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## 12 MONTHS AND COUNTING!

27<sup>th</sup> International Congress

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Nancy Ascher, TTS President

We are excited about the upcoming 27<sup>th</sup> International Congress of The Transplantation Society in Madrid, June 30<sup>th</sup>– July 5<sup>th</sup> 2018, and plans are actively underway.

The themes of the meeting reflect TTS' commitment to an outcome-driven approach to transplantation. The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to meet and connect with colleagues and mentors.

To this end, program chair Phil O'Connell is developing a vibrant program with the active participation from TTS Section leaders and representatives of Sociedad Espanola de Trasplante (SET) and the Sociedad Madrileña de Trasplante (SMT).

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June 30 - July 5

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



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The pre-meeting days of June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> will be busy. Not only are we holding the always popular post-graduate course, but SET has elected to have their annual meeting during these two days. In this way, our Spanish colleagues will be able to enjoy both the SET and the TTS congresses. During these pre-meeting days, we will also benefit from sessions from the Transplant Infectious Disease Section, the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group and the International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS). Other workshops planned include International Pancreas and Islet Transplantation Association (IPITA), Xenotransplantation and Virtual Global Transplant Lab (vGTL).

We are in the process of determining topics and speakers for State-of-the-Art Symposia that are proposed by special interest groups with TTS – We welcome suggestions of topics and speakers.

Madrid provides a vibrant, exciting meeting site with incredible troves of art, great architecture, fantastic food and near perfect weather.

We look forward to seeing you all in Madrid! ■

## **PLENARY SESSIONS INCLUDE**

- **IMPROVING PATIENT OUTCOMES: ORGAN DONATION** – a celebration of the Spanish achievements in science and in improving deceased donation
- **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN TRANSPLANTATION** – from Immunotherapy to tissue engineering which will take lessons from cancer immunotherapy into the transplantation area and the growth of organs for transplantation
- **THE VALUE OF BIG DATA IN TRANSFORMING MEDICINE AND TRANSPLANTATION**



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**TTS was present at  
the recent ATC,  
April 29– May 3 in  
Chicago, IL, USA**



**SENIOR TTS MEMBERS AT ATC:**  
*(from left to right)* Medhat Askar (Councilor for North America and Education Committee Co-chair), Curie Ann (Women in Transplantation Steering Committee Co-chair), Mehmet Haberal (President-Elect), Amanda Mayer (Membership Services & Exhibits Coordinator) and Marcelo Cantarovich (Vice President and Education Committee Co-chair)

# 2017 Transplant Nursing Symposium

a challenging and  
entertaining program  
addressed complex concerns



International  
**Transplant Nurses**  
Society

#### TRANSPLANT NURSES SYMPOSIUM:

ITNS Board of Directors members (*top row from left to right*)  
Renee Bennett (Secretary/Treasurer), Nancy Stitt (President Emeritus),  
Sandra A. Cupples (President), and Penny Keaney (President-Elect); (*bottom*)  
Amanda Mayer (TTS Membership Services & Exhibits Coordinator)

ITNS was pleased to have The Transplantation Society exhibit at the Transplant Nursing Symposium in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA from 24 to 26 June 2017. Over 300 transplant nurses were in attendance and highlights from the symposium included keynote speakers Linda Ohler, MSN RN CCTC FAAN FAST; and TTS' President, Nancy Ascher, MD PhD.

Dr. Ascher's presentation, "Transplantation Challenges: Problems and Solutions from Around the World", explored current global challenges in the field of transplantation and strategies from international colleagues to address these complex concerns. Symposium attendees enjoyed pre-conference sessions focused on transplant administration and pharmacology, and learned about transplant practices specific to Brazil, China, Sweden, Canada, and Turkey during the International Panel. In addition to the educational offerings, attendees made time to have fun while networking at the ITNS After Dark event with poolside drinks and dancing.

ITNS is already hard at work planning the 2018 Symposia and we hope you will join us in Berlin, Germany, June 28 to 30, 2018 for the European Transplant Nursing Symposium: *Transplant Nursing in a Globalized World*; and in the Chicago, Illinois, USA, September 28 to 30, 2018 for the Transplant Nursing Symposium: *Transplant Nurses: Leaders in Excellence*.

**Allison L. Begezda**  
ITNS Senior Marketing Manager



## new TTS Committee to promote education and standards in transplant anesthesia and critical care

the new committee includes TTS members who have agreed the Committee's objectives and recommended an exciting selection of topics and speakers for the TTS 2018 program.

In 2016, TTS President Dr. Nancy Ascher called on the Society to establish a new committee giving specialists in transplant anaesthesia and critical care a greater stake in the society and its educational mission. TTS Council approved this initiative, and Claus Niemann, of University of California San Francisco, was selected as the Committee's first Chair.

The Anaesthesia/Critical Care Committee will work to improve standards and outcomes in perioperative care for transplant recipients in several important ways:

- Contributing to TTS Congress planning with content that improves transplant physicians' and surgeons' knowledge of key areas of donor and recipient care, including ICU and perioperative management of the organ donor, anesthesia management of the transplant recipient, and pre- and post-transplant critical care.
- Collaborating with other TTS committees, special interest groups, and other societies in the development of appropriate quality measures, standards of care, and training guidelines in both donor and recipient perioperative management.
- Developing online educational content for the TTS website. This would focus on two main areas:
  - 1) Topics of multidisciplinary interest, as for the Congress. These include donor management and research, recipient risk assessment, fluid and coagulation management, pain control, and others.
  - 2) Areas of Anesthesia / Critical Care practice not well covered by other specialist societies. These 'orphan' subspecialties include kidney transplantation, simultaneous pancreas-kidney transplantation, abdominal multi-visceral transplantation, and combined thoraco-abdominal procedures. The aim will be to raise standards in perioperative care through the provision of expert education and guidance.
- Advising the Society on other matters relevant to the TTS mission. ■



Anesthesiology &  
Critical Care Committee

CLAUS NIEMANN, San Francisco, CA, USA (Chair)  
STEPHEN BEED, Halifax, NS, Canada  
JOHN KLINCK, Cambridge, UK  
MARTI MANYALICH, Barcelona, Spain  
BOON-HUN YONG, Hong Kong

# introduction and call for membership of the Heart & Lung Committee

establishing clinical and  
research collaboration, and  
creating additional networks for  
mentorship and training

There was a noted limited attendance from the Heart and Lung transplant community at the 26<sup>th</sup> International TTS Congress in Hong Kong last year. Therefore, during the TTS Council meeting which took place in Vancouver this past March, the case was made to form a separate Heart & Lung Committee with regard to giving the field relevance, opportunity, and representation under a broader umbrella of the Society. Notwithstanding the presence of the International Society of Heart & Lung Transplantation (ISHLT), the smaller European Society of Heart & Lung Transplantation (ESHLT), the growing European Society of Transplantation (ESOT), and multiple dedicated national HLT societies, the benefits of cross-discipline academic and clinical dialogue on a global scale have been very much under-estimated. A trend towards centralization of clinical transplant services and an increasing number of combined-organ transplants have forced a necessarily closer and relevant collaboration between separate organ transplant units. At an international level, there are obvious opportunities for:

- learning from each other;
- establishing clinical and research collaborations; and,
- creating additional networks for mentorship and training.

One of the major advantages of TTS is in its ability to authoritatively represent all the diverse clinical transplant views and activities. To this end, it remains the organization with the strongest relationships with governments and important international agencies such as the WHO.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the need for a Heart & Lung Committee. This affiliation is working well for the larger disciplines of kidney and liver transplantation, where the biennial TTS Congress serves as an additional forum for greater inter-disciplinary collaboration without conflict with the work of individual organ-specific societies. A key advantage of the TTS Congress is in the thematic



Heart & Lung Committee

**PETER MACDONALD, Sydney, Australia (Chair)**  
**KUMUD DHITAL, Darlinghurst, Australia (Co-Chair)**  
**TOBIAS DEUSE, San Francisco, CA, USA**  
**SHAF KESHAVJEE, Toronto, ON, Canada**  
**CHRISTIAN BENDEN, Zurich, Switzerland**  
**PETER HOPKINS, Brisbane, Australia**



# HEART & LUNG COMMITTEE

sessions with input from all the organs such as for machine perfusion or immunosuppressive strategies. Similarly, the Society's journals *Transplantation* and *Transplantation Direct*, provide significant academic platforms for a timely publication of manuscripts, including those that would benefit from or are aimed at a wider audience in the transplant community.

The Heart & Lung Committee will have global geographical representation and informal canvassing of opinion suggests considerable interest in its membership. Anyone with enthusiastic interest to join this committee and contribute to its activities should send a brief bio to [chelsea.patriquin@tts.org](mailto:chelsea.patriquin@tts.org) by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The new committee will be announced by end of August. This leaves two and a half months before the abstract submission deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup> for next year's 27<sup>th</sup> International TTS Congress in Madrid, Spain.

Although many TTS members have registered interest in the Heart & Lung section of the congress, very few are actually from the discipline. The Committee therefore asks the abdominal transplant community to encourage their colleagues in Heart & Lung transplantation to seek membership in both the Society and the Heart & Lung committee.

We hope to build on this foundation and have a bigger presence at the Madrid congress next year, for which Tobias Deuse (San Francisco, USA) and Anne Dipchand (Toronto, Canada) are putting together an excellent scientific program for the Heart & Lung section. ■



Tobias Deuse (San Francisco, USA) and Anne Dipchand (Toronto, Canada) are putting together an excellent scientific program for the Heart & Lung section as part of the 2018 TTS Congress in Madrid.

# renewed commitments and forged partnerships

With four on-going collaborations and more to come, the Education Committee is currently supported by 45 members across six Working Groups

After a two-year stint and a seventeen-episode webinar module, the Advanced Renal Transplantation Interactive Teaching Series has reached its successful conclusion. With almost a thousand accesses and over fifty international speakers under its umbrella, its content was appreciated worldwide and will be a part of the TTS archives for future viewing. The Working Group who devoted time to designing the content and delivery will begin other organ-specific modules later in the year.

The Committee has renewed its commitment to educate schoolchildren about organ donation and transplantation. The Committee has recently entered a partnership with the Dutch Transplant Foundation and the Canadian Society of Transplantation to elaborate content and strategize a core curriculum. The aim of the 17 members of the group is to address students' curiosities and concerns from as early as 10 years of age. After seeing the success from London, Ontario and in The Netherlands, the Working Group has a vision of conquering worldwide distribution for its content with the help of ongoing partnerships. When asked about the partnership, the Dutch Transplant Foundation stated, "We are enthusiastic and proud that TTS showed their interest in our educational program, *Donorwise*, for ages 12 to 20. We're looking forward to a fruitful collaboration and outcome".



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TRANSPLANTATIE  
STICHTING

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Alongside these activities, the Committee has devoted time to reaching out and forming partnerships with like-minded societies and associations. Among them, the International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS) and the Committee have formed a specific Working Group to echo the need of educating nurses crossing over to transplantation from other fields. A Transplant Nursing 101 curriculum will be crafted to address both nurses' and doctors' needs on topics such as transplant immunology, pharmacology, post-transplant complications, and organ-specific basics to learn from. The Working Group is planning to launch the curriculum at a Pre-Meeting Symposium to take place at TTS 2018 on July 1, 2018 in Madrid.

The World Transplant Games Federation has also entered a partnership with TTS to promote patient wellness. The Working Group is comprised of allied health professionals, physicians and professors as expert advisors in providing insight on how to promote a culture of wellness in transplant recipients. This Working Group will also present a variety of topics during a Pre-Meeting Symposium at TTS 2018 addressing transplant recipient needs from their point of view. ■



## PROMOTING

The full rehabilitation and well-being of transplant recipients through healthy lifestyle and sport

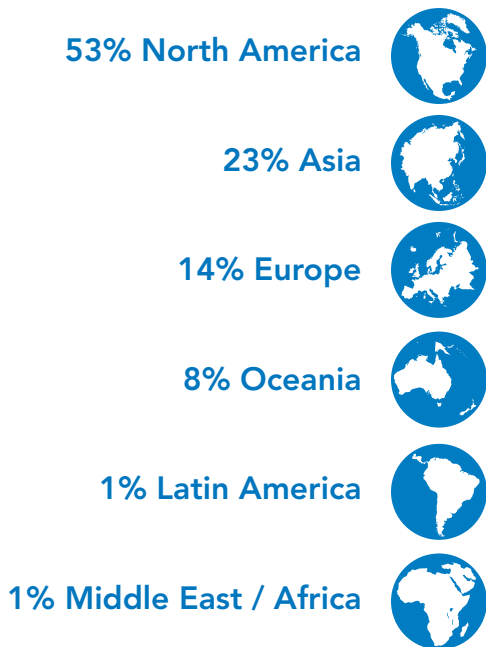


## World Transplant Games Federation

# broad global interest in transplantation science

a well-represented and successful 2017 Symposium

## 150 Attendees



This past May saw the 15<sup>th</sup> Transplantation Science Symposium held in the beautiful city of Victoria British Columbia, Canada. Local Meeting Chairs, Megan Levings (Vancouver) and Lori West (Edmonton), put together a fantastic program. One innovative inclusion in the program was a screening of the documentary film “Vital Bonds”, which provided an incredibly moving insight into the world of transplantation from the perspective of donor families, transplant recipients and the retrieval teams, surgeons, physicians and nurses. Screened in the evening over popcorn, the movie was followed by an engaging Q&A session with the documentary Director Niobe Thompson.

The Symposium was well represented by the global transplant science community, highlighting the continued interest and desire for a stand-alone transplant science meeting. The broad international attendance was well supported by the 2017 Mentee-Mentor Awards. These prestigious awards were co-sponsored by the Transplant Science Committee and regional transplant societies. Award partners included the Japan Society for Transplantation (JST), the Nederlandse Transplantatie Vereniging (NTV), the Indian Society of Organ Transplantation (ISOT), the Sociedad Espanola de Trasplante (SET) and the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ). In addition, five awards were supported by TTS and the Transplantation Science Committee. This year saw the first time that a previous recipient of an award as mentee receive an award as a mentor.

We look forward to the next TTS meeting to be held in Madrid in June/July 2018, and what promises to be an exciting and informative program. Young investigators are recommended to look out for Mentee-Mentor Awards from the Transplantation Science Committee and regional transplant societies to support their attendance. ■

“Vital Bonds” director, Niobe Thompson, speaks with attendees.





The International Transplantation Science Mentee-Mentor awards recognize the efforts of established scientists, who have advanced our understanding of transplantation, and the mentorship of new young investigators.



## TTS/ISOT AWARDS

**Shweta Tyagi**, India – Mentee / **Uma Kanga**, India – Mentor  
**Sahil Bagai**, India – Mentee / **Manish Rathi**, India – Mentor

## TTS/JST AWARDS

**Nobuki Ishida**, Japan – Mentee / **Kohei Ishiyama**, Japan – Mentor  
**Masakatsu Kaneshiro**, Japan – Mentee / **Atsushi Yoshizawa**, Japan – Mentor

## TTS/NTV AWARDS

**Fleur Peters**, The Netherlands – Mentee / **Karin Boer**, The Netherlands – Mentor

## TTS/SET AWARDS

**Rebeca Arroyo-Hornero**, UK – Mentee / **Fadi Issa**, UK – Mentor

## TTS/TSANZ AWARDS

**Mario Leong**, Australia – Mentee / **Alexandra Sharland**, Australia – Mentor  
**Paul Wilcox**, Australia – Mentee / **Bruce M. Hall**, Australia – Mentor

## TTS AWARDS

**Xiaomeng Hu**, USA – Mentee / **Sonja Schrepfer**, USA – Mentor  
**Timm Heinbokel**, USA – Mentee / **Stefan G. Tullius**, USA – Mentor  
**Yoshihiro Ono**, USA – Mentee / **Angus Thomson**, USA – Mentor

## big plans for a bright future

mission: promote career development opportunities

The Young Members Committee (YMC) is growing! We now have representation from 6 continents, and are moving forward with our mission to promote career development opportunities for our youngest members. To this end, we now have a quarterly feature article under the "Young Members Corner" in the Pulse. **May's article** focused on pursuing an academic career in transplantation and featured Dr. Jose Camargo a member of YMC.

We also have big plans for the upcoming 27<sup>th</sup> Congress of The Transplantation Society in Madrid, Spain. The YMC has developed several program proposals focused on career development both at the trainee and junior faculty levels. We will also be hosting another networking event, as the launch of our first ever networking event met with great success in Hong Kong at the 2016 congress.

We are excited to be a part of TTS and to have the support of our leadership. The future is bright in transplantation. Stay tuned for more great things coming from the YMC. ■



Young Member Committee events during the TTS 2016 Congress in Hong Kong

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With the latest July 2017 issue offering 18 articles, *Transplantation Direct* is an early success story that already promises to fill a niche in the transplantation publication arena. Its close affiliation with The Transplantation Society and the most cited transplantation journal, *Transplantation*, has quickly boosted awareness of reliability and credibility. Indeed, our internationally known Editorial Board has worked very hard to establish the fundamentals necessary for building a respectable new journal in a competitive field. Importantly, *Transplantation Direct* offers an extraordinarily efficient review process, averaging a first decision in just over 2 weeks after submission (16.4 days). Manuscripts undergo a thorough selection process before being sent for review in *Transplantation Direct*, ensuring an uncompromised level of quality. Recognition of this quality is steadily bringing more submissions each year, with global submissions already from 19 countries in 2017, resulting in a continuous upward trend in the number of published articles (averaging 8 per month thus far in 2017). Staying with the times to maximize article exposure, the journal's Twitter [@TXPDirect](#) has a growing presence.

Adding to the attraction, besides standard article types, *Transplantation Direct* also offers other article formats including for new methodologies and registry/society meeting reports, as well as encouraging brief, preliminary reports of especially interesting early experimental or clinical results; the latter article type, together with the fast review and publication time, allows extraordinarily rapid reporting of important early results with the added plus of completely open access availability. Steady development over the 2 years since its launch brought an early positive assessment from indexing authorities in August 2016, resulting in all articles, starting from the first issue, available and fully searchable on *PubMed Central* (indexed on *PubMed*). *Transplantation Direct* is now also indexed in the *Directory of Open Access Journals*, which is your assurance that the journal has been deemed a legitimate open access journal. ■

# DECLARATION OF ISTANBUL CUSTODIAN GROUP

## addressing changes

working groups will meet in  
Geneva to discuss updates  
in preparation for the  
Declaration's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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



The Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group (DICG) Executive and Council members met in Mexico in April to review their current and projected activities in the quest to combat organ trafficking. A key activity at present involves preparations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Istanbul, which will be celebrated during the 27<sup>th</sup> International Congress of The Transplantation Society taking place in Madrid in 2018.

The DICG has convened four working groups to review and update the Declaration in anticipation of this anniversary, to ensure it continues to provide effective guidance for professionals and policy makers addressing new, emerging and persisting challenges in organ trafficking and 'transplant tourism'. A meeting of the working groups will take place on the 9-10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in Geneva following the ISODP conference, to produce a document discussing proposed updates. This document will be used in a targeted public consultation planned for October-December 2017, during which it will be disseminated to DICG members, organizations which have endorsed the Declaration, and other stakeholders, for their review and feedback.

In other news, Dr. Beatriz Dominguez-Gil has recently stepped down as Co-Chair of the DICG in order to assume her new position as Director of the Spanish National Transplant Organization (ONT). She will continue to contribute to the DICG as a member of the Executive Committee. Dr. Dominique Martin, another longstanding DICG member has now joined Dr. Elmi Muller as DICG Co-Chair. TTS members can learn more about the work of the DICG by visiting the website [www.declarationofistanbul.org](http://www.declarationofistanbul.org), or by contacting a member of the DICG Council based in their region. You can find the list of current councilors on the website, or contact the DICG via [media@declarationofistanbul.com](mailto:media@declarationofistanbul.com) if you have any questions. To keep track of news relating to organ trafficking and transplant tourism, please follow the [Facebook](#) page or [Twitter account](#). ■

Algerian Society of Nephrology, Dialysis and (ASN) • American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (AST) • Arab Society of Nephrology and Nephrology • Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology • Asociacion Medica de Coordinadores de Trasplante • Belgian Transplant Society • Brazilian Transplantation Society (BTS) • Canadian Transplantation Society (CTS) • Canadian Association of Transplantation • Chilean Society of Transplantation • Chinese Society of Organ Transplantation • European Heart and Lung Transplantation Federation • European Renal Association (ERA-EDTA) • European Society of Organ Transplantation • European Transplantation Society • Georgian Association of Transplantation (DSO) • Grupo Puntacana - Latinamerican Transplantation Committee (LTC) • Hellenic Society of Organ Transplantation • Indian Society of Organ Transplantation • International Society of Nephrology (ISN) • Iberian Transplantation Society • Jordanian Society of Nephrology • La Sociedad Latinoamericana de Trasplantes • Latvian Transplant Association • Libyan National Society of Nephrology and Renal Transplantation • Malaysian Society of Transplantation • National Society of Nephrology • Mexican Society of Transplantation (MESOT) • Moroccan Society of Nephrology • National Kidney Research Council (NHMRC) • National Kidney of Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Center, Mexico • National Society of Transplantation, Italy • Netherlands Transplantation Council • NHS Blood and Transplant • National de Trasplantes (ONT) • Pakistan Nephrology • Philippine Medical Association • Philippine College of Surgeons • Philippine College of Transplantation • Society of Organ Transplantation of the United Kingdom • ScandiTransplant • Slovak Transplant Society • Sociedad Argentina de Trasplante • Society of Transplantation Singapore • Société Francophone de Transplantation (SFT) • South African Renal Society • South Africa - Ministry of Health • South African Transplantation Society • Swedish Society of Nephrology • Swedish Transplantation Society • Tajik Republican Research Transfusion Centre • The Kidney Foundation of Canada • The Thai Transplantation Society • Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) • Transplantation Society of Latin America and the Caribbean (STALYC) • Transplant Society of Pakistan • Tunisian Society of Nephrology • Turkish Transplant Society • Uruguayan Transplantation Society • United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) United States • World Transplant Games Federation





# pillars of opportunity

led by Drs. Elaine Reed and Lori West with contributions by all members of the strategic leadership group, the WIT group has developed a stream of activities for the 2018 TTS Madrid Congress, including a State-of-the-Art session as well as morning symposia

The Women in Transplantation initiative held a strategic planning retreat in Montreal in May, coinciding with the international meeting of the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences, which held a symposium entitled “Sex and Gender Issues in Transplantation: From Stem Cells to Whole Organs”, and featuring invited presentations from WIT members Dr. Lori West and Dr. Beth Foster. Dr. Cara Tannenbaum, Scientific Director of the Institute of Gender and Health at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, who addressed the WIT membership at the 2016 TTS Congress in Hong Kong, was a key organizer of the OSSD conference, which extended a warm welcome to WIT members.

The two-day retreat, facilitated by Noël Theodosiou of Luminous LLC, was well-attended by 15 individuals with broad geographical representation including North America, Europe, Australia and Asia. Highly engaged, the discussion took a wide-ranging and high-level look at what WIT has accomplished and what issues are most pressing to address moving forward. Two pillars of work emerged as key opportunities for WIT leadership. The first is to continue WIT’s original work as a career-development and mentoring group, linking women transplant professionals around the world and offering mentorship and networking opportunities. This work is felt to be highly valuable and meets a continuing need to address barriers to women achieving their full potential. It is also well-understood that the precise nature of the issues varies considerably across geographic regions, thus continued exploration of a variety of mechanisms will be needed to address the issues. The major goals will be to ensure that women are fully represented at leadership levels of our professional organizations, as speakers and moderators at relevant regional, national and international conferences, and as recipients of major funding through grants and awards.

The second major pillar of work that WIT is ideally positioned to address is to lead efforts to study issues of both sex and gender in the content of our work. Sex as a biologic variable is important to all scientific research, including basic and clinical research and clinical care in transplantation, ranging from cellular level to animal level to human. Gender as a social and cultural variable is important in clinical, policy, and systems issues in donation and transplantation. Ensuring that these issues are included in the clinical work we do, in the science we undertake and report and in the policy development in which we are involved, is an area which the WIT leadership members see as highly impactful and in need of leadership. The one-pager output from the WIT retreat can be read [here](#), as well as next concrete steps for moving forward. ■

Women in Transplantation would like to thank Novartis for their generous support of the WIT Strategic Planning retreat.





a clear  
creative touch

IPITA 2017 was a great blend  
of innovation and tradition

Delegates at the recently held 16<sup>th</sup> IPITA Congress in Oxford were greeted by an unusually warm weather, which brought a summery feel to a wonderful scientific program.

The Congress truly was an event where interaction and networking were a permanent concern. Sessions were organized to bring together the beta cell replacement communities, rather than sending them to the usual separate pancreas and islet break-out rooms. This was exemplified in the pre-meeting symposium, in which the challenges of hypoxia and ischemia in pancreas and islet transplantation were discussed as a common transversal topic. Pre-meeting symposia were also held for our Young Investigator and Allied Health Professional groups, and organized by them on their topics of interest and with their preferred format.

Format was given a clear creative touch, with the will of the organizing committee to explore innovative ways of communicating science in stimulating fashion. The opening session was held as a kind of "talk show", addressing the strengths and weaknesses, challenges and opportunities, the field of beta cell replacement therapies has to face. A "Dragon's Den" session, in which 3 scientists had to convince 4 merciless "dragons" of the superiority of their "out-of-the-box" ideas, was a tremendous success. Audience participation in both these sessions demonstrated the value of exploring novel formats, without of course losing substance in favor of style.

Cutting-edge science was also presented by invited lecturers and abstracts presenters in more traditional formats. But tradition was brought to its utmost the last evening of the congress, in a farewell dinner held in Oxfordian splendour at the Balliol College dining hall, in a setting very much reminiscent of the final scenes of Harry Potter movies.

The IPITA Council sends its warm thanks and congratulations to our hosts, Congress co-chairs Paul Johnson and Peter Friend, for having offered a truly remarkable and stimulating meeting in a fantastic environment, and with the typically friendly IPITA atmosphere. ■

## a memorable and successful Congress

opportunity for scientific  
and clinical exchange  
and communication

562 delegates



362 submitted abstracts



115 invited speakers



5 state-of-art presentations



17 interactive workshops



The 9<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Pediatric Transplant Association (IPTA) took place in Barcelona, Spain, from May 27-30, 2017. It was a great success both in terms of an excellent attendance and of its scientific quality. Topics being addressed were the newest technologies in immunology and transplant research, updates and new data from ongoing pediatric transplant clinical trials (CTOTC), long-term complications following transplantation, standards for surveillance and treatment of infections in transplantation, perspectives in immune tolerance, up-to-date data from important registries, protocols to minimize immunosuppression, new and emerging immunosuppressive agents, appropriate selection of adult donor organs to be used for pediatric recipients, ethical dilemmas in pediatric transplantation, devices used to support transplantation, issues in noncompliance and transfer of care, and clinical trial design and endpoints for testing new therapies in children. There were special sessions designed for allied health-care professionals (AHP), who have a strong international AHP community within IPTA.

A memorable event of the congress was the Congress Awards of Distinction session: The IPTA Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed post-hum to William Harmon; the Pioneer in Transplantation Award to Benedict Cosimi; the Distinguished Allied Health Professional Award to Rochelle Liverman; and the Young Scholars Award to Pankaj Chandak.. Our efforts to involve young physicians were also underlined by six IPTA-TTS Congress Scientific Awards for the best oral presentations and four awards for the best poster presentations. The abstracts of the Congress are published in a special issue of our journal *Pediatric Transplantation*, and the recorded sessions from the Congress are available for viewing on our website.

The meeting was followed by a networking social event at the beautiful Hospital Sant Pau, built in the year 1401, one of Barcelona's many historical sites. Attendees from around the globe had the opportunity to network and plan for future clinical and research collaboration.

We are most grateful to Anne Dipchand, the 2017 Congress Chair and current IPTA President, for organizing such a successful congress! We are looking forward to your collaboration and participation as we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Congress in Vancouver, Canada, from May 4-7, 2019, co-organized by Professors Mignon McCulloch and Carlos Esquivel, and held in the delightful location of the Westin Bayshore Hotel Vancouver. ■



The IPTA 2017- 2019 Council



## a unique platform

2017 Meeting and  
workshop development  
geared to improve  
scientific cross talk

We are very excited about our upcoming joint meeting with the Canadian Society of Transplantation in Halifax, Canada to be held at the world trade and convention center from 26-29<sup>th</sup> of September 2017. The meeting provides a unique platform for basic scientists and clinician to interact and facilitate the transition of cellular therapies from bench to bedside.

The Society is looking for enthusiastic researchers working in any aspect of cellular and regenerative medicine to join the Council; the advert is out on our website for nominations.

The Society is actively looking to support workshops - at least one per year - to bring the researchers in one particular aspect together to network and come up with guideline or consensus statements under the banner of CTRMS. We hope this initiative will improve cross talk between scientists who work in their area of interest while we know there is lot of common grounds in cell therapies between various organs. Regulatory approvals and GMP stock resourcing are other areas where close collaboration between various cell types could be of mutual benefit.

Both CTRMS and CST welcome everyone to join us in September in Halifax. ■



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September 26-29 | Halifax, NS, Canada



inspire  
educate  
invigorate

an innovative and  
wide-ranging program



2017 Organ  
Donation  
Congress

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Dr. Alvin Roth**

Stanford University  
Nobel Laureate in Economics



**Dr. Sam Shemie**

McGill University  
Montreal Children's Hospital



**Dr. Harald Ott**

Massachusetts General Hospital  
Harvard Medical School



**Dr. Philippe Morel**

Geneva University Hospital (HUG)



The 2017 ISODP Congress is right around the corner and promises to be an inspirational, educational and invigorating meeting bringing together global experts to discuss and debate new innovations, evolving science and breakthrough results. Hosted in Geneva Switzerland, the hub of considerable international collaboration including the site of the World Health Organization, the Congress will showcase best practices from across Europe and the world. The Scientific Program Committee and Congress Board has designed an innovative program focused on the key issues facing organ donation today and in the future.

A wide range of topics will address donation as part of good end-of-life care, evolving methods and results in Donation after Circulatory Death, expanding living donation, economic aspects of donation and multiple other topics. Plenary sessions focusing on innovative concepts in pursuit of an unlimited supply of organs for transplant give a glimpse both at what is happening today and what will soon be reality.

We are excited that Dr. Alvin Roth, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics, Professor of Economics at Stanford University, will deliver a keynote address on the Economical Aspects of Paired Donation. Creating and sustaining living donation programs to maximize effectiveness and safety is an ongoing priority, with multiple presentations on current best practices in living donation.

ISODP has a strategic priority to deepen relationship with critical care communities as essential partners in organ donation program effectiveness. Plenary sessions will focus on organ donation as part of best practice in end of life care with international experts from the United Kingdom, United States and Spain. In addition, keynote speaker Dr. Sam Shemie, Canada, will address evolving concepts in Harmonizing Practices in the Determination of Death.

Other keynote speakers include Dr. Harald Ott, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School; and Dr. Philippe Morel, Geneva University Hospital (HUG).

We are also pleased to announce that World Organ Donor Day will be held in conjunction with the ISODP Congress with festivities and recognition on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to welcoming our global colleagues in organ donation in September. There is still time to register. For more information go to [www.isodp2017.org](http://www.isodp2017.org). ■

## continued growth

international workshops and  
the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Congress  
dedicated to the  
advancement of VCA



## ISVCA 2017

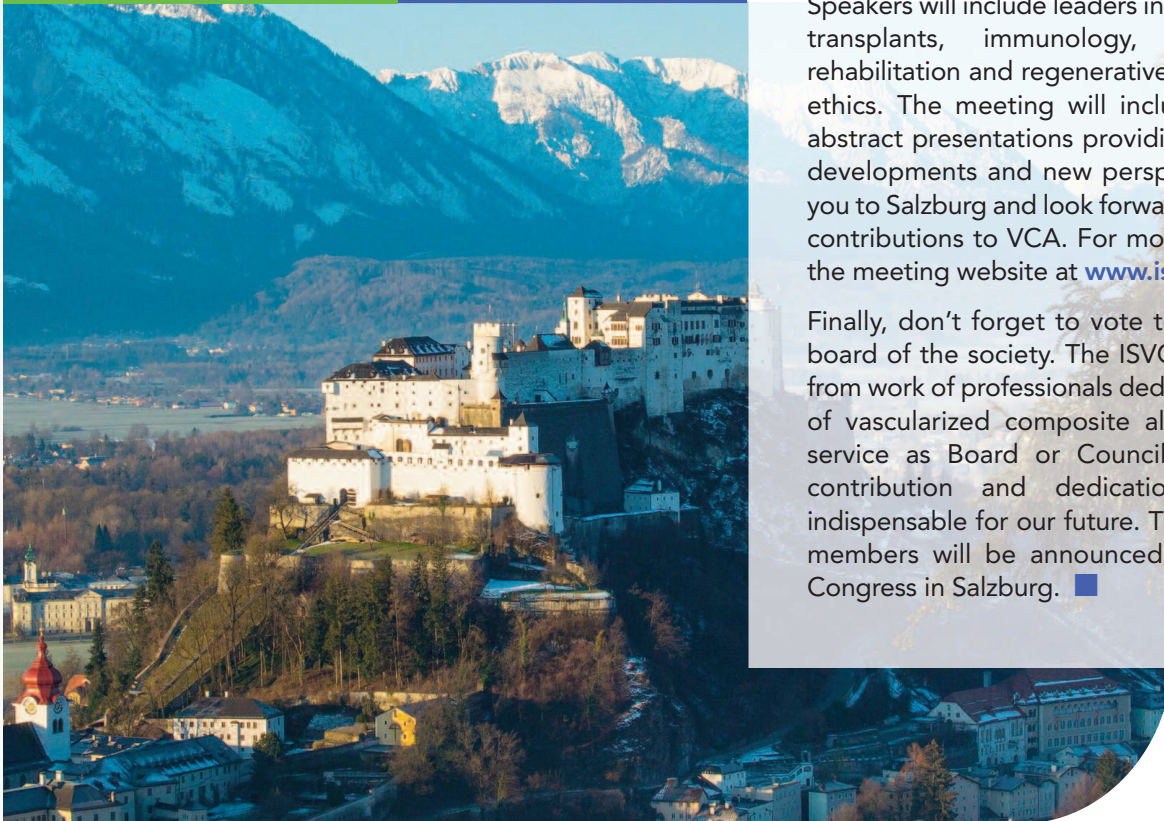
VCA continues in its growth period. Additional vascularized composite allografts reported include uterus transplantation, penile transplantation and pediatric limb transplantation.

In 2016, two international workshops took place. The inaugural International Workshop on VCA Histopathology was held in Durham, North Carolina. The workshop was developed to exchange scientific and clinical information and to support the interchange of matters surrounding VCA histopathology including the Banff scoring system. Physicians and investigators from eleven centers that have performed clinical VCA worldwide participated in the discussion around the topic "Grades and Stages of Rejection: Toward Clinical Correlation".

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chauvet Workshop was held in Paris, France. The workshop included attendees from centers from Europe, USA, Turkey, India, and Australia representing teams involved in upper extremity, face, and uterus transplantation. Topics highlighted in the discussion included the psychosocial assessment and management of these clinical applications. A summary of the discussions will be available at our ISVCA website soon.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Congress of the ISVCA will be held in Salzburg, Austria on October 26–27, 2017. Investigators and everyone interested in VCA from across the world will assemble to discuss and talk about the challenges and advances of Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation. Speakers will include leaders in VCA and other solid organ transplants, immunology, reconstructive surgery, rehabilitation and regenerative medicine, pathology, and ethics. The meeting will include plenary sessions and abstract presentations providing an overview of current developments and new perspectives. We will welcome you to Salzburg and look forward to your involvement and contributions to VCA. For more information please visit the meeting website at [www.isvca2017.org](http://www.isvca2017.org).

Finally, don't forget to vote to the election of the new board of the society. The ISVCA is privileged to benefit from work of professionals dedicated to the advancement of vascularized composite allotransplantation through service as Board or Council members, however the contribution and dedication of all members is indispensable for our future. The new Board and Council members will be announced at our upcoming ISVCA Congress in Salzburg. ■



## coordinated events

IXA 2017 will be  
a truly interdisciplinary  
exchange of scientific  
progress and concepts



IXA  
2017

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the next Congress of the International Xenotransplantation Association (IXA), which will be in Baltimore, USA on September 20-23, 2017. The SMC Campus Center of the University of Maryland provides an amazing location for this event. Set in the heart of the historic city of Baltimore, it is only a short walk away from the Inner Harbor and is close to many touristic attractions in Washington D.C. and Philadelphia.

The IXA meeting will be associated with two scientific satellite events: the Hyperimmunized/ iABO Symposium, hosted by Dr. Robert Montgomery of the NYU Langone Transplant Institute, will precede the Congress on September 20<sup>th</sup>; and immediately following, the Swine in Biomedical Research Meeting, hosted by Drs. Bhanu Telugu, of the University of Maryland; and Randall S. Prather, of the University of Missouri. These coordinated events were designed to promote a truly interdisciplinary exchange of scientific progress and concepts among investigators active in three different, but increasingly related and overlapping fields.

Designed with the help of the Scientific Program Committee, the program of the Congress features keynote and plenary talks on topics of particular interest to IXA members, such as "Building the Future" by Martine Rothblatt, "CRISPR Technology" by George Church, "Genetic Engineering" by Sean Stevens, and "Mechanisms of Inflammation" by Ajit Varki. Additional highlights of the program include a special lecture by Megan Sykes; the Reemtsma Award, by David White; and, a session on innovative organ design by Juan Carlos Belmonte and Harald Ott.

As recent progress in the field has rejuvenated hope for clinical xenotransplantation, the program features unique theological and ethical sessions, as well as a satellite symposium organized with the FDA to discuss regulatory aspects.

We are excited about the high number of abstracts received and look forward to warmly welcoming you to Baltimore. ■



## opportune timing

the first TID Conference in South America will emphasize regional challenges

The Transplant Infectious Disease Section (TID) of TTS is preparing for its annual meeting on September 2, 2017. This year will be the 11<sup>th</sup> International TID Conference, which will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay -- one day before the start of the **XXIV Congreso of the Sociedad de Trasplante de America Latina y El Caribe (STALYC 2017)**.

This is the first TID Conference to be held in a South American country, opportune timing as the region's transplant centers have recently faced major challenges with tropical and emerging infectious diseases. The conference program will cover most of the relevant topics in transplant infectious diseases, with additional emphasis on geographically restricted infections such as zika virus, endemic mycoses, Chagas disease, and yellow fever that may also impact transplant recipients in non-endemic countries.

With an international panel of captivating expert speakers, the conference promises to be a great success. In a world where infectious disease boundaries are increasingly tenuous, the audience will have the opportunity to get an overview of relevant and up-to-date topics in the field of transplant infectious diseases. It will also be an unparalleled opportunity for networking with transplant professionals from across the globe, as we all work together to recognize and overcome novel infectious challenges to the health of our vulnerable transplant patients. ■

# TID2017

One day prior to STALYC 2017





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## TSS 2017

MAY 24–26, 2017

Victoria, BC, Canada • [www.tss2017.org](http://www.tss2017.org)

Chairs: Lori J. West, Megan Levings

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## IPTA 2017

MAY 27–30, 2017

Barcelona, Spain • [www.ipta2017.org](http://www.ipta2017.org)

Chair: Anne I. Dipchand

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## IPITA 2017

JUNE 20–23, 2017

Oxford, UK • [www.ipita2017.org](http://www.ipita2017.org)

Chair: Paul Johnson

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## CIRTA 2017

JUNE 28– July 1, 2017

New York, NY, USA • [www.cirta2017.org](http://www.cirta2017.org)

Chair: Kishore R. Iyor

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## TID 2017

SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

Montevideo, Uruguay • [www.tts.org/tid](http://www.tts.org/tid)

Chair: Clarisse Machado

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**2017** Organ Donation Congress

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

SEPTEMBER 6–9, 2017

Baltimore, MD, USA • [www.ixa.org](http://www.ixa.org)

Chairs: Phillip Morel, Marti Manyalich, Franz Immer



## IXA 2017

SEPTEMBER 20–23, 2017

Geneva, Switzerland • [www.isodp.org](http://www.isodp.org)

Chair: Richard Pierson III



Joint Scientific Meeting

## CSTCTRMS 2017

SEPTEMBER 26–29, 2017

Halifax, NS, Canada • [www.tts.org/cts](http://www.tts.org/cts)

Chairs: Ian Alwayn, Anil Dhawan



## ISVCA 2017

OCTOBER 26–27, 2017

Salzburg, Austria • [www.isvca2017.org](http://www.isvca2017.org)

Chair: Linda Cendales



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