



GENERAL AGREEMENT

Between:

The European Renal Association - European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA)

With Operative Headquarters at:

Via XXIV Maggio, 38

43123 Parma - Italy

Represented by: current ERA-EDTA President

and

The Vascular Access Society (VAS)

Secretariat at: Pauwels Congress Organiser

p/o Avenue Ceramique 222

6221 KX Maastricht

The Netherlands

Represented by: current VAS President

November, 2018

In view of the current ongoing collaboration between ERA-EDTA and VAS, the two societies have decided to sign an updated general agreement based on the points outlined below.

PART I - Ambassador exchange program at the ERA-EDTA Congress and the VAS Meeting.

- a. VAS Ambassador: starting from 2020, on a bi-annual basis (i.e. in the even years, thus when VAS does not have a congress), the ERA EDTA will ask VAS to suggest the name of a speaker (and a specific theme/title) to be incorporated into the main program of the ERA-EDTA Congress as a special lecture. It will be the responsibility of ERA-EDTA's Scientific Program Chair to decide where to best allocate the talk/speaker. The contribution of the partner society will be officially recognized in the APP and the website of the main program of the Congress. The speaker (the VAS "Ambassador") proposed by the VAS will clearly be identified in the Congress program itself, e.g. Prof. XXXX YYYY ^{VAS}.
- b. VAS is expected to reciprocate by inviting one ERA-EDTA Ambassador to the VAS Meeting in a similar way (see details above), when VAS has its bi-annual meeting (i.e. in the odd years, 2021, 2023, etc.).
- c. Speaker reimbursement policy. The speaker will receive travel reimbursement, accommodation and congress registration by the host organization based on the host organization's rules regarding these matters.



PART II - Promotion of the ERA-EDTA Congress (held every year) and the VAS Meeting (held every two years) and the respective organizations.

- a. A link/banner of the respective congresses/meetings will be placed on each of the organization's web-sites.
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- c. Exchange of advertising pages in the societies' respective official Journals (VAS: Vascular Access; ERA-EDTA: NDT). This will consist of 1 page for each society to be published in a 12 month's period. The advertising must be related to the respective societies' congresses/meetings.

PART III – Other collaborations.

- A. Support of VAS to educational projects organized by ERA-EDTA.
- B. Collaboration for joint scientific initiatives (i.e. epidemiological research; guidelines; etc.).

All points of this agreement will automatically be renewed, starting on the date of this agreement until December 31, 2019, on a yearly basis (December 31st), however, each society may withdraw from the agreement (in one, more or all of its points) by giving the other society 6 months' notice (June 30th each year).

SIGNATURES

ERA-EDTA President
Prof. Carmine Zoccali

VAS President
Prof. Jan Malik