

Dear Members of APSN,

I am pleased to announce that Tak Mao (Daniel) Chan, previous President of the APSN, has been awarded the Kenzo Oshima Award for his valuable contributions to the development of nephrology within our region. The award will be presented at the Tokyo APCN.

Sei Sasaki has been awarded the Priscilla Kincaid-Smith Award in recognition of his important contributions to the science of nephrology. His award will also be presented at the 2014 APSN.

Nominations are invited for the next President-elect of APSN to take office from 2014 until his/her Presidency in 2016-2018. Nominations will close in February. Details of the nomination process can be found at the bottom of the Executive Committee page on the website.

Nominations are also called for Life Membership of APSN to recognise life-long distinguished contributions to our Society. Nominations will need to be endorsed by Council and will be announced at the Tokyo APCN.

Two strong bids were received to host the 2016 APCN. Following presentations to the APSN Council in Atlanta on November 8th, Perth has been invited to host the 2016 meeting.

At the Council meeting in Atlanta it was suggested that we explore the possibility of providing free on-line access to the journal *Nephrology* for developing countries. Peter Kerr, Editor-in-Chief of *Nephrology*, is exploring the possibility. It is likely that password-limited access would be available simultaneously to a small number of members in each country. We will let you know as soon as a decision has been made.

Yours sincerely

DAVID HARRIS

President, APSN