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In 2010, 3 papers were published and another 2 submitted. During the IPNA conference in New York 3 posters were presented: one on eGFR at the start of RRT, one on anemia and one on hypertension. The paper on hypertension is being revised for a journal.

Next year will be an exciting year as well, with many more projects to be performed and papers to be written. We would like to thank you again and we look forward to many collaborative research projects and hope to have an equally great data collection next year.

Thank you again, enjoy the holidays and a happy new year!

New Staff
Marjolein Bonthuis: a PhD student. The focus of her project is on nutrition related factors in pediatric ESRD patients.

Jerome Harambat: a pediatric nephrologist from France, who now works at the Registry on a one year project on pediatric renal transplantation in Europe to obtain his PhD-degree. His work is funded by a grant from the QUEST project.

Mark Titulaer: data manager. He is currently developing an internet-based data collection tool to facilitate data-collection for the registry. A pilot of data collection will be held in the beginning of next year.
Research projects of new staff

Jerome Harambat and Marjolein Bonthuis

Jerome Harambat
After training in Pediatrics and Epidemiology in Bordeaux and Lyon, France, I started a PhD on the Registry last November. My focus will be on renal transplantation strategies and outcomes. I will first perform a survey on differences in policies and practices of transplantation across Europe. Indeed, such differences may impact the equity of renal transplantation as well the patient and graft survival. We are planning to send this survey to all pediatric nephrologists in Europe in January, so we sincerely hope that you will all collaborate in this project. Then, I will study some clinical outcomes like growth post transplantation.

Marjolein Bonthuis
Last April I started as a PhD student on the Registry after obtaining my MSc degree in Nutrition and Health. I will perform studies on nutrition related factors. My current focus is on growth and nutritional status. Growth charts are mainly used to monitor whether growth is healthy. In Europe, many different growth charts are currently used, but for studies within the Registry one chart might be necessary to make meaningful comparisons across the countries. For this, we made a small inventory and we really appreciate your help. At the moment I am working to find the most optimal growth chart to be used within future studies. After finishing this I will focus on clinical aspects related to the nutritional status.

CME Introductory Course on Epidemiology

In September 2011, the 44th Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology will take place in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The ERA-EDTA Registry and some of the staff members of the ESPN/ERA-EDTA registry will give a pre-congress course on epidemiology on September 13-14, 2011. The aim of this epidemiology course is to teach nephrologists and nephrology researchers basic epidemiology principles and to have them practice their new skills in hands on sessions (exercises, discussions and SPSS). This time, the course primarily aims at pediatric nephrologists. Two travel grants are kindly provided by the ERA-EDTA. If you are interested in participating in this course more information can be found on http://www.ndt-educational.org/Dubrovnik2011.htm.