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Dear *[SALUTATIONI*]:

April in Chantilly

50 kidney cancer advocates from 25 countries, on 6 continents



We gathered in April outside Paris in the pastoral town of Chantilly for our 6th international conference of kidney cancer support organisations. [Click here for the growing list of our affiliates.](#)

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Bernard Escudier of France, one of the leading kidney cancer specialists in the world. We were honored to hear from many fine physicians and experts and to interact with colleagues from all over the world. Here are a few comments from attendees:

"It was my 3rd IKCC meeting. And for the 3rd time it was excellent mix of medical and patient oriented sessions. Great networking."

"It was a time of vast knowledge sharing, eye-opening understanding and extremely interesting, relevant, and important conversation. We were truly honored to be in Chantilly with you and are proud to work alongside each of you to bring awareness, understanding, treatment and research for kidney cancer."

"Thank you again for allowing us to be part of this inspirational, motivational, and renewing conference. We were truly blessed by your beautifully curated programming."

If your organisation is not already an Affiliate of the IKCC, [please click here for information](#) on what that means and how to apply. We welcome applications from all organisations who have a focus on kidney cancer.

Our next international conference will take place 6-8 April 2017 in Warsaw, Poland. Save the date and watch the website for further details.

New Affiliate in Greece

We are glad to welcome VHL FA Alliance Greece as a new Affiliate of IKCC. Athina Alexandridou has organized a vigorous support group for people with hereditary kidney cancer. [See their site.](#)



News from our Affiliates: Kurelt, USA



We wanted to share with you the press release about our newest kidney cancer research grant, administered through the AACR and awarded in April at the AACR's Grant Recipients Dinner in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Please view the online release [HERE](#).

We are very excited that this grant, awarded to Dr. Ana Meseguer at Vall d'Hebron in Barcelona, Spain, takes Kure It to the International level - allowing us to fund our first research project outside of the United States. I think you will be pleased to learn that this grant supports research that continues to explore the possibilities of immunotherapy and works to further tumor biology understanding and expand the proportion of clinical response.



News from our Affiliates: Colombia

From Juanita Ruiz, Colombia: Fundación SIMMON turned five years old in May. To celebrate this milestone with our members and friends we had a 70's-themed concert on May 3 in which 200 friends joined us to help SIMMON ¡Stay alive! We have held a series of patient support meetings throughout the year. [Read more](#)

News from our Affiliates: ACKC, USA



From Bryan Lewis, Executive Director, Action to Cure Kidney Cancer, New York: The 2017 Defense Appropriations Act as approved by committee should include \$10 million for kidney cancer research if approved by Congress. ACKC has been instrumental in shepherding this legislation through the lengthy process, making more money available for research on kidney cancer. [Read more](#)

Exciting news from ASCO

Deb Maskens attended the June meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and filed this report: two new drugs showing benefit in second-line. Deb is shown here with kidney cancer patient advocates from Canada, USA, and Australia. [Read more](#)



EAU Guidelines changed

The European Association of Urology (EAU) published revised guidelines for second-line therapy in kidney cancer. IKCC plays an important role on the Guidelines Committee to ensure the patient perspective is incorporated. The modified advisory is published in *European Urology* (2016) [Read more](#)



Think Treatment? Think Trials!

As the number of new agents for immuno-oncology grows, balanced information about this new family of drugs is increasingly important. IKCC's web-based resource for kidney cancer patients, www.10forIO.info, brings trusted, evidence-based, patient-focused, and understandable information as well as information about the clinical trials. The site is in four languages today (English, German, French, and Spanish), with Dutch and Portuguese coming soon. THANK YOU to all the patient organisations and advocates worldwide who have shared in the development of this new resource. [See Press Release](#). Follow us on Facebook and Twitter as @IOKidney.

We continue to Tweet to help people understand why it is important for people with advanced kidney cancer to consider enrolling in a clinical trial. See the [catalog of images](#). Contact us about localization into your language. Contact julia@ikcc.org



SAVE THE DATE for our next Expanding Circles conference -
6th to 8th April 2017 in Warsaw, Poland
Please check back on our website to obtain the latest news.

We are delighted to be working with you to further improve diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life for people with kidney cancer throughout the world, and to empower them to be partners in their healthcare.

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Rachel Giles, M.D., Ph.D., Chair

Deb Maskens, Vice Chair

and the [Board of Directors, Stichting IKCC](#)

The IKCC is dedicated to global collaboration to raise awareness, promote research and empower organisations to support those affected by kidney cancer.



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