



## Istanbul Summit derives consensus to combat organ trafficking and transplant tourism

Some 152 professionals from 78 countries and from 20 national and international organizations and professional societies met in a Summit in Istanbul from April 30 to May 2 to combat organ trafficking, transplant tourism and transplant commercialism.



In opening the Summit, Dr Luc Noël of The World Health Organization noted “that up to 10% of all organ transplants are thought to be performed illegally or unethically.”

The Summit participants agreed that patients in need of transplantation are placed at grave risk of physical and psychological harm through the existence of transplant trafficking, tourism and commercialism. The poor who sell their organs are placed in jeopardy by the illusion of riches to be received from risking their health through removal of an organ. The global increase of health care capacity for transplantation has led to rampant unethical, unsafe and illegal transplantation practices in a number of countries. This must be countered globally. Further, Summit participants underscored the necessity of all countries establishing programs for deceased organ donation.

Dr Francis Delmonico, chair of the Summit, stated that “Organ trafficking, transplant tourism and transplant commercialism were defined and discussed. The problems that arise from the global shortage of organs for transplantation are clear in almost all countries, while the consequences visited on

poor and vulnerable individuals who become the victims of transplant trafficking, tourism and commercialism are limited to certain countries. Because transplant commercialism targets impoverished and otherwise vulnerable donors it inexorably leads to inequity and injustice. Sale of human body parts is prohibited by the World Health Assembly Guiding Principles (Resolutions WHA 44.25). Transplant commercialism provides the basis for organ trafficking and transplant tourism, which are unethical and violate the principles of human dignity, equity and justice and should be prohibited.” The definitions of each of these terms have been determined and a draft declaration has been agreed.

Dr Jeremy Chapman and Dr Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe stated that “The Transplantation Society and the International Society of Nephrology will promulgate The Istanbul Declaration widely through publication and through inviting endorsement by National and International Professional Societies. The Istanbul Declaration will be taken to governments and international agencies to enlist their commitment.”

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THE ISTANBUL DECLARATION

FOUR DECADES OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, INNOVATION, GROWTH AND PROGRESS

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Until I reached "a certain age," I rather scoffed at the idea that time accelerates as one gets older. Unfortunately, it has turned out to be true! It is difficult to believe that my two years as President of TTS are nearly over and that this is my final Letter to the membership.

The activities and aims of TTS rather resemble a relay race, where a given runner (the new President) takes the baton from a teammate sprinting alongside at full speed (the Past-President), and races on as fast as possible. When I assumed office, a spectrum of important initiatives were already in place and moving forward, thanks to the efforts of previous Presidents. Many of these have gained strength and impetus during the ensuing time.

Ten successful new Key Opinion Leader meetings, growing relationships and affiliations with national and regional transplantation societies, and communication with leaders in many countries have strengthened the outreach of the Society throughout the world. With our growing global presence has come a gratifying influx of committed, energetic, and enthusiastic new members. They are tomorrow's leaders and the future of the field.

A hallmark of TTS has been its enduring opposition to commerce in transplantation. All of us are well aware that the sale of organs inevitably involves exploitation of the poor and helpless by the rich and powerful. Indeed, some governments of developing nations have cynically encouraged this prac-

tice, reveling in the resultant inflow of cash. TTS has addressed organ trafficking squarely, supporting strongly regional leaders who have vocally opposed the issue. Our Society has not been alone in its opposition, gaining allies and buttressing support through our official relationship with WHO and an important collaboration with the International Society of Nephrology. The combination of these powerful and outspoken forces has curtailed and even stopped organ trafficking in several countries that were hitherto "hosts" to transplant tourists.

The XXII International Congress of The Transplantation Society is taking place in Sydney. The Local Organizing Committee has done a wonderful job in planning a successful and ambitious event. Large numbers of abstracts have been submitted. More than 2,500 participants have already registered at the time of this writing. Held in one of the world's great cities, the Congress promises to be an intellectual and social feast that we all will long remember with pleasure.

I would like to thank the Officers of our Society, the Council, Committee members, and those in the International Headquarters for their advice, help, and support during my tenure. Hard working, responsive, enthusiastic, and innovative, they have collectively made my past two years a pleasure.



Nicholas L. Tilney

### INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

## Positive change under Tilney's leadership

Sydney will mark the end of a long journey for our local organizing committee and also for our TTS President Nicholas Tilney. Nick has been President-Elect 2004 to 2006 and has been President from July 2006 to August 2008. During that time he has brought our society forward in so many ways. TTS has tackled the growing problems of transplant trafficking and tourism which has been brought about partly by the success of our science, clinical practice and education programs. We have brought to reality the vision of 10 conferences and meetings a year under the aegis of TTS. A generation of new Key Opinion Leaders has learnt about TTS and the broad reach of our international membership. Most members will not have noticed that we have radically changed the organizational structure

of TTS with the creation of the International Headquarters office. Still in Montreal and with some of the same faces we have our own team instead of outsourcing everything to Felicissimo and Associates. F&A did a great job for us, but as we have grown so it has made more and more sense to create the independent capacity.

Nick has brought his gentle style and his calming but forceful determination to TTS deliberations, we are all grateful for that work. I am especially grateful for the leadership, which he has shown, and for the knowledge that he will be there to provide the advice of the elder statesman to us all for the next two years.

*Jeremy Chapman*  
Incoming TTS President

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# TTS ELECTS NEW COUNCIL

TTS would like to thank its members for voting in the recent elections of TTS Officers and Councilors for the term 2008-2010. We are pleased to introduce your new Council.

## Passing the Torch

TTS has been exceedingly fortunate over the past few years to benefit from the efforts, enthusiasm, and wisdom of a remarkable group of individuals who have served as Officers and sat on the Council. Under their leadership and guidance, our Society has flourished. But time moves on and the old order changes. All of us are most grateful to the services of Past-President Kathryn Wood, Treasurer Richard Allen, and Councilors Henrik Ekberg, Barry Kahan, Camillo Ricordi and Oscar Salvatierra. The Society owes these individuals a great debt. They can be very proud of what they have accomplished.

*Nicholas Tilney*

*Jeremy Chapman*



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# Sydney 2008 promises the best of science and clinical practice

**W**elcome to the XXII International Congress of The Transplantation Society in Sydney. If you are reading this newsletter in Sydney, then you have a feast of science and a taste of Australia ahead of you. If you are at home or in the clinic as you open your copy of *Transplantation* and the inserted newsletter, then you might just have time to book the flight to come and visit us...

**The Postgraduate weekend (August 9 and 10)** has many components for you no matter where you work: The histocompatibility laboratory — ASEATTA annual meeting. A registrar in training — clinical sciences updates. A consultant caring for patients after transplantation — advances in Immunosuppression. A research scientist or embarking upon a PhD — immunology updates and advances in research technologies. A surgeon — problem cases that tested your colleagues. Infectious diseases that have tried the best ID brains for those interested in infectious complications of transplantation. An epidemiologist or physician with a keen interest in evidence based medicine — try the Cochrane collaboration workshop. A registry aficionado — head for the registries workshop.

**The opening ceremony (August 10)** will be both traditional and fresh with a little surprise or two planned, but it will still stay short enough to keep your attention despite a touch of jetlag. The Aussies are so looking forward to a congress without jetlag; you will forgive us for reveling in it just this once. The cocktails after the opening ceremony will let you catch up with friends from around the world and sample some of our hospitality.

**The main program** is a compilation of the best of science and the best of clinical practice collected assiduously from all corners of the globe. The plenary sessions are not the same old people trotting out the same old stuff. We have challenged the speakers to use the data that we have today to look forward to tomorrow in a number of areas. Stem cells as a replacement for transplantation, focus on long term outcomes, examine the future trends in immunosuppression critically. If you are so smitten with Sydney and miss something, you will be able to absorb the selection made by others in the closing session. 120 speakers will address the State of the Art in topics across

the spectrum of our sciences. My best advice is to choose the areas that you are only passingly familiar with — you (and I) will learn more from these than from attending the talks that we think that we would be better giving ourselves. Then we come to the presented oral sessions — these were selected from a record number of abstracts, by 500 abstract scorers arranged into 50 panels. That is “peer review” and you will get the benefit of the distillation down to the very best presented in 70 sessions. I know that you won’t be able to get to all of them, but there is the abstract book and the CD and the website to look at.

## PRESIDENT’S PLENARY

The format has changed a little. We will have two keynote speeches on the global state of transplantation from the WHO and the Chinese Government. The Winner of the Medawar Prize will be announced as will the winners of the TTS Awards and the scholarships, and we will be closing with the Presidential Report by our President Nicholas Tilney.

## THE MORNING WORKSHOPS

There are 32 morning workshops that will explore many important aspects of the field in different formats. Panels, interactive discussions and presentations will bring scientific issues, social policy, ethics, science and scientific methods to the attention of those in search of breakfast for the mind as well as the body.

## THE ePOSTERS

There will be traditional format posters — but we will also have electronic posters so that these presentations can endure beyond the meeting for a few months. There will also be short 3 slide oral presentations of the best posters. 10 or 12 presentations in an hour in booths in the poster hall will allow for 5 minutes for each mini-oral. The chairs will have a tough job, but it gives a good opportunity for close questioning and contact in a different format to the standard oral. TSANZ members will be familiar with it as our format for our local meetings. It works well and gives much broader exposure and interaction than the standard poster.



## OUR SPONSORS

Not relegated to the end — actually central to our ability to offer educational and networking opportunities of this calibre and I thank them for that. Governments across the world have failed dismally to fund specialist education to the level that is needed to keep progress happening in the cutting edge fields. But we have a saying that “there is no such thing as a free lunch” — so it is here in our exhibition and in our sponsored symposia that our sponsors have the opportunity to put their views forward. Please listen to them, analyse them, question them and make up your own mind. Our sponsors have been a joy to work with and I thank them for that.

## AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALITY AND CULTURE

The social program will take you to the Opera, to the Bangarra Dance Company, the Wildlife of our continent in a controlled environment with cocktails, and we will dine in comfort overlooking our fabulous harbour and its iconic buildings and bridge. We hope that our Australian hospitality will be enjoyed by all. If you need anything while you are here — just call on any of the local organizing committee — we will be easy to pick out.

## PLANNING TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Ten years in the planning and all gone in just six days. August 2008 was so far away for so long and yet it will vanish into a series of memories held by those who attend. But it will also impact for years to come, silently but effectively both across the clinical programs and across the careers of those who attend. Just a week ago I was talking with a well known colleague about Helsinki in 1986, we all hope that those lucky enough to visit us in Sydney in 2008 will be reminiscing about it in 2030, with the friends that you made while you were here. Perhaps the 2030 congress will again be in Sydney — no not even I have a 22 year plan for the next Sydney congress of The Transplantation Society.

We look forward to meeting you all here in this beautiful city that we are lucky enough to call home. ☺

*Jeremy Chapman*



## AWARDS

### 2008 MEDAWAR PRIZE

The Medawar Prize recognizes the world's most outstanding contributions in the field of transplantation. It is funded from a generous endowment by Novartis Pharma AG to The Transplantation Society (TTS). The 2008 Medawar Prize recipient will be announced at the TTS Presidential Plenary and added to an illustrious group of 25 previous Medawar Laureates.

### 2008 TTS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Recipients of the 2008 TTS Recognition Awards will be announced at the Sydney Congress.

TTS-Genzyme Award for Innovation in Surgery and Technology  
TTS-Genzyme Award for Education and Training in Transplantation

TTS-Novartis Award for Outstanding Investigator Driven Clinical Trial  
TTS-Novartis Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Evidence Base for Transplantation

TTS-Roche Award for Outstanding Achievement in Transplantation (Basic)

TTS-Roche Award for Outstanding Achievement in Transplantation (Clinical)

TTS-Roche Award for Excellence in Translational Science

TTS-Roche Award for Worldwide Impact in Transplantation

TTS-Roche Award for Transplant Infectious Disease

TTS-Wyeth Travel Grants for the highest scoring abstracts from the New Key Opinion Leader Group (3 awards)

### 2008 TTS YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

Ten TTS-Astellas Pharma Young Investigator Awards will be presented to TTS members with the highest scoring abstracts during the Sydney Congress.



# Statement of The Transplantation Society to the Executive Board of the World Health Organization



## Revised Guiding Principles, approved WHO Executive Board 123rd Session – May 26, 2008

1. Consent for deceased donor's donation
2. No conflict for death determination
3. Deceased but also consenting live donors
4. Protection of minors and incompetent persons
5. No sale or purchase
6. Promotion of donation no advertising nor brokering
7. Responsibility on origin of transplant
8. Justifiable professional fees
9. Allocation rules
10. Quality safety efficacy of procedures and transplants
11. Transparency and confidentiality

The Transplantation Society (TTS), as the non-governmental organization in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) in matters of organ and tissue transplantation, is honored to convey its support for the Revised Guiding Principles of transplantation practice.

The World Health Assembly resolution of 2004 called upon Member States "to take measures to protect the poorest and vulnerable groups from transplant tourism and the sale of tissues and organs, including attention to the wider problem of international trafficking in human tissues and organs".

Aware of the exploitation of donors and recipients by tourism and organ trafficking over the past decade, The Transplantation Society with the participation of the International Society of Nephrology gathered 152 transplant professionals, ethicists, lawyers and health ministry representatives from 78 countries and 20 international organizations and professional societies from around the world in a Summit in Istanbul, Turkey from April 30 to May 2, 2008 to develop a consensus on the definitions of organ trafficking, transplant tourism and transplant commercialism, and to affirm ethical solutions and practices which will assist Member States to combat the use of the poor as a targeted source of organs.

Organ trafficking and transplant tourism violate respect for human dignity and the principles of equity and justice and should be prohibited.

The Transplantation Society seeks to emphasize the benefits that transplantation can bring to each community through fostering deceased organ donation as a necessary community resource. Governments of Member States can work in collaboration with health care institutions, professionals, and non-governmental organizations to take appropriate actions to implement and increase deceased organ donation.

The Transplantation Society has also worked to develop professional consensus on the determination of the medical and psychosocial suitability of the living donor and has provided global professional recommendations, published as the proceedings of the Amsterdam and Vancouver Forums in 2005 and 2006, respectively.

The Transplantation Society shares the concerns of Member States that the care and follow-up of the live kidney or liver donor should not be less than that of the recipient. The act of donation should be regarded as heroic and public recognition should be provided by a representative of the government or national health authority.

The Transplantation Society strongly supports the approval of the Revised Guiding Principles by the World Health Executive Board and presentation to the World Health Assembly.



Francis L. Delmonico

Francis L. Delmonico, M.D.  
Director of Medical Affairs

## Vancouver Welcomes the World in 2010...Twice!

### The International Transplant Congress returns to Canada

As Vancouver celebrates the Winter Olympics in February 2010, the countdown begins to another significant event in the same city — the XXIII International Congress of The Transplantation Society, August 15 to 19, 2010. After more than a decade, the Canadian Society of Transplantation (CST) will once again host the international transplant community, the first time since Montreal's landmark Congress in 1998.

The Congress Organizing Committee reserved the new Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre (VCEC) as the host venue. This dramatic building will be completed in early 2009 to serve as the Olympic Broadcast Centre, quadrupling the

size of one of North America's most striking Congress venues to nearly 1/2 million sq. ft., with a capacity of nearly 15,000 delegates. A large selection of Congress hotel rooms have been reserved, providing delegates with options from economical accommodation to 5-diamond hotels within walking distance of VCEC.

The Congress in 2010 will have several overarching themes, encompassing innovations in genomics and proteomic analyses of human disease, immunosuppressive drug therapy and technical advances in robotic surgery, and many other topics at the cutting edge of transplant science and medicine. The National Executive

Committee includes the current and four former CST Presidents and representatives of The Transplantation Society, who will welcome members coast-to-coast to provide their expertise as speakers, committee members and program chairs in all areas.

We believe that the scientific and clinical credibility of the Canadian Society of Transplantation, coupled with the organizational resources of The Transplantation Society, will ensure that the 2010 Congress will be one of the most outstanding in memory.

Dr. Paul Keown, Chair  
2010 Transplant Congress  
[www.transplantation2010.org](http://www.transplantation2010.org)

### XI TTS Basic Science Symposium / I ESOT Basic Science Meeting

It is with great pleasure that The Transplantation Society (TTS), the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) and the Belgian Transplantation Society invite you to Brussels, Belgium from March 12-15, 2009 to attend the XI TTS Basic Science Symposium and the First ESOT Basic Science Meeting. The Call for abstracts and online registration are now open. Visit [www.esot.org/Content.aspx?item=155](http://www.esot.org/Content.aspx?item=155)

#### Hot Topics

- Clinical use of ex vivo generated T regs
- Immunoregulatory function of APCs
- Immunoregulation of immune responses by NK T cells
- NK cells: effectors or regulators of graft rejection
- New cytokines in transplantation
- New insights in T cell signaling
- Negative and positive ways of costimulation
- Inflammatory signaling pathways
- Mechanisms of T cell memory generation
- Stem cell transplantation
- Translational research in transplantation.

### TID – TRANSPLANT INFECTIOUS DISEASES

You are invited to the Transplant Infectious Diseases Section Meeting and Symposium on the morning of Sunday, August 10, 2008, in Sydney, Australia, to be held in conjunction with the XXII International Congress of The Transplantation Society. Topics that will be covered include management of CMV infections, tuberculosis, travel medicine, and novel diagnostics.

For more information, visit [www.transplantation2008.org/home.php](http://www.transplantation2008.org/home.php) or the Transplant Infectious Diseases Section website at [www.transplantation-soc.org/sections.php?s=02](http://www.transplantation-soc.org/sections.php?s=02), or contact the Section president Camille Kotton at [InfectiousDisease@transplantation-soc.org](mailto:InfectiousDisease@transplantation-soc.org). TTS members wishing to join the Transplant Infectious Diseases Section are welcome.

#### ISODP

The next Organ and Tissue Donation Congress will be held October 4-7, 2009 in Berlin, Germany. Deutsche Stiftung Organtransplantation (DSO) will host the meeting. Günter Kirste, MD, DSO executive director will chair the 2009 Congress. You can get more information on the meeting at [www.isodp2009.org](http://www.isodp2009.org)

### IPITA – IXA Venice 2009 Joint Meeting

Venice has been selected as the venue for the forthcoming Joint Conference of the International Pancreas and Islet Transplant Association (IPITA) and the International Xenotransplantation Association (IXA), sections of The Transplantation Society. The meeting will be held at the Venice Congress Center from October 12-17, 2009. This joint meeting will include a one-day satellite symposium entitled “Transplantation in the hyperimmunized patient”. The Conference will represent a unique opportunity for clinicians and scientists to gather and get an update on advances in these exciting fields.

The organizing committee of the IPITA-IXA Venice 2009 Joint Conference is already working hard to put together a very attractive scientific programme combined with a unique schedule of unforgettable social events. For further information please visit our website at [www.ipita-ixa2009.org](http://www.ipita-ixa2009.org)





**XXIII International Congress  
of The Transplantation Society**  
AUGUST 15 – 19, 2010 | VANCOUVER, CANADA

#### Important Dates

Abstract Submission Opens	June 2009	Early Registration Deadline	4 June 2010
Online Registration Opens	November 2009	Late Breaking Abstract Deadline	11 June 2010
Abstract Submission Deadline	5 March 2010	Hotel Reservation Deadline	25 June 2010
Author Notification of Acceptance	7 May 2010	Regular Registration Deadline	16 July 2010

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# WEBSITE UPDATE

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## Transplant Library of Randomised Controlled Trials now available to TTS members

Members of the TTS have electronic access to the *Transplantation* Journal, but a new development by LWW/Wolters Kluwer Health and the Centre for Evidence in Transplantation at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, under the direction of Sir Peter Morris, a past President, is an electronic library of all randomised controlled trials (RCT's) in organ transplantation back to 1970. This includes over 6000 references, together with conference proceedings and is updated every two weeks. The Cochrane Library has provided valuable assistance with their hand searched conference proceedings in addition to our own hand searching. In addition from the beginning of 2004 all RCT's are assessed for methodological quality.

Members of the TTS can access the library through their member login on the TTS website and the link to the *Transplantation* Journal. This should be of enormous assistance to the transplant community who wish to quickly access the highest level of evidence in organ transplantation. An article in the Journal (*Transplantation* 2008; 85:1068) describes how to use the library most effectively. This is another major bonus for members of the TTS in addition to the access they have to *Transplantation*, the official journal of the TTS.

# UPCOMING TTS MEETINGS

For a list of all transplantation meetings please visit [www.transplantation-soc.org](http://www.transplantation-soc.org)

## XI TTS Basic Science Symposium / I ESOT Basic Science Meeting

**Brussels, Belgium**

**March 12-15, 2009**

Chair: Dr. Michel Braun  
Info: [www.esot.org/Content.aspx?item=155](http://www.esot.org/Content.aspx?item=155)

## Transplant Infectious Disease in Resource Poor Areas

(on invitation only)

**Budapest, Hungary**

**March 29-30, 2009**

Chair: Dr. Camille Kotton  
Info: [ckotton@partners.org](mailto:ckotton@partners.org)

## Cell Transplant Society Meeting

**Okayama, Japan**

**April 20-22, 2009**

Chair: Dr. Naoya Kobayashi

Info: [immortal@md.okayama-u.ac.jp](mailto:immortal@md.okayama-u.ac.jp)

## XIth International Small Bowel Transplant Symposium

**Bologna, Italy**

**September 9-12, 2009**

Royal Hotel Carlton  
Chair: Dr. Antonio Pinna  
Info: [tonyirc@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyirc@yahoo.com)

## 2009 Organ Donation Congress (Xth ISODP Meeting)

**Berlin, Germany**

**October 4-7, 2009**

Berlin Congress Center  
Chair: Dr. Günter Kirste  
Info: [www.isodp2009.com](http://www.isodp2009.com)

## IPITA – IXA Joint Congress 2009 Venice, Italy

**October 11-16, 2009**

Venice Lido Congress Center  
Chair: Dr. Emanuele Cozzi  
Info: [www.ipita-ixa2009.org](http://www.ipita-ixa2009.org)

## XXIII International Congress of The Transplantation Society



**Vancouver,  
Canada**

**August 15-19,  
2010**

Vancouver Convention Centre  
Chair: Dr. Paul Keown  
Info: [www.transplantation2010.org](http://www.transplantation2010.org)

### KEY DATES:

**JUNE 2009** Abstract submission opens

**NOVEMBER 2009** Online Registration Opens

**MARCH 5, 2010** Abstract Submission Deadline

**JUNE 4, 2010** Early Registration Deadline

**AUGUST 15-19, 2010** Congress

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