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## TTS-KOL MEETING IN GOA, INDIA: INTERACTIVE AND PARTICIPATORY!

The second KOL to be held in India consisted of 92 nephrologists, hepatologists, surgeons, immunologists, anesthetists, social workers, transplant coordinators and other professionals involved in all aspects of organ transplantation



Participants of the 16<sup>th</sup> TTS-KOL Meeting outside the Zuri White Sands hotel in Goa

The Transplantation Society organized their second Key Opinion Leader Meeting in India, this time in Goa from February, 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. A total of 92 nephrologists, hepatologists, surgeons, immunologists, anesthetists, social workers, transplant coordinators and other professionals involved in all aspects of organ transplantation participated. In all, they represented 38 major kidney transplant centers and 11 liver transplant centers across India. State and central government authorities along with NGOs involved in promoting deceased organ donation also were majorly represented.

The scientific program was prepared by a committee consisting of: Vivekanand Jha, Georgi Abraham, Vijay Kher, Sandeep Guleria, Alan Almeida and T. Ravi Raju. Arvinder Singh Soin, Subhash Gupta and Mohammad Rela served as core members for liver transplantation. TTS officers such as Immediate Past President Jeremy Chapman, President-Elect Francis Delmonico and Director of Medical Affairs Henrik Ekberg provided invaluable input. Other international

TTS members who attended the meeting were Manikkam Suthanthiran and Minnie Sarwal as well as Prabir Roy Chaudhury.

Dr. Chapman opened the meeting on the afternoon of February 24<sup>th</sup> by welcoming all the participants and introducing a new format. Changes were adopted to make this meeting more interactive and participatory than the previous nKOL meeting held in India in 2009. This time a large part of the meeting focused on unique clinical situations encountered in managing transplant recipients, with a special emphasis on their relevance in an Indian context. This was done through workshops, question-and-answer sessions and case presentations. Each format had a half or full-day session dedicated to it. The scheduling allowed interaction and an exchange of ideas between the participants and speakers.

The major sessions of the meeting focused on: challenges in managing the living organ donor, management of the highly sensitized allograft recipient, differential diagnosis of renal allograft

dysfunction, various facets of post-transplant immunosuppression and how to use modern molecular techniques to improve patient outcomes. A noteworthy highlight of all these sessions was when exceptionally challenging cases were presented and then opinions sought from the house on how to manage these situations. The overseas experts presented their points of view followed by a summary from the chairs.

The workshop topics were management of infection in transplantation recipients and issues in pediatric and liver transplantation. Each workshop was divided into subsections in which one aspect was chosen by a speaker and followed by discussion from all the participants. Of special interest in the topics on infection were tuberculosis and hepatitis C, which continue to afflict a significant proportion of transplant recipients in India. Liver transplantation and pediatric transplantation were examined in parallel sessions.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## GERHARD OPELZ

Dear Members,  
2011 is a year that falls between TTS International Congresses and thus a year during which TTS Section meetings take place. I am sure that you will find a meeting that addresses your interests. Details can be found in this newsletter and updates are shown continuously on the TTS website: [www.tts.org](http://www.tts.org).

Special events, such as the Global Forum held in Montreal for educating school children on matters of organ donation or the deceased organ donation conference in Macedonia that aimed at increasing donation from deceased donors in South-Eastern Europe, took place under TTS leadership or with substantial TTS involvement. With this, TTS fills the leadership role that its members in countries around the world expect and have grown accustomed to.

Virtually invisible to the TTS membership but very much active are the preparations for the Berlin 2012 TTS World Congress. In terms of organizing a large international congress like this one, a year to go means "only a year to go". Already, organizational and program committees have been formed and are busy at work. Meeting schedules, social programs and special events must be planned with

great care. TTS executives are interacting with the local organizing committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Peter Neuhaus to ensure another success in the series of TTS congresses, both professionally and socially. The city of Berlin, with its rich cultural and historical background and its reputation for being a world capital of modern entertainment, is a venue that will provide something of interest for everyone.

July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 are the dates to mark on your calendars. We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a great scientific and social event in Berlin 2012. For up-to-date information, visit the Congress website at [www.transplantation2012.org](http://www.transplantation2012.org).

Gerhard Opelz, President



Gerhard Opelz

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## DMA REPORT • HENRIK EKBERG

The year 2011 is an alternate year for The Transplantation Society, meaning that there is no TTS Congress but instead a great number of smaller specific conferences and other meetings, in particular those of TTS Sections.

At the moment of writing this, we were looking forward to the **13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of IPITA** in Prague, Czech Republic, June 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. The venue was centrally located in a beautiful city in the midst of Europe and an exciting program of basic and clinical research in pancreas and islet transplantation was offered.

Only ten days after this meeting, on June 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, we had the **XII TTS Basic Science Symposium** in collaboration with ESOT in Boston, Cape Cod. An outstanding group of scientists from academia and research institutions from around the world were brought together to promote basic as well as translational research in the field of transplantation. Over 200 delegates were in attendance from 20 countries.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, the **XII International Small Bowel Transplant Symposium** will be hosted by ITA in Washington, DC. The Local Organizing Committee aims to broaden the scope and involvement of clinicians and scientists in related fields and have chosen "Prospectus: the next decade of intestinal failure and transplantation" as the theme of this year's meeting.

In late October, 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, the **CTS-IXA Joint International Congress** invites you to Miami for world-class workshops and vigorous discussions to help you catch up with the latest developments in the exciting field of cell transplantation, stem cell therapies and regenerative medicine.

Towards the end of 2011, on November 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, the **11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement** will be meeting in Buenos Aires,

Argentina. The scope is to improve organ donation and in addition to the scientific program, networking is vital. ISODP, together with TTS and WHO, is developing collaboration in countries around the world to improve the performance in organ donation.

This past May, I participated in a pioneering meeting in Montreal, the **1<sup>st</sup> TTS Global Forum**, on education about organ donation and transplantation for school children chaired by Marcelo and Felix Cantarovich and the Education committee. Experiences from projects and programs in many countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Philippines, Sweden and Spain were shared. Participants were convinced that reaching out to the children is a way of both educating future generations and helping their families' understand organ donation (read more about the Global Forum on page 4).

Earlier this year, in March, another important meeting took place: the **2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Transplantomics and Biomarkers in Organ Transplantation** (see page 5 for more details). This is a very successful initiative of TTS in gathering scientists and clinicians in the forefront of translational research, and the next meeting is already scheduled for March 2012 in La Jolla, San Diego under the guidance of Daniel Salomon.

All talks at the Transplantomics meeting as well as the Education Forum may be listened to and watched at [www.tts.org](http://www.tts.org). Go to our home page and learn more about past and future events.



Henrik Ekberg

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# BERLIN CALLING

24<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY  
JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>-19<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 | BERLIN, GERMANY

[www.transplantation2012.org](http://www.transplantation2012.org)



Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 the German capital has grown to an unequalled metropolis of tradition and modern spirit, culture and science. The city of Berlin offers a special venue for every visitor and every occasion.

It is our great pleasure and honor to be the host of the 24<sup>th</sup> International Congress of The Transplantation Society from July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Following the exceptionally successful meetings in Boston, Sydney and Vancouver, we would like to welcome you to a city, which twenty years after the reunification has evolved into one of the most important capitals of Europe. Once the capital of Prussia and leading cultural centre of the 1920s, today the new capital of Germany is characterized by its dazzling modernity and breathtaking architecture. Berlin is young, dynamic and bursting with joie de vivre. The daily connections from Berlin's airports to cities all over the world, the high-class infrastructure and the remarkable high security standards in combination with its extensive cultural events and vibrant nightlife attract millions of tourists each year. Few cities have been shaped to such an extent by history and undergone as major of a transformation as Berlin. "Berlin is always in the process of becoming," remarked historian Karl Scheffler. Even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century transplantation still is in a process of becoming, too. Therefore, the 24<sup>th</sup> International Congress of The Transplantation Society will promote the dialogue of experts from around the world. The executive organizing committee includes the presidents and further representatives of both The Transplantation Society and the German Transplantation Society (Deutsche Transplantationsgesellschaft - DTG).

The 24<sup>th</sup> Congress is designed for physicians, surgeons, scientists, organ procurement personnel and transplant nurses, who are interested in the clinical and research aspects of

solid organ as well as cell and tissue transplantation. The International Congress Centre Berlin (ICC Berlin) with its 80 halls and rooms seating between 20 and 9000 ranks among the biggest, most advanced and most successful congress venues in the world.

The overall format of the successful TTS meetings will not change. After the Postgraduate Education Course on Saturday and Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the meeting will start with early morning workshops every day, followed by joint plenary sessions with highly credited speakers providing an overview of current developments and new perspectives. Every morning will close with a large selection of single-focused concurrent oral presentations. The afternoons will be for concurrent state-of-the-art symposia, concurrent oral presentations, posters and mini oral sessions. Beside the traditional topics of liver, kidney, heart and lung, pancreas and islet, as well as intestine and multivisceral transplantation, we will foster all aspects of basic science with respect to immunobiology, immunosuppression, regenerative medicine and composite tissue transplantation. We strive for more interwoven sessions with respect to basic and clinical science. During Mini Oral Sessions, authors will present their posters on large screens in the poster area. Each author will be given a short presentation slot that concludes with a short Q&A session. During this session all screens will be synchronized in order to gain maximum attention. Outside the Mini Oral Sessions, these posters will be displayed as part of a continuous loop on the screens. We will also provide space for traditional, printed posters being displayed throughout the meeting.

In addition to the classical types of scientific sessions including plenary sessions, symposia, workshops and poster presentations, we will also offer new types of scientific sessions within the

Forum Futurum focusing on Tailored Pharmacotherapy, Imaging and Regenerative Medicine. All of this is designed as a highly interactive forum to discuss cutting-edge science.

The program is developed to encourage the exchange of new scientific and clinical information, and support an interchange of opinions regarding care and management issues, as well as socioeconomic, ethical and regulatory issues relevant to transplantation.

We therefore cordially invite you and your colleagues together with your friends and family to come to Berlin. Your active participation in the scientific program will be the foundation for a successful event in 2012.

Prof. Dr. Peter Neuhaus, Chair  
2012 Transplantation Congress  
[www.transplantation2012.org](http://www.transplantation2012.org)



TTS was given its very own Buddy Bear, created with the Berlin 2012 Congress in mind. The bear, now on display in IHQ, has the Congress logo on its belly as well as images of famous landmarks in Berlin. Buddy Bears are unique to Berlin and were first exhibited throughout the city in 2002. Each bear stands 2 meters tall and usually represent a United Nations country, promoting a message of global unity and peace.

# EDUCATION ON ORGAN DONATION & TRANSPLANTATION FOR SCHOOLS

MONTREAL • MAY 2011



The 1<sup>st</sup> Global Forum focusing on education about organ donation and transplantation for school children took place in Montreal on May 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The goal of the Forum was to increase international collaboration in this area. The program included presentations by representatives from countries actively involved in education programs. Keynote speakers, school teachers and also representatives from monotheist religions participated in plenary sessions and workshops. Amongst the participants there were representatives from affiliated and non-affiliated TTS societies, organ procurement organizations, school boards and faculties of education.

There was a high level of interaction and understanding. Participants shared their motivation and passion to educate, proposed new messages to society and were eager to promote networking. There was willingness to include countries that

did not attend and especially those without education programs for schools.

TTS will coordinate efforts in order to move this project forward, as highly suggested by the participants. A document summarizing the recommendations by the working groups will become available in the near future. To quote one of the participants: "this document will reflect the proceedings of a historical event".

The meeting was organized and sponsored by TTS with the collaboration of the Canadian Society of Transplantation. The Education Forum was chaired by Felix and Marcelo Cantarovich and was attended by over 40 representatives from 18 countries from all continents. Francis Delmonico and Henrik Ekberg from TTS executive group participated as speakers and chairs.

Presentations from the Education Forum are available at [www.tts.org](http://www.tts.org).



Participants of the Montreal TTS Global Forum

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Dr. Vivekanand Jha participated in the kidney group of Indian TTS representatives

There was a strong representation from experts from support services such as immunologists and pathologists. They talked about how improvements in technology, i.e. antibody screening, were helping in the management of transplant recipients. Drs. Suthanthiran and Sarwal discussed how biomarkers could be used to identify intragraft events much earlier than what is currently possible using non-invasive techniques. This session generated discussion where the means to introduce these technologies to India were explored. Dr. Roy Chaudhury led the discussion on how to develop collaboration and joint research.

With the goal of improving deceased organ donation programs in India, special sessions were organized around stakeholders from the government, NGOs and clinicians representing different Indian zones. The discussion ranged from donor identification, definition of death, training of counselors and coordinators and how the team could work together to advance deceased donation. Experience from Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh highlighted how it is possible to break the existing barriers to achieve this goal. Dr. Delmonico described the organ allocation program in the USA whereas key NGOs and organizations like Organ Retrieval Banking Organization (Delhi), MOHAN Foundation (Hyderabad), Zone Transplant Coordination Center (Mumbai) and National Deceased Donor Transplant Network (NDTN) presented their models and suggestions to promote deceased donor organ transplantation. The current government policies and the suggested changes being considered by the parliament were also a part of the conversation.

Participants explored issues relating to living donors, paying close attention to liver donors because a majority of liver transplants in India are performed using living donors. The pathway for selecting a donor both for liver and kidney, as well as the surgical aspects related to safe hepatectomy, were presented and followed by open discussion.

The meeting also provided the participants with plenty of opportunity for informal gatherings during breaks and meals. Social programs were planned in the evening to encourage the participants to experience the unique multicultural Goan ambience.

TTS wishes to thank Panacea Biotec Limited, India for supporting the meeting through an unrestricted educational grant.

**P**hysicians, surgeons, allied health providers, trainees, researchers and organ procurement personnel gathered in Atlanta on April 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Hand and Composite Tissue Allotransplantation Society (IHCTAS), the landmark meeting of the international community in the field of vascularized composite allotransplantation (VCA). The welcome ceremony included messages from Chris Larsen, Director of the Emory Transplant Center; Lee Herron, Georgia Research Alliance Vice President of Commercialization; Francis Delmonico, TTS President-Elect; Maria Siemionov, President of IHCTAS and Linda Cendales, IHCTAS Local Organizing Committee Chair.

The meeting had outstanding luminaries in the field of transplantation both clinical and basic and social sciences, such as Kathryn Wood, Sir Roy Calne and Sander Gillman as well as representatives from active programs in VCA worldwide.

The scientific program demonstrated the breadth of specialties involved in the emerging



Chair of the meeting Linda Cendales (center) with TTS travel award recipients: Radbeh Torabi, Cheng-Hung Lin, Robert Sucher, Fadi Issa, Julio Bermudez, Jun Araki, Gerhard Mundinger, Alessandrina Freitas and Dmitry Bazarov

field of VCA such as surgery, rehabilitation, mental health, infectious diseases, organ procurement, neurosciences, orthotics and prosthetics, pathology, anaplastology, public relations, patient's perspective, basic and translational research, military applications, as well as work from bright new investigators and trainees. Sessions integrated scientific and clinical information and the setting facilitated an open sharing of information, further galvanizing the multidisciplinary interactions necessary to chart the future of this exciting and demanding approach to transplantation. More than 70 oral communications addressed research with intensive discussion surrounding all topics.

This year's meeting was the first one after the IHCTAS became a Section of TTS. With the help

and generosity of TTS and many sponsors, the event exhibited the scope of areas involved in VCA. The meeting had increased numbers of attendees and abstract submissions. Additionally, travel awards were given by TTS to the highest scored abstracts submitted by trainees. The awardees were from the continents represented at the conference.

The report of the delegates was that the meeting demonstrated a unique winning combination of science and social interaction with the opportunity throughout the meeting for an open sharing of information to better the field in general.

We look forward to the next meeting in Poland in 2013...

## 2<sup>nd</sup> TRANSPLANTOMICS CONFERENCE • BARCELONA, SPAIN

**F**rom March 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in the beautiful city of Barcelona, a multidisciplinary group of speakers and attendants gathered at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Transplantomics and Biomarkers to discuss how information obtained with "omics" techniques could be used to improve patient care of organ transplant recipients.

Drs. Weale, Lord and Chen presented the latest information on and the importance of genome wide association. Drs. Holmes, Rush and Dalton updated us on how metabonomics and proteomics approaches were being used in transplantation whereas Dr. Razavi introduced the concept of imaging biomarkers.

Drs. Sawitzki, Maarten, Anglicheau, Sellares-Roig, Hernandez-Fuentes and Pham gave us examples of how gene expression can be used for prediction and personalization of medicine in kidney, liver or heart transplantation. Long-term and short-term outcomes were assessed. The multi-platform approach was introduced by Drs. Brouard, Sanchez-Fueyo and Lechler. Dr. Reinke used a cell-function assessment called ELISpot while Dr. Claas showed us the role of antibodies detected in serum.

The statisticians and bioinformaticians were outstanding. Whilst Dr. Rebollo-Mesa initiated us on prediction models, Dr. Irizarre made our hair stand on end when he showed a range of batch effects with baffling results; fortunately he then explained how to deal with them. Dr. Dopazo instructed on the analysis of data to solve complex biological problems and Dr. Brinkman mentioned how to tackle the automated analysis of multiparametric flow cytometry to do "real science".

Dr. Ehmann provided important insight when he elaborated on the qualification process at the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and Drs. Olano-Martin from Progenika and Ashton-Chess from TcLand Expression shared their industries point-of-view.

While the focus of this conference was on transplantation, clearly the themes discussed have a much wider implication for progress in personalised medicine. The goal ahead is to improve long-term survival of transplanted organs. This task will involve better therapeutic regimens, which in turn will lead to superior markers for prediction of dysfunction, more focused targets for intervention and improved surrogate markers of outcome.



From left to right: Graham Lord (Meeting Co-Chair), Henrik Ekberg (DMA), Alberto Sanchez-Fueyo (Meeting Co-Chair), Jeremy Chapman (Immediate Past President), Maria Hernandez Fuentes (Meeting Co-Chair), Filomena Picciano (DSO) and Daniel Serón (President of The Catalan Transplantation Society)

Ten TTS-Astellas Young Investigator Awards were presented to TTS members with the highest scoring abstracts during the Vancouver Congress. TTS will be profiling the award winners throughout the year in *Tribune*.



### LUIZ LISBOA CANADA

Luiz Lisboa's thesis work investigates the human and viral microRNAs during Cytomegalovirus infection in transplantation. His winning abstract, *In vivo viral microRNA profiling in a large cohort of transplant patients with CMV disease*, pointed out the potential of one of the virus-produced

microRNAs as a biomarker on prediction of the risk of recurrent CMV viremia after treatment of CMV disease in organ recipients. His work on target discovery for this virus and other human microRNAs, as well on characterizing patterns of microRNA expression associated with CMV infection endpoints, is ongoing and expanding towards the use of siRNA targeting microRNAs as therapy for CMV in vitro and in animal models.

Luiz Lisboa was born in Brazil, where he studied at the University of Sao Paulo from medical school to medical residency in infectious diseases. In 2008, he started the Transplant Infectious Diseases Clinical Fellowship Program at University of Alberta, Canada. Currently he is a PhD student at U of A, under the supervision of Dr. Atul Humar and co-supervision of Dr. Deepali Kumar.



### CHEGUEVARA AFANEH USA

Cheguevara Afaneh's work focuses on human renal allograft recipients and their urinary cell gene expression patterns. He won a Young Investigator Award for his abstract entitled *Differential regulation of positive or negative costimulatory molecules during acute rejection of human renal allografts*. He found that

urinary cell mRNA levels for OX40 differentiate patients with acute rejection and allograft dysfunction from patients with stable graft function and normal protocol biopsies. Moreover, urinary cell levels of mRNA for OX40 were prognostic of a patient's response to acute rejection treatment, as well as predict whether patients with acute rejection would lose their graft within 6 months following an episode of acute rejection.

Dr. Afaneh earned his medical degree from The Chicago Medical School in 2007, graduating with the distinction of Alpha Omega Alpha. He subsequently entered surgical residency at NY Presbyterian Hospital-Cornell in New York and in July of 2009, he began working under the auspicious mentorship of Dr. Manikkam Suthanthiran in his transplantation laboratory. In 2009 he was appointed to Cambridge's *Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals* and in 2010 was selected as a VIP of the Year.



### HANNA TRYDZENSKAYA GERMANY

Hanna Trydzenskaya was granted a Young Investigator Award for her paper: *New Protocol of BKV-specific T-cell Analysis Allows for Improved Assessment of Phenotypic and Functional Characteristics of BKV-specific Immunity*. BKV-associated nephropathy (BKVAN) represents a serious complication of the post-transplant period in

kidney transplant recipients (KTRs) leading to organ loss in 50% of all cases. Monitoring of BKV-specific immunity is very important for assessment of clinical course in KTRs with BKV infection/BKVAN. She demonstrated that using a mixture of overlapping peptides pools spanning all five BKV antigens enabled the identification of CD4- and CD8-T-cell responses and their phenotypic/functional characteristics that were not consistently detectable with the previously applied protocols with single protein stimulation. Thus, the results have significant clinical implication for monitoring of the complete BKV-specific cellular immunity as a predictive risk factor for the progression of BKV infection/BKVAN.

Hanna Trydzenskaya was born in Belarus and graduated from the Belarusian State University, where she specialized in chemistry and pharmaceutical sciences. In 2008 she began her PhD studies at the Berlin-Brandenburg School for Regenerative Therapies at the Institute for Medical Immunology (Charité, Berlin) in the transplantation research group of Prof. Petra Reinke and Prof. Hans-Dieter Volk. Currently, her research focuses on regulation and pathogenesis of reactivation of Polyomavirus, the role of cellular immunity for the clinical course of Polyomavirus infection.



### RUSSELL HODGSON AUSTRALIA

Russell Hodgson received a Young Investigator award for his abstract *Prolonged xenograft survival induced by ICOS-Ig is associated with increased Foxp3+ cells*. His work summarised important aspects arising from his PhD, demonstrating that costimulatory blockade with the fusion protein, ICOS-Ig, prolongs

xenograft survival and that this was associated with perigraft FoxP3+ cell accumulation.

Russell Hodgson is a general surgical registrar in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He developed a keen interest in liver transplantation while studying and working at Austin Health, and has deferred his surgical training to complete a PhD in the related field of xenotransplantation under the supervision of Prof. Mauro Sandrin and Prof. Chris Christophi. At the completion of his PhD and surgical training, Russell is hoping to further his career in liver transplantation and transplantation research.



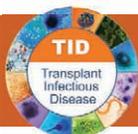
## CELL TRANSPLANT SOCIETY UPDATE

## WOMEN IN TRANSPLANTATION ... PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The Cell Transplant Society will hold their biannual meeting from October 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel, on South Beach, Miami, Florida in conjunction with the International Xenotransplantation Association. The preliminary program can be found at [www.cts-ixa2011.org](http://www.cts-ixa2011.org).

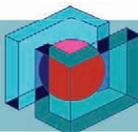
Up to 600 participants are expected at this year's meeting. If you are involved or just interested in this basic research and the translation of these exciting cellular therapies to the clinics, I invite you to participate and exchange ideas with the scientific leaders of these fields and the many students, postdoctoral fellows and bench scientists who conduct this cutting edge work.

As our announcement on the website points out: "Ground breaking science and warm inviting beaches will make for a memorable and exciting Congress you will not want to miss". See you there! *Prof. Stephen Strom, President of CTS*



## TRANSPLANT INFECTIOUS DISEASE SECTION UPDATE

The TID section of TTS has been busy with infectious disease-related webinars (viewable for members at [www.tts.org/webinar](http://www.tts.org/webinar)), with guideline development for evaluating donors for tuberculosis and also for prophylaxis of infection in vascularized composite tissue allografts, and in planning the 5<sup>th</sup> International Transplant Infectious Disease meeting, to be held September, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 in Glasgow, Scotland just before the ESOT meeting. We have an exciting lineup of outstanding speakers for this TID meeting (visit [www.tid2011.org](http://www.tid2011.org)), and invite anyone interested in infections and solid organ transplantation to attend. We are always happy to have new members in our section; for more information, please contact the Membership Services Manager at [membership@tts.org](mailto:membership@tts.org). *Camille Kotton, President of TID*



## International Society For Organ Donation and Procurement

## UPDATE

ISODP and members of TTS are very much looking forward to the 2011 Organ Donation Congress that will be held in Buenos Aires on November 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This congress will be under the chairmanship of Dr. Carlos Soratti who has done tremendous work together with his co-workers in putting together a very nice program covering a lot of aspects of organ donation and procurement. It will give participants ample time for discussion and will allow a lively exchange of news and experience. All of you are invited to take part and I would like to encourage you to look at the congress website: [www.isodp2011.org.ar](http://www.isodp2011.org.ar).

ISODP's 2012 scholarship for the education of people involved in organ donation has been announced. The program is geared towards those who already have some experience in organ donation and procurement but want to increase their knowledge in bench-marking with top world institutions. This year's program has been made possible with the help of Astellas Pharma Inc. and is restricted to applicants outside North America. Please apply through the ISODP website. We have meanwhile received the reports of participants from last year's scholarship program. Everyone was extremely enthusiastic about the content of the program and the education they received.

Together with TTS, ESOT and ETCO, the ISODP was involved in the South Eastern Europe Initiative in Deceased Donation.

Once again, I encourage you to take part in the activities of the society, become a member and join us in Buenos Aires for our 2011 conference.

*Prof. Dr. Günter Kirste, President of ISODP*

## INTERNATIONAL MENTORING SCHEME

We are pleased to announce the successful launch of the TTS Women in Transplantation International Mentoring Scheme in May 2011. The response has been extremely positive and we are in the process of setting up over 40 mentor / mentee relationships. The next round of applications for mentorship will be opened in late August / early September.

The aim of this unique programme is to provide one to one mentoring by women professionals working in the field of transplantation to members of the TTS WIT initiative. The programme provides mentees with both a national and international mentor - to enable mentees to discuss issues and receive support and guidance on both a local and international level that is independent from their place of work.

The mentoring scheme was developed in direct response to the replies received from the TTS Women in Transplantation Survey that has been circulated on an international basis for the past 2 years and completed by more than 500 women worldwide (The latest edition of the report on the survey is available on the TTS website – [www.tts.org/women](http://www.tts.org/women)). Women who replied to the survey told us that, for them, access to suitable mentors was a key priority, which they believed would make a significant difference to their career progression.

The TTS WIT International Mentoring Programme is available to all women working in the field of transplantation including clinicians and clinician scientists, scientists, nurse practitioners, transplant coordinators and ethicists.

Full details of the scheme and how to apply are available on the WIT pages on the TTS website.

Don't miss this valuable opportunity; visit our website today for instructions and further details.

[www.tts.org/wit/](http://www.tts.org/wit/)

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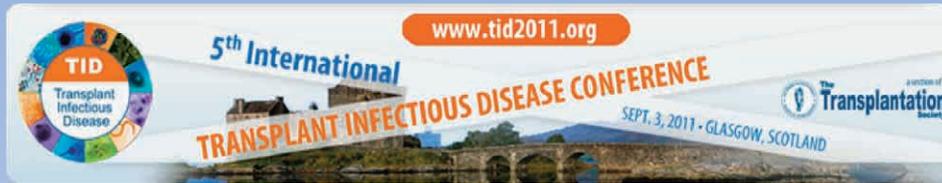
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**5<sup>th</sup> International**  
**TRANSPLANT INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONFERENCE**  
SEPT. 3, 2011 - GLASGOW, SCOTLAND  
[www.tid2011.org](http://www.tid2011.org)

**5<sup>th</sup> International Transplant Infectious Disease Conference**  
**Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow, Scotland**  
Co-Chairs: Camille Kotton, Hans H. Hirsch  
**September 3, 2011**  
[www.tid2011.org](http://www.tid2011.org)  
(one day prior to ESOT and 5 minutes from convention center)



**XII International**  
**Small Bowel Transplant Symposium**  
Save the dates!  
September 15 – 18, 2011  
JW Marriott Hotel  
Washington DC, USA  
[www.isbts2011.org](http://www.isbts2011.org)

**XII International Small Bowel Transplant Symposium**  
**JW Marriott, Washington, DC, USA**  
Chair: David Fishbein  
**September 15-18, 2011**  
[www.isbts2011.org](http://www.isbts2011.org)



**Miami-USA**  
Cell Transplant Society  
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**2011** October 23 to 26  
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[www.cts-ixa2011.org](http://www.cts-ixa2011.org)  
Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of CTS! Visit us online for the latest updates and news.

**CTS-IXA 2011 Joint International Congress**  
**Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Miami, FL, USA**  
Chair: Camillo Ricordi  
**October 23-26, 2011**  
[www.cts-ixa2011.org](http://www.cts-ixa2011.org)



**2011 Organ Donation Congress**  
11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement  
2<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the Iberoamerican Society of Transplant Coordinators  
November 27-30, 2011 • Buenos Aires, Argentina  
[www.isodp2011.org.ar](http://www.isodp2011.org.ar)

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[www.tts-transplantomics.org](http://www.tts-transplantomics.org)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON**  
**TRANSPLANTOMICS and BIOMARKERS**  
in ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION  
San Diego, CA, USA | March 2012

**3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Transplantomics and Biomarkers in Organ Transplantation**  
**La Jolla (San Diego), CA, USA**  
March 2012  
[www.tts-transplantomics.org](http://www.tts-transplantomics.org)  
(Abstract submission opens in September 2011)



**2012 TRANSPLANTATION**  
**24TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY**  
JULY 15 – 19, 2012  
BERLIN

**XXIV International Congress of The Transplantation Society**  
**Berlin, Germany • July 15-19, 2012**  
Chair: Peter Neuhaus  
[www.transplantation2012.org](http://www.transplantation2012.org)  
(Abstract submission opens in August 2011)

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