

Letter from WIN President

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Dear WIN members:

I wish you and your family a belated happy and fruitful 2015! For those live in “snow belt”, please stay safe and warm! For everyone else, we envy you!

It is my privilege serving as the President; one of my goals is to keep all of us connected. I plan to send you reports quarterly. The next one should be in the month of May, please ask me if you don't hear from me then.

Reports from 2014:

1. New WIN Councils: Drs. Ellie Kelepouris from Drexel University, Dana Negoj from University of Vermont and Ann O'Hare from University of Washington are the new WIN councils as November 2014. We welcome them. Together with Dr. Lisa Curtis and Dr. Mary Tessie Behrens, the Executive Council of WIN is well rounded including academia, researcher and private practitioner. Drs. Maria Ferris, Cybele Ghossein and Qi Qian faithfully served as the Councils these past few years, we thank them. Drs. Ferris, Ghossein and Qian have agreed to stay as the Advisors to the Council. Dr. Sharon Anderson continues to support us as the Senior Advisor, Dr. Sylvia Rosas and Dr Anne Pesenson will continue at their current post as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Dr. Amy Williams will continue supporting WIN as the past President. We are lucky to have these outstanding women serving the Women In Nephrology.



2. WIN Retreats: It occurred during the summer in Chicago. Many wonderful strategic ideas were discussed during this one and a half day meeting. WIN will have the retreat every two years.

◀ *WIN retreat group discussion. Drs. Nancy Adams, Li-Li Hsiao, Connie Rhee, Sandra Levison, and Qi Qian*

3. WIN's 30 years anniversary:

a) We had wonderful WIN dinner celebrating this special event during the 2014 ASN in Philadelphia. Many of the WIN past presidents shared their thoughts and experiences. We thank all of the past presidents for their hard work and wisdom!

b) Article of WIN: Dr. Connie Rhee has taken the lead on this assignment. Please let us know if you like to help



4. Welcome new members: WIN received 62 registrations as new members during the 2014 ASN. Of the 62 new members, there are 40 trainees including clinical fellows, post-doctoral fellows, residents and Ph. D. students. In addition, few of our oversea Nephrology colleagues also join WIN. Please join me to welcome our new members.

5. PDS (Professional Development Seminar):

WIN has long history collaborating with ASN running this program during the Kidney Week. We had another very successful run this year. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Dr. Qi Qian and her team.

WIN is also establishing collaboration with Renal Research Institute (RRI) to run PDS during its annual meeting. Under the leadership of Drs. Qi Qian, Ellie Kelepouris and Marie Ferris, WIN provided another well received session on Jan. 26-27, 2015



6. Bridging WIN beyond USA: German has its own WIN organization, Dr. Sylvia Rosas and I were invited to speak at the annual meeting of German Society of Nephrology in September 2014. We met many wonderful colleagues who also attended our 30 years anniversary celebration. We hope to establish closer collaboration including research.

7. WIN Twitter account: Thanks to Dr. Marie Ferris who help created this account. The account name is *womeninnephro* (women in nephro in one word). Please join us.

In the pipeline:

PDS Task Force Committee: PDS was founded by Dr. Chris Abrass 16 years ago. PDS remains WIN's proud product. Drs. Qi Qian, Ellie Kelepouris, Marie Ferris and Sylvia Rosas are the committee members.

Advisory Committee for Local Chapters: WIN hope to sponsor activities at the local/regional level in the future. This committee will develop guidelines and



recommendations for starting a local chapter. It is led by Dr. Judith Veis, members include Drs. Debbie Cohen and Ghossein from Chicago, Sylvia Rosas and Dana Negoj from New England Region.

(Chicago regional event in 2014 with guest speaker Dr. Li-Li Hsiao.)

Advisory Committee for Research: WIN hopes to be inclusive and would like to place focus on our colleagues in research. This committee is led by Dr. Lisa Curtis. Please contact Dr. Curtis or myself if you are interested in serving in this committee.

The mission of WIN is to help women nephrologists and to advance information about sex and gender biology in nephrology. As the president, I'll do my best to keep WIN being true to its mission, WITH YOUR HELP!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HELP TO RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS!

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