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KDIGO Holds Trustees Election

(Brussels, Belgium) - - Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) has elected five new members of its Executive Committee, referred to in Belgium as The Trustees. The election took place at its most recent Trustees Meeting in Shanghai, China on October 15, 2016.

Elected upon the recommendation of the KDIGO Nominating Committee were: Kunitoshi Iseki of Japan; John Gill of Canada; Paul Stevens of the United Kingdom; Angela Webster of Australia; and Suzanne Watnick of the United States. They will begin their three-year term on January 1, 2017.

These volunteers bring a significant addition to KDIGO's scientific and clinical resources. They are recognized experts in chronic kidney disease and its treatments, especially transplantation and dialysis as well as guideline methodology and basic research. They add to KDIGO's global balance of leadership reflecting diverse skills and active clinical work in their respective countries and regions.

David Wheeler, KDIGO co-chair said, "We are thrilled that our five top choices of globally recognized kidney disease experts all accepted our invitation and will join us on the Executive Committee for the coming years. They are all outstanding scientists and clinicians who will play a major role in guiding KDIGO's future agenda and success."

Upon the expiration of their terms, three Trustees will leave the group at the end of 2016. They are Bert Kasiske of the United States; Christoph Wanner of Germany; and Yusuke Tsukamoto of Japan. They will remain active with KDIGO, assuming various assignments as part of the KDIGO Global Network.

The 5 new members join current Trustees:

- David Wheeler, KDIGO Co-Chair
- Wolfgang Winkelmayr, KDIGO Co-Chair
- Ali Abu-Alfa

- Olivier Devuyst
- Jürgen Floege
- Andrew Levey
- Zhi-Hong Liu
- Ziad Massy
- Roberto Pecoits-Filho
- Brian Pereira
- Angela Wang

KDIGO co-chair Wolfgang Winkelmayr added, “These are very productive and creative individuals. They are just what KDIGO needs as we pursue a robust program of new and updated guidelines, global controversies conferences as well as implementation conferences and activities all over the world.”

“KDIGO is known for its extremely qualified and expert leadership. Adding these five new members continues and strengthens our position as a global leader in nephrology. We are sad to see such capable people as Bert, Christoph and Yusuke leave the formal group. But, we have many jobs for them and know they will continue their valuable contributions to our success.”

KDIGO’s agenda for 2017 includes publishing one new guideline, three guideline updates, launching two new guidelines and holding four major Controversies Conferences. The Executive Committee is the governing body of KDIGO and works actively all year to lead its efforts.

KDIGO is a Belgian foundation committed to developing and implementing nephrology guidelines that improve patient outcomes on a global basis.

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