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Reflecting on Progress, Anticipating the Future

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Updates & Announcements from the (nascent) International KD Society

One Year Since the 14th IKDS Convention in Montréal

It is remarkable how swiftly time passes, and today we find ourselves a full year beyond the memorable gathering at the 14th International KD Symposium (IKDS-2024) meeting in Montréal, held in August 2024. That event was more than a simple convention—it was a convergence of global minds, a celebration of the advancements in KD science, and a vibrant forum for visionaries, clinicians, and advocates intent on reshaping patient care and research. Since we convened in Montréal, the landscape of our field has evolved, enriched by new developments, collaborative efforts, and a steadfast pursuit of our shared mission.

The 15th IKDS: Japan Awaits

As we reflect on the past year, our gaze naturally turns toward the future: the 15th IKDS is currently under active structuring and promises to be another milestone in our society's history. This upcoming meeting will gather the world's leading KD scientists, clinicians, and stakeholders for what will surely be another game-changing event. Preparations are in full swing, with organizational committees working diligently to curate an agenda that both honors the tradition of IKDS and ushers in innovative approaches to research, advocacy, and patient care.

Stay informed on all developments regarding the 15th IKDS by visiting our official website, WWW.IKDS.ORG. We encourage all members and the interested professionals to register, update their email addresses, and invite colleagues to do the same. This ensures that no one misses out on critical updates, exciting announcements, or opportunities to participate. The website and the dedicated links remain the central hub for information about speakers, program details, abstract submissions, travel guidance, and more.

Global Meeting Announcements: Expanding Our Reach

The past year has also seen the IKDS.ORG platform extend its reach, actively publishing announcements for meetings around the world. Whether you're interested in attending sessions in Korea, New York, Amsterdam, or Dubai, you will find meeting links and registration information posted in a timely fashion. The site's commitment to accessibility and transparency allows everyone, from seasoned professionals to new entrants in the field, to stay informed, engaged, and connected to the international community. It's all one click away [KD meetings | IKDS](#)

Each announcement is designed to provide comprehensive details about upcoming meetings, including dates, venues, speakers, topics, and registration processes. These global events foster collaboration, spark new ideas, and create invaluable networking opportunities. IKDS.ORG is continually evolving to ensure that announcements are easy to find, register for, and share with colleagues.

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IKDS.ORG: Your Billboard for Events & More

Our website is more than a repository for meeting information—it is designed to be your professional billboard, spotlighting both major events and the broader KD research ecosystem. The commitment to publish links to KD societies worldwide ([Societies & Consortia | IKDS](#)) reflects our dedication to uniting the global community, making it easier for members to access resources, join networks, and expand collaborative opportunities.

A special service is now available for societies or consortia that do not have their own dedicated websites. IKDS.ORG offers a dedicated TAB (page) where these groups can publish their mission statements, showcase achievements, and provide useful contact information. This initiative aims to promote visibility, foster engagement, and enable even newly formed groups to participate fully in the exchange of knowledge and practice.

The Promise of Transformation: IKDS Society Charter

Perhaps the most exciting development is the ongoing transformation discussed at the Montréal meeting—a new era for IKDS and the wider KD community. The International KD Society, as promised, will soon have its own charter. This vital document is being written, revised, and refined with input from stakeholders across the globe. Your voice, as KD scientists and advocates, is essential in this process.



A round of approval and commentary will soon be launched, inviting the KD community to help shape the future charter. This is a pivotal moment: the charter will not only define the society's mission and structure but also empower us to improve and optimize patient outcomes worldwide. The collaborative spirit that has always defined IKDS is now being formalized in a way that will serve generations to come.

Get Involved: Your Role in the Nascent Society

This evolving landscape opens new opportunities for involvement and leadership. If you see yourself playing a role in the development of IKDS.ORG or the nascent International KD Society, now is the time to step forward. Do you have an announcement to share, a suggestion to make, or insights to offer? We want to hear from you.

Contact us directly via askme@ikds.org. Whether you are a scientist, advocate, or member of a KD-related consortium, your contributions are valued. By submitting announcements, sharing news, or proposing initiatives, you help ensure that IKDS remains responsive and relevant to the needs of our community.

Promote IKDS.ORG: Make It Part of Your Signature

In the spirit of unity and visibility, we invite all members and partners to feature IKDS.ORG in their professional email signatures. By displaying the logo and website link, you not only signal your commitment to KD research and advocacy but also help grow the network and encourage others to stay connected.



Looking Ahead: The Best Is Yet to Come

As we look forward to **Japan in 2027**, we are energized by the developments in progress and the promise of deeper collaboration. The transformation of the IKDS meeting—long recognized as the game changer for KD—continues apace, guided by the discussions and commitments made in Montréal. The International KD Society is preparing for its next great leap, with a new charter and a renewed focus on excellence, inclusion, and impact.

As we look forward to seeing KD patients growing up, engaging in adult life and the challenges that come along, IKDS.ORG features a new TAB ([Adult KD | IKDS](#)) dedicated to the needs of **Adult KD** science, transition of care, and focused knowledge related to those needs.

New useful information on treatment and infographics on therapeutic dosage for KD (from Rady's Children's Hospital) feature with a direct link under [Tools | IKDS](#), along the coronary artery **Z-score** comparative calculator and the NT-proBNP Z-score calculator.

Let us continue to work together, leveraging the resources and connections offered by IKDS.ORG. Stay tuned for frequent updates, and remember: your engagement is the heart of our society's ongoing success.

Share Your News: for the best reach-out

We would love to hear from you and share news with the IKDS community. If you have an upcoming event, if you have useful information to add to the science, if you have suggestions; this could be part of the next Newsletter. We would be happy to post Conference information and Flyers on the dedicated pages of the website. Please reach out askme@ikds.org or individually to either one of us Nagib.dahdah.med@ssss.gouv.qc.ca or atremoulet@health.ucsd.edu

With best wishes for a productive and inspiring year ahead,

The IKDS Team