

Organizational Overview of CENCAM

Name: “CENCAM – Consortium on the Epidemic of Nephropathy in Central America and Mexico / Consorcio de la Epidemia de la Nefropatía en Centroamérica y México.”

Mission Statement: The mission of the Consortium is to contribute to knowledge generation and to promote and facilitate activities and policies to reduce CKDu occurrence in Central America and Mexico.

Primary Objectives:

- To increase international collaboration for the exploration and research of CKDu
- To contribute to a reduction in the overall prevalence and impact of CKDu
- To raise awareness and action about CKDu in Central America and Mexico

Organizational Activities:

- Compile and disseminate research
- Facilitate a collaborative approach to research
- Provide a forum for communicating results
- Inform other initiatives
- Promote global collaboration
- Promote conferences, workshops and exchanges

Members: Three categories for membership exist: Full Members, Associate Members and Observing Members.

- **Full members:** Researchers and clinician-researchers associated with an institution and actively involved in knowledge generation relevant to CKDu in Central America and/or Mexico. *Full members can vote in elections and any other votes called by the Board of Directors.*
- **Associate members:** Non-researcher professionals interested in knowledge generation relevant to CKDu in Central America or Mexico as well as researchers involved in knowledge generation on CKDu in other parts of the world. *Associate members are non-voting members.*
- **Observing members:** The Board of Directors may invite observing (institutional) members as appropriate. *Observing members are non-voting members.*

New members: Additional full members and associate members will be approved by the Board based on an application form and a CV. Board members may ask potential members for references if necessary.

Membership responsibilities and privileges: Members are free to carry out, publish and present their work as individuals. Members may be invited to participate in specific Consortium activities, but are not obligated to do so. Members may not speak or write on behalf of the Consortium without permission from the Board of Directors.

Other interested parties: can request to be kept informed as desired.

Governance: A Board of Directors of seven (7) individuals will oversee pursuit of the mission (see Appendix). A Board secretary will be appointed by SALTRA and the remaining six (6) Board members will be elected. All Board members will serve a two year term. At least three (3) elected members will be from Central America and/or Mexico. Board members will not receive monetary compensation.

Board, elected 2013

Chair: Catharina Wesseling, Costa Rica

Secretary: Jennifer Crowe, Costa Rica (representing SALTRA)

Members: Aurora Aragón, Nicaragua; Dan Brooks, USA; Ricardo Correa-Rotter, Mexico; Ricardo Leiva, El Salvador; Kristina Jakobsson, Sweden

Administration: The Consortium will be managed by SALTRA as the initial administrator.

New member applications: Contact [jennifer.crowe at una.cr](mailto:jennifer.crowe@una.cr)