HOST ASSOCIATION AND COMMITTEE

Turkish Transplantation Society (TOND)
Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation (MESOT)
Turkic World Transplantation Society (TDTD)
Turkish Transplantation Centers Coordination Association (TTCCA)

The Host Societies are represented by leaders in their fields with many years of experience organizing scientific congresses and collaborating with the TTS.

Local Organizing Committee Chairs

Mehmet Haberal, MD, FACS (Hon), FICS (Hon), FASA (Hon)
Founder and President, Turkish Transplantation Society
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Founder and President Turkic World Transplantation Society (TDTD)
Founder and Founder President, Baskent University, Ankara, Turkey

Uluğ Eldegez, MD
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Former President, Transplantation Center of Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey

Committee Representatives

- Antoine Barbari, MD, Beirut, Lebanon
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ISTANBUL

“a symphony of sounds, smells, and people…”

Istanbul, a gateway between Europe and Asia, is in a category all its own... It is a living museum, the treasury of a great past, yet it retains incredible vitality and remains an important artistic and cultural center. Just close your eyes and imagine wandering around ancient sites like the Hagia Sophia, the Topkapi Palace, the bustling Grand Bazaar and the Blue Mosque where you are reminded that Istanbul has been home to several cultures and civilizations over the centuries. The scientific, cultural, and historical elements of Istanbul as the host city would offer participants from all over the world an unforgettable experience.

Because of its abundance of cultural and historical interests, in 2015 Istanbul was in the top 10 of World Tourism Rankings with 12.5 million visitors, and the top 10 of Worlds Conference Destinations with 136 international meetings and 47,000 delegates.

Travelling to Istanbul

- 2 hours from Central Europe and 8 hours from America and Asia by air.
- 70 international airlines serve the city, with an average of 500 arrivals and departures daily.
- More than 61 million passengers passed through the 2 airports of the city in 2015.
- Turkish Airlines (“Best airline in Europe” for last 5 years) operates scheduled services to 280 destinations in 110 countries, with direct flights from major destinations like San Francisco, Buenos Aires, Beijing, Tokyo, Singapore or Shanghai.
- No visa requirements for 147 countries, e-visa available for 97 countries
Istanbul is the ideal destination....

- A short car ride (30 minutes) will take visitors from the airport to the city center
- April through October, it has a warm climate approximately 25-32°C during the day
- It has reasonably priced, modern, internationally acclaimed hotels that can accommodate roughly 95,000 people per night
- It offers a huge network of public transportation, with city buses, sea buses, ferries, subway and tram systems
- It boasts 78 museums, 9 palaces and infinite natural beauties
- It offers some of the finest cuisine in the world
- The lively streets and bazaars are a shopper’s heaven

AN EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS EXPERIENCE

With facilities available to meet even the most complex organizational needs, Istanbul hosts more than 100 major congresses and fairs each year with great success.

The “Congress Valley” in the heart of the cultural and business center ensures that all venues are within easy walking distance of each other.

The biggest congress center in Istanbul, Istanbul Congress Center is an international congress and event destination, boasting world-class technological infrastructure, experienced staff, and a high-quality service it offers to visitors.

Spanning an area of 120,000 m² on a total of eight floors, Istanbul Congress Center is in an ideal location, surrounded by Taksim Square and the Bosphorus from one side, and by the city on the other.

Access to Congress Valley

- Central location in the heart of the city
- Hilton Bosphorus (proposed headquarters hotel) 2 minute walking distance
- Convenient accommodation: 15,000 bed capacity (in different categories) all within walking distance
- Easily accessible from the airport (45 minutes from both international airports by car, public transport, subway or shuttle buses)

WE WELCOME YOU TO ISTANBUL

TOND, MESOT, TDTD and TTCCA are excited about the prospect of hosting the 29th International Congress of TTS in Istanbul. With 65 transplantation centers, Turkey is the leader for transplantation activities in the whole region, and the gathering ground for the Middle East, Eastern Europe and CIS countries.

With the great number of participants a TTS Congress in Istanbul will draw, we know it will be a tremendous opportunity to connect with friends and colleagues, and to absorb new insights and information in an extraordinary and unforgettable setting.