programs, including PhD, MD, MSc and overseas undergraduate programs. So far, over 150 graduate students and post-doctoral research fellows have graduated from the institute and many of them have been employed by renowned hospitals or institutions in China, the US, UK, Australia,





and Canada. We also hold annually an international symposium on renal fibrosis and a national continuing education program on hemodialysis to facilitate the translation of basic research to clinical applications.

### Research

Our research team is actively involved in basic, translational and clinical research, focusing on elucidating the mechanism of renal fibrosis and cardiovascular complications, and finding novel biomarkers for CKD progression in particular. Our institute has been successfully funded by over 30 national and provincial programs with total funding in excess of ¥45 million. Over the past 5 years, the investigators in the institute have made a series of contributions to a deeper understanding of the mechanisms of ECM production, the cross-talk between inflammatory cells and tubular epithelial cells, and the relationship between dyslipidemia and tubulo-interstitial inflammation. Moreover, we have identified mRNAs in urinary sediment and miRNAs in urinary exosomes as potential biomarkers of renal fibrosis, which have been cited by the *Kidney*, the *Lancet* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In recent years, the faculty of the institute has published over 350 papers, including 120 SCI papers with a cumulative impact factor of over 400, and edited or written chapters of 36 books in Chinese or English. The institute has been honored with the designation of the clinical research center and key medical discipline of Jiangsu Province, as well as 16 awards including the second prize of National Science and Technology Progress Award, the first prize of Natural Science Award of the Ministry of Education and the second prize of Science and Technology Progress Award of the Ministry of Education.

The Institute of Nephrology of Southeast University has made it a strategic priority to collaborate with the international scientific community. We have established partnerships with many world-class universities and

institutions, such as the International Society of Nephrology (ISN), Cardiff University (Sister Renal Center of ISN, class A), Duke University, Sheffield University, the University of Utah, Monash University, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. We are sincerely looking forward to having more young talents from overseas joining us or collaborating with us in all the areas to embark on a new era of the institute.

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