A Warm Welcome

IPTA is now an Official Section of TTS

International Pediatric Transplant Association

Messages from Presidents
Philip J. O’Connell (TTS) and Ron Shapiro (IPTA)
I am very pleased to announce that the International Pediatric Transplant Association (IPTA) will be joining The Transplantation Society as a new Section, and I would like to welcome all its members to TTS. This is a significant milestone for both organizations, and I am confident that all our members will be able to take advantage of the synergies resulting from increased cooperation and the strengthening of our transplantation network. Pediatric transplantation is an important field, focusing on a special and vulnerable population with unique challenges technically, medically, and psychologically. As with all our Sections, we are committed to providing IPTA the support it needs to address these issues, while gaining expertise and insight in a critical field which has been historically underrepresented in TTS.

IPTA’s inclusion in TTS will provide members with access to new educational opportunities. Those whose work focuses on developing areas where there is a mixed child-adult practice, for instance, will be able to draw from IPTA’s wealth of knowledge. IPTA members in return will gain access to TTS’ comprehensive educational material and knowledge base, particularly with regards to science and public policy. As our first joint venture, TTS will be recording the IPTA presentations at its 2015 Congress and providing them free of charge to all IPTA members. I also urge those IPTA members who are not yet members of TTS to consider becoming members and gaining access to additional benefits. More information can be found on our website and in this issue of the Tribune.

Finally I would like to welcome all IPTA members to TTS. We are thrilled to have IPTA join the TTS group, and I look forward to meeting many of you for the first time. My deep-felt thanks goes to the IPTA President, and former TTS Vice President, Dr. Ron Shapiro, for his dedication and enthusiasm in this effort. I would also like to thank the IPTA Executive Committee and Council Members for their ongoing commitment and participation in an open dialogue with the TTS Council. I look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen communication and cooperation in the field of transplantation.

This is an exciting opportunity, and I wish everyone the best as we go forward together.
When I assumed the presidency of The International Pediatric Transplantation Association (IPTA) in July 2013, I was particularly concerned about the long-term viability of the Association. Pharmaceutical support, which the Association had historically depended upon, had largely disappeared. With the participation of the Executive Committee, Past President Richard Trompeter, President-Elect Burkhard Toenshoff and Secretary-Treasurer Anne Dipchand, we explored a number of avenues and came to the agreement that becoming a Section of TTS was the best way to preserve the vitality of IPTA. The IPTA Council supported this transition unanimously. Our previous management company, Association Headquarters, was also in agreement that this was a reasonable move, and has been supportive and cooperative with the transition.

The International Pediatric Transplantation Association is the only transplantation association devoted exclusively to the welfare and the science of organ transplantation in pediatric patients. It has more than 600 members, its own journal, and organizes an international congress every other year, traditionally in off years of the TTS Congress. IPTA has been involved in outreach and in fellow education, and has sponsored the publication of two textbooks on pediatric solid organ transplantation. We have also supported the educational content for the pediatric parts of the ATC and TTS congresses. Affiliation with TTS is a natural fit for IPTA, as both organizations take an international approach to transplantation and are mutually committed to education and strengthening collaboration in the field.

As a result of the transition to TTS, IPTA will retain its independence as an Association, but will benefit from the centralized management that a substantial non-profit society can provide. The biennial congresses, outreach and fellow education activities, and journal will all continue, with the added benefit of sharing mutual goals with TTS. IPTA looks forward to a long and fruitful collaboration as a TTS Section, and is excited to be associated with the largest global society devoted exclusively to transplantation. The transition will be complete as of the end of May 2015, two months after the 8th International Congress of IPTA in San Francisco, in March 2015.

Thank you all very much for your continued cooperation and support.

Ron Shapiro
IPTA President
Partnering with TTS

The Benefits of Being Part of the TTS Group

TTS, IPTA and the other Sections have a wealth of information to share and an opportunity for development in the field of transplantation.

As the leading global network of transplantation physicians, surgeons, scientists and professionals with over 6,700 members from 105 countries, The Transplantation Society brings together a wealth of information and resources.

Affiliation with TTS affords access to an established and influential network dedicated to the advancement of the transplantation field.

The addition of the International Pediatric Transplant Association to TTS’ Sections will provide all members with increased opportunities for cooperation and networking across specialties, along with access to education and new developments in an important field. By providing centralized administration, member management, meeting planning and accounting services, TTS allows Sections to maintain their autonomy and focus resources on the activities that directly benefit their members.

BECOME A TTS MEMBER

All Section members have the opportunity to also become a TTS member at reduced cost. TTS Membership provides many additional benefits, including:

- Free online access to TTS’s official journal, Transplantation, along with reduced rates for other journals.
- Access to educational webinars and multimedia presentations from past meetings and congresses.
- Access to scientific awards for Young Investigators.
- Reduced registration fees for TTS’ international congresses.
- TTS newsletter, Tribune, updating members about TTS and Section activities in the transplantation community.
- Voting and nomination rights for the election of TTS Officers and Councillors.
- A $50 discount on TTS dues when paying Section dues at the same time:
  - $50 off for Full Members
  - Further discounts for Trainees, Associate Members and those in emerging economies.
By joining TTS there is no better way to invest in your career and in one of the most dynamic professions in medical science today.
Seamless Integration

Your IPTA membership will continue seamlessly with IPTA’s transition to a TTS Section. The TTS Membership Department is responsible for your membership administration, and can assist you with any related issues, including accessing membership information, educational materials and journals.

You will receive your login information by email in early April. Should you have any questions, please contact our Membership Department!

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IPTA Mission Statement...

The International Pediatric Transplant Association (IPTA) is a professional organization of individuals in the field of pediatric transplantation. The purpose of the Association is to advance the science and practice of pediatric transplantation worldwide in order to improve the health of all children who require such treatment. The Association is dedicated to promoting technical and scientific advances in pediatric transplantation and to advocating for the rights of all children who need transplantation.

IPTA Membership Benefits

IPTA Membership offers a range of benefits for physicians, surgeons, scientists and other transplant and allied health professionals, including:

- Heavily discounted subscriptions to the print and online versions of IPTA’s official journal, Pediatric Transplantation, which publishes high quality original research and clinical experience articles concerning solid organ and tissue transplantation in infants, children and adolescents.
- Reduced registration fees for IPTA’s biennial Congress, as well as access to travel grants for allied health professionals and trainees/fellows.
- Online forum access, where members can connect and share material with colleagues, including a dedicated section for IPTA's allied health professionals.
- Access to presentation slides from previous IPTA meetings.
- Different categories of membership, including significantly reduced due structures for transplant and health professionals from emerging economy countries.
- Reduced annual subscriptions to journals including Transplantation Proceedings, Transplantation Reviews, Transplant Infectious Disease, and Xenotransplantation.
- Discounts off all TTS Membership categories.
INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

ACCESSING INFORMATION ON THE NEW IPTA WEBSITE

Navigating all your member benefits on iptaonline.org

1 Log into your membership account to access member-only content. The login button can always be found in the top right corner.

2 Once logged in, you can access the Membership Directory, found under the tab Members Area. The directory has the names of the association’s contacts, searchable by last name, first name, country and area of interest.

3 New features include the Favorites and Flags buttons, so you can bookmark the contacts with whom you frequently correspond. Your bookmarks will be saved and will make it easier to keep in touch.

4 Another important benefit available through the IPTA website is access to the journal Pediatric Transplantation. Again, you need to be logged in to read articles. The link for the journal is available under the Members Area tab: Pediatric Transplantation Online Access Link.

5 The IPTA website has an extensive members-only library with the 2015 Congress presentations, which can be found under Education. You can look up recordings by meeting, session type, title or presenter. Again, you can use the Favorites and Flags options to bookmark and come back to later.

The directory, journal and multimedia library are just some of the resources available on the new IPTA website. The Membership FAQ contains more information on your account and can be consulted at any time.
Established in 1966, The Transplantation Society’s vision is to provide the focus for global leadership in transplantation through the development of the science and its clinical practice, scientific communication and continuing education, and guidance on ethical practice.

Guided by the directives in its vision statement, TTS has been involved in several high profile global initiatives, including the Declaration of Istanbul and Women in Transplantation (WIT).

The Declaration of Istanbul on organ trafficking and transplant tourism was initiated in 2006, when representatives from TTS and the International Society of Nephrology met to discuss the development of a formal declaration to address the ongoing issues of global organ shortages and trafficking by uniting professionals in the field against unethical practices in organ transplantation. The Declaration was first published in 2008, after being drafted by working groups comprised of more than 150 representatives of scientific and medical bodies, government officials, social scientists and ethicists from 78 countries around the world.

Women in Transplantation was founded by TTS Past President Kathryn J. Wood to strengthen and support the presence of women in the field. The initiative’s two main components are its Networking and Outreach Program, which holds events at transplantation meetings to provide a venue for connecting and engaging with other women in the field, and the Mentorship Program, which matches women in the field with established mentors from TTS who offer support and guidance. Mentorship is provided on a one to one basis, and mentees are paired with a mentor at both the national and international levels.
EDUCATION

TTS provides live webinars on critical issues and updates in transplantation, facilitating global access to educational resources. These include a series aimed at developing transplantation programs in emerging countries, a Spanish series in association with Sociedad Argentina de Trasplantes, and presentations from past congresses and meetings.

JOURNAL

Transplantation, the official journal of TTS, provides extensive coverage of the field of transplantation, as well as cell therapy and islet transplantation, immunobiology and genomics, and xenotransplantation. In addition to peer-reviewed original clinical and basic science research articles, Transplantation publishes in-depth commentary and coverage of new research, short reports for fast dissemination of the latest research in the field, and forum articles on social and ethical issues and controversies. Transplantation is published once a month and presided over by an international editorial board, and will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2016.

TTS CONGRESS

The TTS Congress is held every two years and brings together transplantation professionals and affiliates from around the world to participate in a highly educative program. The 26th International Congress of The Transplantation Society will be taking place in Hong Kong from August 18-23, 2016, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of TTS.

Transplantation Direct is an open access portal for international transplantation with rapid electronic publication of peer reviewed, high quality basic research and clinical studies related to the field of transplantation. The journal seeks to provide both scientific innovation and educational material, to disseminate vital registry database information and to highlight key scientific advances presented at meetings held by the global transplantation associations. The inherent flexible capacity of multimedia electronic publishing will be combined with high standards of peer review set by exceptional leaders within The Transplantation Society to allow for an inclusive, comprehensive, and yet rigorous approach to presenting significant developments in transplantation.
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IPTA COMMITTEES

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE
Focused on uniting the allied health community to develop programs of interest and creating a forum to exchange clinical experiences worldwide.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Responsible for organizing the IPTA Congress Post Graduate Course, planning pediatric symposia at other meetings, and making recommendations about the educational needs of members.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Monitors member trends and provides assistance with membership recruitment and retention; explores new member benefits and reviews and proposes revisions to the membership criteria as needed.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE
Identifies centers in underserviced areas who wish to develop transplant programs, facilitates partnerships with sponsoring institutions to provide medical and nurse personnel training, and assists with program implementation. Overseas all phases of the Program, including application review and evaluation, performing onsite needs assessment, and working with centers to further develop their programs.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Responsible for developing various printed materials for professionals, parents, and patients.

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