David Wheeler



Short Bio/CV

David is Professor of Kidney Medicine at University College London, UK and Honorary Consultant Nephrologist at the Royal Free Hospital. He is a clinical scientist interested in the management of chronic kidney disease. He has participated in the development and running of several large-scale clinical trials testing therapeutic interventions in kidney disease. He was co-principal investigator of the DAPA-CKD trial, which has contributed to

broader use of Sodium Glucose-2 Cotransporter Inhibitors to prevent kidney disease progression. He has developed clinical practice guidelines for several organisations, most recently for Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO), of which he was Co-Chair from 2012-2019. He has recently completed a term as Chair of the International Society of Nephrology Advancing Clinical Trials (ISN-ACTs) Committee. Previous roles include President of the UK Renal Association. He is currently National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) National Specialty Lead for Renal disorders. At a local level he is Co-Medical Director of the NIHR North Thames Clinical Research Network and Lead Clinician for the Centre for Clinical Kidney Disease, within the Department of Kidney and Bladder Health at University College London. He was ranked in the top 1% of researchers globally, based on citations in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Candidate's Statement

It would be an honour to serve the ISN in this role. I believe that I can offer sufficient time to make an impact and can bring broad insight and global experience.

I would like to increase the relevance of the ISN in our region and improve attendance at the World Congress of Nephrology. Efforts should be focussed specifically on our younger colleagues, perhaps providing incentives to join. I would also like to build stronger links with the Eastern European Region and jointly support the ERA in efforts to get kidney disease on the EU agenda.

Despite living in one of the best served regions for health care, we see enormous inequalities in access to kidney treatments (such as PD). I would like to explore these inequalities and share best practice, possibly finding solutions that may have global relevance.

Our department participates in the Sister Centre Programme and I have first-hand experience of supporting colleagues in Sri Lanka. I would want to enhance and broaden this programme within our region.

I have been an ISN member for over 30 years and would be delighted to have this opportunity to contribute to the Society. Thank you for considering my application.