

Table 3. Important facts and dates (adapted from ERA-EDTA website with own modification)

Years	Facts
1964	First EDTA congress in Amsterdam with one-day program.
1966	EDTA congress in Lyon - duration increased to one day and a half.
1968	5th anniversary of EDTA celebrated during congress in Dublin. Congress duration has extended to two days and association has already 490 members.
1969	EDTA congress in Stockholm with common session with the congress of the ISN. EDTA creates a Registry Committee for collection of data on kidney failure and treatment in Europe headed by W. Drukker as a Chairman.
1970	EDTA congress in Barcelona - the number of participants exceeded 1000 people.
1971	First EDTA congress held in the part of Europe belonging to the Socialist Block - in East Berlin.
1973	From this year the position of President of EDTA lasts for three years.
1981	From this year the association is named EDTA-ERA (European Renal Association).
1982	Status of Honorary Members for most contributed members to the society was created. The first Honorary Members are Arthur Kennedy and W. Drukker.
1986	Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation journal was created. The first Editor-in-Chief was Alexander M. Davison.
1987	Digitalization of the file of EDTA-ERA members and the account.
1990	EDTA-ERA congress becoming more and more popular - congress in Vienna has over 3000 participants.
1991	From this year on the votes to elect Council members are collected during the annual congress, by means of a voting station.
1992	Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation is published by Oxford University Press.
1995	The name of the association is modified from EDTA-ERA to ERA-EDTA.
1996	ERA-EDTA launched its first website. In congress held in Amsterdam is attended over 4000 participants.
2000	Transferred the ERA-EDTA Registry from London to Amsterdam.
2002	ERA-EDTA creates its free, online educational journal NDT-Educational. From this year on the abstracts of the congress are submitted also online. Congress in Copenhagen has over 5000 participants.
2003	Scientific research was added to the statutory aims of the association. In Berlin ERA-EDTA and ISN have their congresses together as one joint Congress.

2004	<p>ERA-EDTA starts holding courses on epidemiology, due to their success they will be repeated twice a year.</p> <p>ERA-EDTA starts publishing a newsletter, Follow Us, to inform all members about the current news concerning the society.</p> <p>ERA-EDTA starts its CME support program.</p>
2006	ERA-EDTA starts its Fellowships program.
2007	Within NDT-Educational a new option has been launched: Literature Review. ERA-EDTA becomes part of EKHA (European Kidney Health Alliance).
2008	<p>ERA-EDTA has a second journal: NDT Plus.</p> <p>From this year on the votes to elect Council members are collected online in the period before the General Assembly too.</p>
2009	ERA-EDTA establishes its first Working Groups and starts Research Program.
2010	The ERA-EDTA Ethics Committee was created.
2011	<p>The first ERA-EDTA awards were awarded. Stanley Shaldon, Ebehard Ritz and Norbert Lameire are the first awardees.</p> <p>ERA-EDTA introduces a new logo.</p> <p>ERA-EDTA stops publishing NDT Plus and creates a new journal: Clinical Kidney Journal.</p>
2012	<p>In congress in Paris, ERA-EDTA honours the pioneers of Nephrology. For the first time the annual congress has an app.</p> <p>Young Nephrologists' Platform was created – first chairman – dr Miklos Molnar.</p> <p>All members of ERA-EDTA committees/bodies must fill in their DoI (Declaration of Interest).</p>
2013	<p>The electronic ERA-EDTA Newsletter, is created and sent out to all the ERA-EDTA contacts every two weeks.</p> <p>The abstracts to the annual congresses are only submitted online.</p>
2014	<p>For the first time ERA-EDTA organized a half day meeting with the National Societies of Nephrology.</p> <p>The strapline “Leading European Nephrology”, is added to the ERA-EDTA logo.</p>
2015	CKJ becomes Open Access.
2016	Joint collaboration with ASN, ERA-EDTA and ISN.
2017	ERA-EDTA has its motto: Innovation and Education in Kidney Science and Care.