



## Collaboration with Other Organizations

Last year, KDIGO leadership discussed ways to work more closely with other organizations. The goal is to partner on implementation of KDIGO's work in ways that reach the global kidney community and also benefit both collaborating organizations. KDIGO will never co-brand Guidelines or Controversies Conferences. However, implementation opportunities growing out of those programs may be areas where partnering with other organizations is an advantage.

Since last year, new dialog has begun with ASN, ISN and ERA/EDTA. Most promising may be ASN, but each organization is being approached to explore ideas. Such ideas include:

- Clinical Practice Conferences and Congress Symposiums
- Webinars
- Implementation Summits
- Inclusion of KDIGO news in organization messaging
- Joint distribution of tools or educational materials
- Regular leadership meetings
- Commentaries on KDIGO's work

KDIGO's strength is its content. Other organizations may have a more mature communication system with clinicians around the world, and an established infrastructure to operationalize any joint programs ideas.

Financial aspects of any type of collaboration are always problematic. However, by working details out together, they can be minimized. Any program has to make financial sense for both organizations. Some ideas may have no financial implications. In other cases, plans can be made and formalized that mitigate or eliminate financial concerns.

KDIGO's desire to collaborate with other organizations is clear. Making it happen is a challenge. KDIGO asks that the Executive Committee help actualize the above list of ideas, and also add any other potential program ideas that may be of interest. KDIGO can establish a plan for taking these ideas to the leadership of the other groups, with Executive Committee assistance.

The Executive Committee is invited to brainstorm these ideas in Prague. Then, members can work where appropriate with staff to bring the ideas forward.