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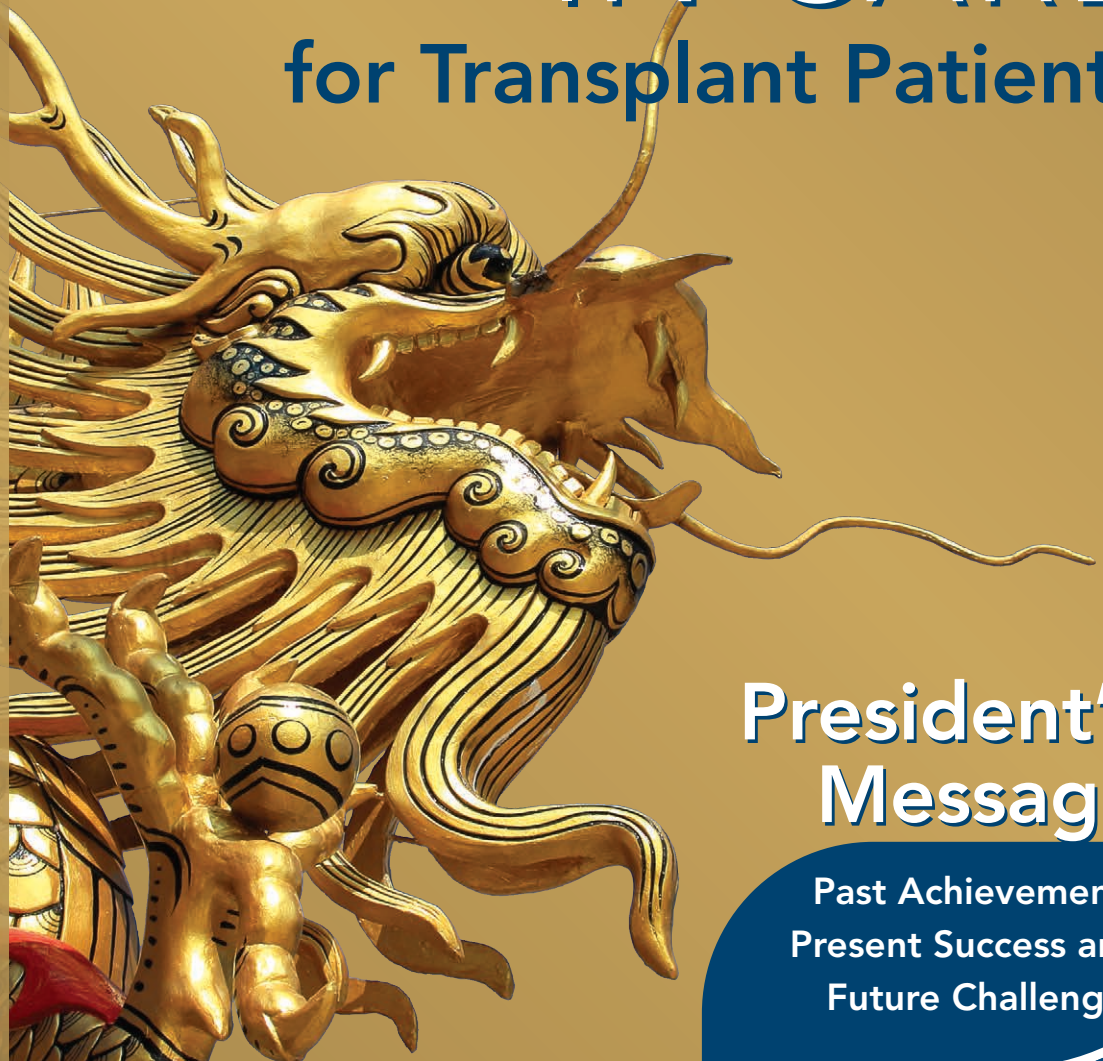
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# PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN CARE for Transplant Patients



## President's Message

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This edition of *Tribune* is published at the time of the International Congress of the Society in Hong Kong. It also marks the conclusion of my term as President and a changing of the guard for our Council. At this time, it is appropriate to reflect on what has been achieved over the past 2 years.



Philip J. O'Connell  
TTS President

The society has a diverse group of members from all parts of the globe. This is one of our strengths as it brings under one roof a large group of talented people with a broad range of skills and interests. It also means that it is our responsibility to respond to the many challenges that face our members. One of the biggest challenges we face is reinvigorating interest in clinical trials of new immunosuppressive agents. Although there are many new immunomodulatory agents currently approved or under investigation for autoimmune disease there is little enthusiasm for bringing these agents to transplantation. There are many reasons for this. One thing that has become clear is that the clinical trial design that led to the approval of calcineurin inhibitors and the rapid expansion of transplantation is no longer serving us well. What is also clear is that the international transplant community has failed to communicate to both the regulators and the pharmaceutical industry what are our major unmet clinical needs in transplantation.

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In addition, we have not attempted to reach a consensus on these issues. In response to this issue, the Society brought together a group of expert clinicians in transplant clinical trials with the objective of identifying what are the major unmet clinical needs, and what would be the best approach to develop new trial designs that would be in compliance with new guidance that has been developed by regulatory authorities. The objective was to develop a pathway to a new clinical trial paradigm, to identify gaps in our understanding of chronic graft loss and to unify the profession behind a new model for evaluating immunosuppression protocols so that we can interact in a constructive way with regulators and industry, and re-invigorate interest in transplant immunosuppression. The meeting that was held in Arlington, USA, in August 2015 was a great success and a lot of goodwill was generated. An important outcome of the meeting was to highlight major opportunities for collaborative clinical research to validate surrogate endpoints and validate biomarkers that can be used in clinical trials. The challenge remains for us to work collaboratively across borders to better understand causes of graft failure, and predictive markers of outcome.

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## TOPICS PRESENTED at the 2015 TTS CONSENSUS CONFERENCE

WHAT ARE THE PATIENT OUTCOMES AFTER RENAL TRANSPLANTATION VERSUS DIALYSIS?

WHAT ARE THE CLINICAL PHENOTYPES OF RENAL TRANSPLANT PATIENTS WITH HIGH IMMUNOLOGICAL RISK FOR GRAFT LOSS?

WHAT HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS WITH CURRENT IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE TRIAL DESIGNS FOR RENAL TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS?

WHAT ARE THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM ONCOLOGY TRIALS?

SUMMARY OF FDA MEETING ON SURROGATE ENDPOINTS

HOW PREDICTIVE IS IMMUNE INFLAMMATION-MEDIATED RENAL TRANSPLANT INJURY BY BIOPSY HISTOLOGY AS A BIOMARKER MEASURE FOR EARLY SURROGATE ENDPOINTS FOR LONG TERM GRAFT LOSS?

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WHAT ARE STATISTICAL AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR TRIAL DESIGNS?



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another important objective of the Society is to promote the development of transplant programs in regions where people currently have little or no access to this therapy. Whereas it has been shown to be the treatment of choice for end-organ failure, it remains out of reach for many. Whilst in some jurisdictions this is due to a lack of the sophisticated medical infrastructure necessary for such treatment, in many places it is due to a lack of organ donor networks. It has been a long-standing mission of the Society to assist in building the capacity of new transplant centers and to promote ethical organ donation, especially in regions where this is poorly developed. Whilst this remains an ongoing challenge, we have seen some recent successes. After years of hard work, we are now seeing improvements in Asia. Despite some formidable cultural and structural challenges, Thailand has a donor rate of 6.6 per million population. Organ donor rates continue to improve in Korea where the benefits of the recently established national transplant registry are being felt, with the provision of evidence to define better their needs and requirements for the future. These successes were the result of the local transplant communities and their national transplant societies, and TTS applauds them for their efforts. I anticipate that, going forward, they will be able to lead the way for other countries in Asia.



Vasant Sumethkul of Thailand along with TSS President O'Connell and President-Elect Nancy Ascher

If we fail to provide ethical transplant options in this region, developing countries will be vulnerable to unethical practices, transplant tourism and organ trafficking. Unfortunately, there were too many examples of this over the past two years. The Society continues to maintain an uncompromising approach to this important humanitarian issue. We continue to highlight unethical practices and prompt the relevant authorities to shut these practices down. Through the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group (DICG), many of our members have worked on this issue in their own region and have provided guidance to others to promote the development of appropriate practices. An important counterpoint to this is the need to promote viable options for developing countries. In this sphere, there is an important role for our Society in providing both mentorship and education. Much of the Society's efforts are focused on these twin objectives. The education committee led by Marcelo Cantarovich and Vivek Jha are in the process of developing a Transplant Academy course, and there are regular Webinars by some of the worlds leading experts in transplantation. The Society has organised several satellite meetings to meet targeted educational objectives, such as the new Key Opinion Leaders meeting in Thailand. We are also partnering with the ISN to promote the ISN-TTS Sister Transplant Center Program. This program provides funding to a developing center that partners with a senior center to stimulate mentorship and ongoing partnership in training and education. Some successful Sister Centers will be presenting their outcomes at the Hong Kong meeting.

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Asian leaders attending the recent nKoL meeting in Bangkok: (from left to right) Wai Leung Chak, Hong Kong; Curie Ahn, Korea; Anantharaman Vathsala, Singapore; Philip J. O'Connell, Kriengsak Vareesangthip, Thailand; and Hiroto Egawa, Japan.

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The Society continues to remain at the forefront of Science, Education and Public Policy. We have partnered with three other international organisations to develop ethical principles for the management of donors of medical products of human origin. Our Transplantation Science Committee has ensured that a good understanding of Science remains the foundation of clinical practice and held one of our most successful Transplant Science meetings in Lorne, Australia. Our sections continue to push new uses for transplantation and the decision of the International Pediatric Transplant Association to partner with us as a TTS Section has provided both organisations an opportunity to improve the health outcomes of some of our most vulnerable patients.

In concluding this message, I would like to thank you all for the support you have given me over the past 2 years. It has been an honor to lead such an outstanding organization, and I remain in awe of the commitment and dedication you show to your patients and colleagues. The task has been a pleasurable one because of the hard work by an outstanding Executive and Council. They have served us well, and, without show or fanfare, have taken time from their family and medical practice to deliver the aims and objectives of the Society. I thank you all for the support you have given me.

In concluding, I would like to send a message of condolence to the family, friends and colleagues of Josette Eris. Josette was the Chair of Women in Transplantation (one of the Society's most successful initiatives) and the Councilor for Oceania. Recently she passed away after a brief illness. She will be sorely missed.

As I conclude my term I am confident that the Society is on the right track. The new council has many excellent individuals and I am confident that, under the leadership of Nancy Asher, they will achieve much. I wish Nancy all the best and I am sure it will be a successful time for the Society. ■



## in memoriam



Josette Eris 1959–2016



# INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Nancy Ascher  
TTS Incoming President

## common goals

I am delighted to take on the leadership of The Transplantation Society, and also humbled and grateful to do so.

The Transplantation Society is the largest organization of transplant professionals, with membership that reaches around the globe. Although we represent disparate disciplines, we share the common goals of advancing transplantation science, improving clinical practice, increasing patient access, disseminating education and guiding public policy to improve and protect donor interests. TTS has been at the forefront to lead these efforts.

TTS continues to work with ISN to develop sister programs which will foster dissemination of best practices. We have recently undertaken a parallel program with ILTS to foster collaboration among established and newly developed liver transplant programs. We hope to develop similar joint programs in heart and lung transplantation. This Hong Kong Congress will afford us the opportunity to celebrate our fiftieth year. Having this meeting in Asia reflects the active growth of transplantation in Asia and the many advances in this region. We are grateful to Jeremy Chapman for his able leadership in organizing the program. TTS has expanded its educational efforts to include training at the Hong Kong meeting for the International Transplant Nurses Association. TTS also plans to develop closer collaboration with intensivists/critical care specialists and anesthesiologists to promote closer collaboration. This partnership will enhance care of the transplant recipient as well as facilitate end of life decisions of care.

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## INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The *Transplantation* Journal has been reinvigorated under the leadership of Dr. Jeremy Chapman and his editorial team. The new online offering, *Transplantation Direct*, provides for rapid dissemination of transplantation science.

During the next two years, we will be planning the 2018 TTS Congress in Madrid in partnership with our Spanish colleagues and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting of the new Declaration of Istanbul. This meeting is being planned by the DICG group. TTS is working with ASTS & AST to organize another World Transplant Congress which we hope to hold in 2022 or 2024. I encourage TTS members who are interested in becoming more involved to look at our committee structure and let me know if you want to be considered for committee membership. I am grateful to Phil and the Council for their stewardship over the past 2 years. Phil has graciously agreed to organize the Madrid 2018 program. ■

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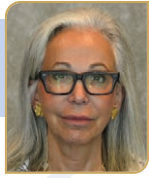


Nancy Ascher has devoted her career to the field of transplantation. After training with John Najarian, she started the liver transplant program at the University of Minnesota in 1981, and in 1988, established liver transplantation at the University of California San Francisco where she became Chief of the Transplant Program and then Chair of the Department of Surgery. She remains clinically active in liver and kidney transplantation. Dr. Ascher has served the Health and Human Services Task Force, which drafted US National Organ Transplant Act; on the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General's Workshop on Organ Donation; and as Chair of the HHS Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation (2000-2005). She is Past-President of ASTS (2000) and a past Councilor for the ILTS (2005-2009). She has been involved in TTS in a number of positions: as North American Councilor (2010-2014); as part of the Publication Committee restructuring the *Transplantation* Journal; and as Co-Chair of the Women in Transplantation initiative.



# NEW COUNCIL POSITIONS FOR 2016–2018

## NEW OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS



**PRESIDENT**  
Nancy Ascher



**PRESIDENT-ELECT**  
Mehmet Haberal



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Philip J. O'Connell



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(Oceania)



**COUNCILOR**  
Hiroto Egawa  
(Asia)



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(Europe)



**COUNCILOR**  
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**COUNCILOR**  
S. Adibul Hasan Rizvi  
(Asia)



**COUNCILOR**  
Peter G. Stock  
(North America)

## RETURNING OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Marcelo Cantarovich



**SENIOR TREASURER**  
Elmi Muller



**COUNCILOR**  
Beatriz Domínguez-Gil  
(Europe)



**COUNCILOR**  
Jongwon Ha  
(Asia)



**COUNCILOR**  
Alejandro Nino Murcia  
(Latin America)



**COUNCILOR**  
Minnie Sarwal  
(North America)



**COUNCILOR**  
Ifeoma Ulasi  
(Middle East / Africa)

TTS would like to thank its members for voting in the recent elections of TTS Officers and Councilors. We are pleased to introduce your 2016–2018 Council. Congratulations to the newly elected members of Council.





# TTS 2016

26<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
THE TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY | HONG 香 | AUGUST  
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Hong Kong Society of  
Transplantation



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50 YEARS**

**OF INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION,  
INNOVATION,  
GROWTH,  
AND PROGRESS.**



The  
**Transplantation**  
Society

1966 - 2016



# Members, non members, affiliates! Be sure to visit the TTS BOOTH!

Located centrally in the exhibit hall, we have designed an open, inviting, and interactive space! Our official journal, *Transplantation*, and its companion, *Transplantation Direct*, will each have their own interactive station. There will also be a station for TTS Education, at which visitors will be able to look through our library of past multi-media presentations. And, in addition to having TTS staff on hand to assist, a station will be set up for Membership services. There will also be specialized areas, such as a corner designated for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historical Project, a meet-and-greet lounge area for networking, and a photobooth where all are welcome to have some fun to mark the occasion! So whether you are interested in becoming a member, finding out about our Sections and their upcoming 2017 meetings, TTS' next destination in 2018, or just to sit and chat with friends and colleagues, the TTS booth has a lot to offer!







Celebrating 50 Years  
with two new  
exciting projects!

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Under the direction of our historian, Randall Morris, we will be marking our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congress by introducing two new historical projects:

**TTS Historical Mini-Theatre** - We have filmed our Past President's over the past two years and the interviews will be available for the first time in a special Mini-Theatre in the TTS booth.

**TTS Historical Timeline** - We have built an interactive multimedia timeline which will be on display next to TTS Historical Mini-Theatre.

Following the Congress the videos and timeline will be available on [www.tts.org](http://www.tts.org).

# TTS Young Investigators Networking Event

**DATE:** Saturday, August 20

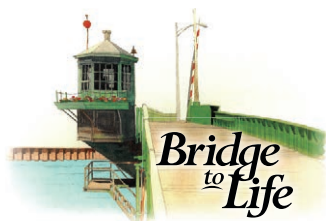
**TIME:** 19:30–21:30

**VENUE:** The Pawn

62 Johnston Rd, Wan Chai

**COST:** \$15 USD

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Tickets are available in limited quantity at the Congress registration desk until 10:00 am on August 20 for Students/Fellows/Trainees only.

# PRESIDENT'S PLENARY



10:30 - 12:30 | Monday, August 22 | Hall 5BC - L5

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## AGENDA

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- YOUNG INVESTIGATOR SCIENTIFIC AWARDS
- TTS RECOGNITION AWARDS
- WOMEN IN TRANSPLANTATION AWARDS
- PLENARY LECTURE



Jiefu Huang

CHINA'S ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION REFORM:  
A MAJOR FIRST STEP ON A LONG JOURNEY

- PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE
- MEDAWAR PRIZE



# BUSINESS MEETING



**DATE:** Monday, August 22

**TIME:** 17:00–18:00

**PLACE:** Convention Hall A - Level 1



## Congress Networking Evening

**DATE:** Monday, August 22

**TIME:** 19:00–22:00

**VENUE:** Jumbo Kingdom  
Shum Wan Pier Dr.

**COST:** \$100 USD



## 27<sup>th</sup> International Congress of The Transplantation Society

# TTS 2018

August 18-23

In 2018, the 27<sup>th</sup> International Congress of The Transplantation Society will be held in Madrid, the capital of Spain, August 18–23. TTS has recognized the leading role of Spain in donation and transplantation, with the Spanish Model having become a reference worldwide. TTS and Organización Nacional de Trasplantes (ONT) were awarded the Prince of Asturias Award (considered as the Spanish equivalent of the Nobel Prize) in 2010 in the field of International Cooperation in recognition of their joint efforts in promoting ethical practices in transplantation.

We have brought together a high-profile program committee with the aim of developing a broad and exciting agenda that will cover a diverse array of topics, ranging from cutting-edge science to the latest controversies in ethics and public policy. Issues relevant to developing transplant programs, organ donation and procurement will be a highlight for many of you.

The destination and host city of the congress, Madrid, is a cosmopolitan metropolis that combines modern infrastructure with extensive cultural and artistic heritage. Madrid boasts the status of a financial, administrative and corporate center, while at the same time remaining a tolerant, passionate and lively city. Its individual artistic tradition effortlessly embraces multiple external influences, both past and present, thus highlighting the city's continuing openness to new ideas. At present, Madrid represents the perfect symbiosis between efficiency and quality of life, as manifest in cost of living indices that are difficult to be matched in other capitals of the world. Located in the center of Spain, Madrid has excellent air and land connections with major destinations within, and outside, the peninsula.

We are looking forward to meeting you in this amazing city, as participants in a fantastic congress, but also as our personal guests. Rest assured that we will make all the necessary efforts to make you feel at home and experience the very best of Madrid hospitality.

**Nancy Ascher**  
Congress Chair, TTS 2018

**Jose Maria Morales**  
Congress Vice-Chair (Madrid), TTS 2018





## The **DECLARATION** of **ISTANBUL** on **ORGAN TRAFFICKING** and **TRANSPLANT TOURISM**



# travel for transplantation

Madrid meeting addressed  
a need for new guidelines

In 2010, the leaders of the parent organizations of the Declaration of Istanbul (DOI), The Transplantation Society (TTS) and The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) formed the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group (DICG), empowering the DICG to promote and sustain the DOI. A strategic plan of accomplishment by 2018 (the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the DOI) was developed to implement programs that could combat organ trafficking.

The DICG identified proper travel for transplantation as a topic of high priority. The DOI defines travel for transplantation as 'the movement of organs, donors, recipients, or transplant professionals across jurisdictional borders for transplantation purposes'. The DOI further suggests that travel for transplantation becomes transplant tourism - and ethically unacceptable - if 'it involves organ trafficking and/or transplant commercialism or if the resources (organs, professionals, and transplant centres) devoted to providing transplants to patients from outside a country undermine the country's ability to provide transplant services for its own population'.

Under this general framework, the DICG identified a lack of guidelines for professionals in their care of transplant tourists, either prospectively -- before the departure to a foreign country for transplantation purposes -- or upon their return to their home country. There was a similar lack in relation to governments' need of common policy and coordinated approaches in this field. The DICG convened a working group to address these challenges and develop procedural guidelines for both professionals and ministries of health contending with transplant tourists in the context of proper care -- that otherwise can be accomplished by ethical travel for transplantation. In April of this year, a workshop took place in Madrid (Spain) with participants consisting of members of DICG Council and other individuals well known to the topic of proper travel for transplantation. The meeting was jointly sponsored by the ISN and TTS.

The workshop addressed travel for transplantation from two complementary perspectives:

- **A Prospective Review Process** of proper travel for transplantation when a patient indicates the intent to travel to a foreign destination for organ transplantation.
- **A Retrospective Process** to consider when a patient returns to their native country for medical care after they received a transplant in a foreign destination.

The DICG is in the midst of the preparation of the concrete and highly needed procedural guidelines and recommendations arising from this event. ■



DICG Working Group, April 2016, Madrid, Spain



## Transplantation Science Symposium (TSS) Asian Regional Meeting 2016

# future growth in Asia

1<sup>st</sup> Regional Meeting  
of TSS held in Asia

The Transplantation Science Symposium Asian Regional Meeting was held in Ryogoku, Tokyo, Japan on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. Held every two years, this is a subcommittee meeting of the Transplantation Science Symposium (TSS). The previous TSS was held in Lorne, Australia in November 2015, the outcome of which was clearly explained at the Tokyo meeting.

More than 350 people from 12 countries attended, with a paid attendance of more than 300, and adopted general presentations of more than 250. Many thanks for the assistance of Prof. Stefan Tullius, co-chair of TSS, with who's help many useful lectures were realized.

The purpose of the Tokyo meeting was as follows:

- **To understand the results of the latest basic research and to transfer this knowledge to young transplant physicians and surgeons in Asia:** Researchers who are performing the basic research of transplantation attend TSS and report their research results; however, young transplant physicians and surgeons in Asia are often too busy with clinical activities and have less opportunity to examine in detail the latest information.
- **To encourage participation in the TSS:** Recognizing the importance of TSS by participating in the TSS Asian Regional Meeting and increasing participation in the TSS generally.
- **Increasing the number of members belonging to the TSS:** It is very beneficial that young doctors become members of the TSS. This benefit is most significant for the new generations of doctors and the society for transplantation of each of the Asian countries has strongly recommended it.

These three purposes can be judged to have been largely achieved. Even though the Tokyo meeting was a something of a trial effort, its impact was enough that already there are requests from other Asian countries to hold the next TSS Asian Regional Meeting.

It is my wish that this meeting will contribute to the improvement of basic knowledge for young transplant doctors and to the development of TSS. ■

### Shiro Takahara, MD, PhD

2016 Meeting President  
Professor, Advanced Technology for Transplantation  
Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine  
Osaka, Japan



Meeting President, Shiro Takahara (bottom row, middle) and members of the TSS Asia planning committees, April 2016, Tokyo, Japan.

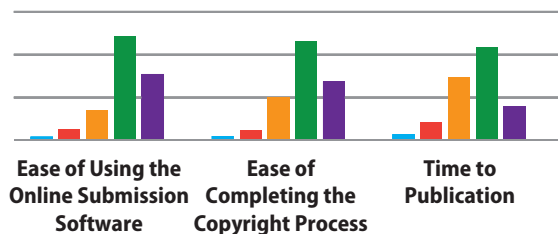
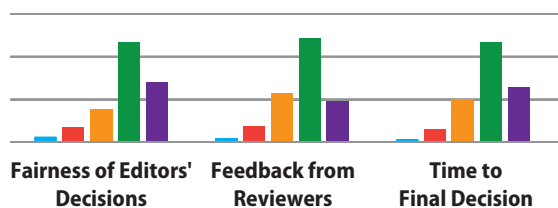


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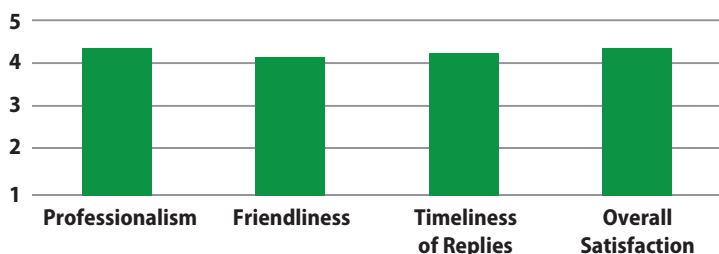
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## improvements & revitalization

In April 2016 we polled our readers and reviewers for their feedback on our recent efforts to improve and revitalize the *Transplantation* Journal. We had close to 700 replies. The following are themes emerging from that feedback.



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### QUALITY OF PUBLISHED WORKS

Responses were split evenly between those who felt quality has improved (48 %) and those who felt it had stayed the same as the year before (50%), while 2% did not reply.

### OVERALL EXPERIENCE WITH THE JOURNAL

We asked respondents to rank their experience with the journal on several measures on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent). We identified several areas that are ongoing concerns for our editorial team. For instance, plans are in the works to drastically change the way accepted material flows to production. You can expect to see material going online weeks faster than has been managed in the past.

### EXPERIENCE WITH THE EDITORIAL OFFICE

Using the same scale as above, we asked respondents to rate the Editorial Office on several measures. We were gratified to read comments attesting to the friendliness, warmth, professionalism and overall goodwill most experience from this office. More than half of the replies rated the office 5/5 on all measures. We will continue to work to exceed your expectations!

## CHOOSING TRANSPLANTATION

More than one-third of respondents said that they consider *Transplantation* their first choice for publishing their work.

## POPULAR FEATURES

The In View section of the Table of Contents is a favorite of many readers. Research Highlights, written by Elmi Muller and Fadi Issa, continues to be the overall winner. More than 40% of respondents said they read it every month. People in *Transplantation*, *Game Changers*, and *eResources* are very popular also.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

The most popular social media venues for journal readers are Twitter ([@TransplantJrnl](#)), and our transplant professionals' network on [LinkedIn](#), and [Facebook](#). As a direct result of this survey, we have created a WeChat account in China to reach our dedicated Chinese readers.

## LIVER CONTENT

With our new partnership with the [International Liver Transplantation Society](#) 43% of respondents said they consider *Transplantation* the home of their liver material.

## TRANSPLANTATION DIRECT

Nearly three-quarters of respondents (72.85%) thought it was a good idea to establish an open access journal as a companion journal to *Transplantation*. [Transplantation Direct](#) has passed all application hurdles with the National Library of Medicine, and we are in the final approval stages.

## OTHER COMMENTS

We received many useful and helpful comments that will continue to guide our editorial direction and highlights improvements. In addition, we had nearly 200 ideas put forth on topics readers would like to see reviewed in the journal. We may be calling on you to help us with those topics!

To all those who participated in our short survey, we thank you for your continued support and interest in YOUR journal!

If you didn't get a chance to tell us your views on the directions for our journals in this survey, please drop us an email ([editorialoffice@journal.tts.org](mailto:editorialoffice@journal.tts.org)).



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you, so please  
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increasingly useful  
for your work

Jeremy R. Chapman  
Editor-in-Chief  
*Transplantation Journals*



## breadth and depth

Sessions, Courses, Awards  
-- and a glimpse to 2017

### POST-GRADUATE COURSE: COMPUTATIONAL IMMUNOLOGY 1&2

Friday August 19  
08:30 – 10:30 / 11:00 – 13:00  
Theatre 2-Level 1

Mr. Magnus Fontes, France  
Dr. Emanuele de Rinaldis, United Kingdom

*In collaboration with FOCiS*

### PLENARY: BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCES

Saturday August 20  
08:30 to 10:00  
Hall 5BC-Level 5

#### HOW THE MICROBIOME SHAPES THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

Dr. Alexander Rudensky, United States

#### INSIGHTS FROM LARGE-SCALE HUMAN IMMUNE PROFILING

Dr. Matthew Albert, United States

#### MAPPING HUMAN IMMUNE SYSTEM

Prof. Donna L. Farber, United States

The Hong Kong meeting is fast approaching with many highlights of what will be a full and exciting transplantation science program. With Plenary, State of the Art and Morning Symposia, the meeting will cover the breadth and depth of what's hot and breaking news in transplantation science.

Particular highlights include the opening plenary session of the meeting with keynote addresses by Alexander Rudensky sharing with us how the microbiome shapes the immune system; Donna Farber and Matthew Albert will share insights into their work, mapping the workings of the human immune system.

This year the meeting will be preceded on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of August by the Post-Graduate Course. This course is designed to showcase and highlight the latest innovations in transplantation and medicine while providing ample opportunities for participants to mingle with leading scientists, physicians and surgeons. This course is perfect for trainees and those in the early stages of their careers in transplant research and accredited by Council for Continuing Medical Education. The course covers state-of-the art updates on transplantation science. We are particularly looking forward to a Computational Immunology course cooperatively organized with FOCiS featuring Magnus Fontes, France and Emanuelle de Rinaldis, Italy as experts.

Once again TTS, through the Transplant Science Committee and the support of 8 regional societies, will be supporting 24 young basic research fellows together with their mentors to attend the Hong Kong meeting. The winners of these Mentee-Mentor Awards have been selected from the most highly scored abstracts. In addition, we will recognize 12 Young Investigator Awards. The Mentee-Mentor Awards will be presented at a special networking event on August 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Young Investigator Awards will be presented at the President's Plenary and Awards ceremony on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Transplantation Science committee in cooperation with *Transplantation*' recognizes the best publications in the journal of the previous year with the Leslie B. Brent and Anthony P. Monaco awards. These prestigious awards recognizes the first author with a monetary award and will be announced during the President's Plenary.

While Hong Kong is here, the TSC together with Symposium Chairs Megan Levings and Lori West have selected Victoria, BC as the venue of the 15<sup>th</sup> TSS to be held from May 24–26, 2017. Be on the lookout for a stellar scientific program!

For now, we cannot wait seeing you in Hong Kong! ■

## 2016

**MENTEE - MENTOR  
AWARDS**



In addition to the TSC supporting 12 Young Investigator Scientific awards, 24 Mentee - Mentor awards will be co-sponsored by TTS and other international societies

Canadian Society of Transplantation	1
Deutschen Transplantationsgesellschaft (Germany)	2
Indian Society of Organ Transplantation	5
Japan Society for Transplantation	3
Nederlandse Transplantatie Vereniging (The Netherlands)	1
Sociedad Mexicana de Trasplantes (Mexico)	1
Société Francophone de Transplantation (France)	1
Turkic World Transplantation Society	1
Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand	4
The Transplantation Society	4

## 2016 TRANSPLANTATION BEST PUBLICATION AWARDS



**Leslie B. Brent Award**

MOST OUTSTANDING PAPER IN THE FIELD  
OF BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH



**Anthony P. Monaco Award**

MOST OUTSTANDING PAPER IN THE FIELD  
OF TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

**TSS  
2017**

**15<sup>th</sup> TRANSPLANTATION SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM**

**May 24–26 • Victoria, BC, Canada • [www.tss2017.org](http://www.tss2017.org)**

**SAVE <sup>the</sup> DATES!**



## highly successful

networking and workshop  
activities are paving the way



(Above) Special guests at the Developing Leaders Workshop, Ester Banque and Roz Usheroff (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from the left respectively) along with Members of the WIT Steering Committee: Lori J. West, Elaine Reed, Nancy Ascher, and Megan Sykes. June 2016, Boston, MA, USA

(Below) Attendees at the very successful networking lunch held during the ISHLT Congress in Washington D.C. in April 2016.



The Women in Transplantation initiative has kicked off another year filled with activities for women professionals in the field of transplantation. WIT began 2016 with a highly successful networking lunch during the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Congress in Washington, DC, USA. The session entitled “The Three Ms: the Nexus of Medicine, Message and the Media”, featured Rebecca Peterson, a seasoned journalism discussing the connection between media and the world of medicine.

We are also pleased to report on the success of the first ever WIT Developing Leaders workshop supported by Novartis. This workshop took place in advance of the American Transplant Congress on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Boston, MA, USA. The workshop featured Roz Usheroff, a professional business coach; and Ester Banque, VP and Head of Immunology & Dermatology at Novartis. Both speakers engaged participants with personal reflections and examples, as well as tools to use to find your own leadership style. TTS and WIT members can view Ester’s talk on the WIT website.

WIT is also deeply saddened at the passing of our Steering Committee Chair, Josette Eris. Josette became the Chair of WIT in July of 2014 and worked tirelessly to further the development of the first ever Leaders workshop, as well as the Women in Transplantation scientific track for the upcoming TTS Congress in Hong Kong. Josette’s passion and leadership will be deeply missed by the Steering Committee and anyone who had the opportunity to work with her. ■





WIT will continue to host at international transplant meetings and we look forward to seeing you at future networking events

## WOMEN IN TRANSPLANT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT LECTURE AND NETWORKING COCKTAIL

August 20 | 17:00–19:00 | Theatre 2 (level 1)

Join members of the Women in Transplantation initiative of TTS and other leaders in the field for a discussion about issues affecting women in the field of medicine as well as topics related to leadership development. This two hour session will provide you with insight and tips from some of transplantation's top female leaders and researchers. The lecture will be followed by an opportunity to network with your peers over cocktails and canapés.

Speakers: Imke de Lanversin  
Mayumi Chida  
Megan Sykes

## EARLY MORNING SYMPOSIA: WOMEN IN TRANSPLANTATION

August 21 | 07:00–08:15 | Theatre 2 (level 1)

*Are Women in Transplant Leadership Roles Judged more Harshly than their Male Colleagues?*

- Prof. Nithya Krishnan, United Kingdom

*Why Sex and Gender Matter in Transplantation Research*

- Dr. Cara Tannenbaum, Canada

## NETWORKING BREAKFAST

September 29 | 07:00–08:15

ASHI 2016 - Annual Meeting  
Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch  
St. Louis, MO, USA

## NETWORKING COCKTAIL

October 14 | 17:30–18:30

ITNS 2016 - 25th Annual Symposium  
The Westin Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA, USA

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# CTRMS • CST 2017

2017 Joint Congress of the  
CTRMS and CST

September 26–29, 2017  
Halifax, NS, Canada  
[www.tts.org/cts](http://www.tts.org/cts)  
Chairs: Ian Alwayn  
Anil Dhawan



# IPITA 2017

16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the  
International Pancreas and  
Islet Transplant Association

June 20–23, 2017  
Oxford, United Kingdom  
[www.ipita2017.org](http://www.ipita2017.org)  
Chair: Paul Johnson



# TSS 2017

15<sup>th</sup> Transplantation  
Science Symposium

May 24–26, 2017  
Victoria, BC, Canada  
[www.tss2017.org](http://www.tss2017.org)  
Chairs: Lori J. West  
Megan Levings



# IXA 2017

14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the  
International  
Xenotransplantation  
Association

September 20–23, 2017  
Baltimore, MD, USA  
[www.ixa2017.org](http://www.ixa2017.org)  
Chair: Richard Pierson III



# CIRTA 2017

XV International Congress of  
the Intestinal Rehabilitation &  
Transplant Association

June 28– July 1, 2017  
New York, NY, USA  
[www.cirta2017.org](http://www.cirta2017.org)  
Chair: Kishore R. Iyer



# ISVCA 2017

13<sup>th</sup> Congress of the  
International Society of  
Vascularized Composite  
Allotransplantation

October 26–27, 2017  
Salzburg, Austria  
[www.isvca2017.org](http://www.isvca2017.org)  
Chair: Linda Cendales

# 2017 MEETINGS CALENDAR

To view the complete calendar  
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up-coming meetings, including  
Milestones and Program Themes,  
please visit [www.tts.org](http://www.tts.org)



# IPTA 2017

9<sup>th</sup> Congress of the  
International Pediatric  
Transplant Association

May 27–30, 2017  
Barcelona, Spain  
[www.ipta2017.org](http://www.ipta2017.org)  
Chair: Anne I. Dipchand



# 2017 Organ Donation Congress

14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the  
International Society for  
Organ Donation and  
Procurement

September 6–9, 2017  
Geneva, Switzerland  
[www.isodp2017.org](http://www.isodp2017.org)  
Chairs: Philippe Morel  
Marti Manylich  
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