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Dear President,

Please allow me to cordially propose to you to recognize the 17th Budapest Nephrology School (Augustus 26-31, 2010) organized by the Hungarian Kidney Foundation at the Semmelweis University, under the auspices of ISN and ERA-EDTA as an official CME credit point refresher course of your Nephrology Society. I have been encouraged by Professor Eberhard Ritz, immediate past president of the ISN, to make an offer like this to those countries which are not or not extensively running with their own refresher CME Course(s).

As you may know, the Budapest Nephrology School is the first refresher course on nephrology in Europe and one of the best in this kind. For almost 20 years, at the end of each August, during this one-week program our distinguished international speakers provide updates in nephrology, hypertension, dialysis and transplantation. We cover the field from molecule to bedside, from the most recent scientific advances to current clinical approaches. Participants also enjoy the close interaction with the faculty in small group workshops. They are encouraged to bring their own cases, raise questions and consult their colleagues. The previous course programs and details can be found on our website (www.bns-hungary.hu). Our success is reflected by the increasing number of participants who have repeatedly attended the school. Participants also enjoy our exciting social programs.

The 16th Budapest Nephrology School was accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) for 30 CME credits. We are expecting to receive a similar evaluation for the 17th School as well.

The school is organized as a non-profit. A good part of the actual participation cost is sponsored by the Hungarian Kidney Foundation and other national and international organizations for the benefit of the physicians mainly from developing countries. Consequently, this is a truly cost effective refresher course. Since Budapest is in your region the cost of travel is also low.

If you think that the Budapest Nephrology School would be beneficial for your residents, young nephrologists and other colleagues, please try to approach international companies involved in nephrology health care in your country to support and provide fellowships for your participants. Please remember that companies prepare their next year budget much before the end of this year. For your information, please find attached the program for the 16th Budapest Nephrology School. Next year's program will be similar and we can send you that in early spring.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that the school would be a great opportunity to provide the most recent updates in the field to a significant number of your nephrologists each year, thereby supporting the development of nephrology in the region.

Would you be so kind to inform me how many participants can be expected from your country for the 17th Budapest Nephrology School?

I am looking forward to your earliest response.

I remain sincerely yours,

Laszlo Rosivall