Editorial

This year, the International Society of Blood Purification (ISBP) begins its 3rd decade of presenting cutting edge science in the field of blood purification. Included in this year's program are two 'state-of-the art' lectures and four symposia chosen to highlight the newest trends in research and clinical application. The lectures will feature this year's ISBP award winner, Elias Klein, and an internationally renowned expert, Eduardo Slatopolsky. Dr. Klein will provide his view on developing artificial organs, and Dr. Slatopolsky will review pathogenesis and treatment of renal osteodystrophy. The four symposia will begin with an update on oxidative stress. This previously ignored phenomenon may soon provide the first area of therapeutic intervention to significantly decrease the mortality in dialysis patients. The second seminar will pull together the most imaginative and innovative thinkers in the arena of new ideas for the treatment of renal failure, from xenotransplants to dialysis without membranes. The third symposium will address the current status of daily dialysis. Long held as a better way to dialyze, current methods of providing this therapy can now rely on new technology to substantially expand the number and types of patients who may benefit from this modality. Finally, the fourth seminar will address the ongoing search to identify and avoid the inflammatory processes which occur during dialytic therapy. Rounding out these formal presentations are an intriguing array of abstracts, spanning the gamut from laboratory investigation to clinical observation.

In conclusion, this year's meeting will continue the ISBP's tradition of presenting the forefront of information and ideas in the field of blood purification.

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