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Society News

The Transplantation Society's first Executive Director

Philip Dombrowski takes the helm

The Society has taken an important step forward to better meet the needs of its members in this new era by appointing, for the first time in its history, an Executive Director. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Philip Dombrowski, MBA, who will help the Society achieve its primary goal of providing global leadership in the development of the science and clinical practice of transplantation through scholarly scientific communications, continuing education, and guidance on the ethical practices of transplantation.

Mr. Dombrowski brings a rich background to the Society. Most recently, he served as Senior Executive Vice President of Thomson Physicians World, a well-established company that specializes in the development of advanced medical education programs for health care professionals, the pharmaceutical industry and the medical community, where he was also the Managing Director of Thomson Healthcare's European operations. He gained valuable experience working in the pharmaceutical industry earlier in his career. His extensive knowledge of product marketing, sales, professional marketing and public relations as well as congress organizing will be a major asset to The Transplantation Society.

Mr. Dombrowski has already outlined to the Executive Council strategies to build membership, improve communications to the Council and the members (this newsletter is early proof of his commitment there), and ensure the efficient and financially successful implementation of Society and Section Congresses and meetings. Phil's knowledge of our field of work is complemented by a great personality, and I am confident Mr. Dombrowski will be a superb Executive Director.



The Executive Director was selected after an exhaustive international search for the best candidate. The Search Committee was led by Ron Busuttill and included Hans Sollinger from the Council at Large and the entire Executive Council.

David Sutherland

See you in Vienna September 5-10: Register now for 2004 Congress

XX International Congress of The Transplantation Society – Vienna, September 5-10, 2004

Dates to remember:

- Early registration deadline – February 28, 2004
- Abstract submission deadline – April 2, 2004
- Travel grant application deadline – April 2, 2004
- Information on acceptance of abstracts – May 31, 2004
- Standard registration deadline – June 1, 2004

For updated information and to register or book accommodations online, please visit the Congress Web site at www.transplantation2004.at

The XX International Congress of The Transplantation Society promises to be a landmark event. Organizers are particularly looking forward to welcoming participants in Vienna. In addition to being one of the cultural capitals of the world and a prime international conference venue, it is also the city where the Vienna Society of Physicians reported the first successful kidney transplants in dogs some 100 years ago.

The Congress will be held at the widely-acclaimed Austria Center Vienna. This state-of-the-art facility, which received the 2001 Award of Excellence for Best Conference Center, is

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equipped with the most modern communications technology and is conveniently located in the center of the city.

The exciting scientific program combines six plenary sessions featuring prominent transplant specialists with 30 state-of-the-art symposia on every aspect of transplant science, 70 oral presentation sessions, a daily poster session, early morning courses, and luncheon workshops. The Congress has been planned in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, and participants can earn Category 1 CME credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

But it would be a mistake to assume that the 2004 Congress will be all work. Vienna offers ample opportunity to unwind and experience the sophisticated grace of Viennese life and landscapes. Participants will be able to choose between a special performance at the Vienna State Opera, a concert at the Golden Hall of the Musikverein, a gala evening at Schönbrunn Palace, various excursions in and around Vienna, and a post-Congress tour of Prague.

The Austria Center offers ample space for the exhibitions that will be an essential part of the Congress, and The



Transplantation Society invites interested organizations to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to showcase new and existing resources available in the field of transplantation. For detailed information or to reserve your space, contact MAW—Medizinische Ausstellungen und Werbegesellschaft, International Exhibitions and Advertising at maw@media.co.at.

Useful links and addresses:

- **Austria Center Vienna:** www.acv.at
- **General information on Vienna:** www.wien.gv.at/english/
- **General information, scientific program:** linda.partl@uklibk.ac.at
- **Exhibition opportunities:** maw@media.co.at
- **Registration information:** transplantation2004@mondial.at

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These four companies constitute The Transplantation Society Industry Advisory Liaison Committee. The Committee meets once or twice a year, and acts as a forum for issues of interest to The Transplantation Society and its corporate members.

The Committee also plays a major role in The Transplantation Society Congress. Its responsibilities include:

- Reviewing location bids to be put forward to the membership for vote;
- Reviewing Congress budgets;
- Assisting with the development of scientific and social programs;
- Overseeing financial reports from past Congresses.



We are grateful for the support of our corporate sponsors.

Bylaw review recognizes Society's evolution

The Transplantation Society recently completed a review of its bylaws. The review was an opportunity to recognize the growing, increasingly pro-active role the Society plays as the authoritative voice on global clinical, scientific, legal, and ethical issues in transplantation.

One of the key purposes of the bylaw review was to ensure a more equitable global representation on the Council. It was agreed that the number of Council members should be geographically pro-

portionate to the international membership of the Society. Other objectives were to ensure a more flexible framework for committee operations and to permit communication with members not only by mail but by other modern electronic means (e.g., email)

A series of proposed bylaws changes will be presented for final approval by the membership prior to the general business meeting in Vienna in September.

Join and go!

Join The Transplantation Society today!

Our membership development theme for this year is *Join and go!*

The theme highlights the opportunity to save money by taking advantage of our special member registration fee when you register for the upcoming Vienna Congress. But that's just one of the many benefits you receive by joining The Transplantation Society.

Membership in the Society is your opportunity to be part of a network of leading physicians and basic scientists involved in every aspect of transplantation science. The Society connects you with professional colleagues in more than 65 countries around the world, and entitles you to a number of other career-enhancing benefits:

- Reduced registration fees for other international congresses
- Free online access to *Transplantation*, the official journal of The Transplantation Society
- Free access to educational material on the Society's Web site at <http://www.transplantation-soc.org/>
- Voting and nomination rights (active full members)
- Travel grants for young investigator members
- Reduced subscription rates for many of the leading journals in our field.

By becoming a member of The Transplantation Society, you can also join one or more of our related Sections:

- International Xenotransplantation Association
- Transplant Infectious Disease
- Cell Transplant Society
- International Pancreas & Islet Transplant Association
- International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement
- Intestinal Transplant Association.

Information on membership requirements and registration application forms are available on the Transplantation Society Web site at <http://www.transplantation-soc.org/>.

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2004 Membership Dues

Membership in *The Transplantation Society* is open to qualified professionals with an active interest in fostering basic and clinical research in the broad field of transplantation science.

Candidates for membership are not required to hold a Doctorate but must have equivalent experience or training. All applicants must be able to demonstrate their contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field.

2004 membership dues for the Society and its sections will remain at 2002 price levels, a further encouragement to join now or to rejoin if your membership has lapsed.

The Transplantation Society

(membership includes online access to *Transplantation Journal*)

Full member: US\$80.00

Candidate: US\$40.00

International Xenotransplantation Association (IXA)

Full member: US\$130.00 with Xenotransplantation Journal and online access (US\$80.00 with online access only)

Associate member: US\$30.00

(US\$70.00 with online access)

Junior member: US\$30.00

(US\$55.00 with online access)

Transplant Infectious Disease Society

Full member: US\$160.00 with Infectious Disease Journal and online access (US\$100.00 with online access only)

Associate member: US\$50.00

Upcoming Meetings

Mark your calendar now...

2004

Amsterdam Forum on Live Donors

Chair: Francis Delmonico

Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Dates: April 1-4, 2004

Objective: To develop an international standard of care for the live donor; to develop a position statement regarding the responsibility of the transplant community for the live kidney donor; and, to engage the World Health Organization in an alliance to secure funding by governments for the implementation of the standards. The outcomes of this meeting will be presented at the Vienna Congress, and at regional transplant meetings throughout the world in the immediate years ahead.

Cell Transplant Society

Full member: US\$135.00 Canada/USA, US\$165.00 international (includes subscription to Cell Transplantation Journal and online access)

International Pancreas and Islet Transplant Association (IPITA)

Full member: US\$50.00

Intestinal Transplant Association (ITA)

Full member: US\$50.00

International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement (ISODP)

Full member: US\$50.00

Don't delay! Join and go! by signing up for The Transplantation Society or any of its sections. Application forms are available from the Central Business Office, june@fa-events.com.

XX International Congress of The Transplantation Society

Chair: Dr. Raimund Margreiter

Location: Vienna, Austria

Dates: September 5-10, 2004

Info: www.transplantation2004.at

7th International Congress of the Cell Transplant Society

Chair: Dr. Gordon Weir

Location: Boston, MA, USA

Dates: November 17-20, 2004

Info: www.celltx.org

2005

10th Meeting of the International Pancreas and Islet Transplant Association (IPITA)

Chair: Dr. Thierry Berney

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Dates: May 4-7, 2005

Info: www.ipita.org

9th Basic Sciences Symposium of The Transplantation Society

Title: Basic Research for Better Transplantation

Chair: Ignacio Anegón

Location: La Baule, France

Dates: June 19-22, 2005

Info: www.nantes.inserm.fr/u437

VIII Congress of the International Xenotransplantation Association (IXA)

Chair: Dr. Michael Breimer

Location: Göteborg, Sweden

Dates: September 10-14, 2005

Info: www.sahlgrenska.gu.se/ixa2005

8th meeting of the International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement (ISODP) and of the International Transplant Coordinators Society (ITCS)

Location: Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Date: December 4-7, 2005

Info: www.vjs.com.br

2006

World Transplant Congress held under the auspices of The Transplantation Society, American Society of Transplantation, and American Society of Transplant Surgeons

Location: Boston, MA, USA

Dates: July 21-28, 2006

2007

Joint Meeting with International Xenotransplantation Association (IXA), the International Pancreas and Islet Transplant Association (IPITA), and Cell Transplant Society (CTS)

Chairs: D Sutherland, B Herring and J Leventhal

Location: Minneapolis, MN, USA

Date: September 15-20, 2007