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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the organizing committee it is our pleasure to invite you to the 3rd ELPAT Congress on Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of Transplantation. The congress will take place from 20-23 April, 2013 in the World Trade Center in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

ELPAT is an interactive Platform that exchanges information, ideas, and experiences by encouraging dialogue and facilitating research on Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of Organ Transplantation (ELPAT). ELPAT is an official Committee of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT). ELPAT was founded during the 1st congress in April 2007 in Rotterdam. The 2nd congress was held in April 2010 with the aim to expand the European platform to new EU Member States.

With the 3rd congress, we are going global. We are honoured to announce our congress as a joint event between ELPAT, ESOT and the International Transplantation Society (TTS).

With “Global Issues, Local Solutions”, as our main theme, the focus is on bridging the divide between international commitments, global outreach and the realization of their potential to improve the lives of patients across the world.

We do so by exchanging best practices aimed at implementing and sustaining successful transplantation programs and by strengthening cross-border collaboration. We also offer a social platform and opportunities for networking through social and cultural activities.

We trust that you will enjoy not only our conference, but also the vibrant atmosphere, culinary delights and modern architecture of Rotterdam.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rotterdam.

Your Sincerely

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**Audience**
The conference is open to all professionals involved in transplant medicine. This includes, but is not limited to, (bio-) ethicists, philosophers, clinicians, lawyers, anthropologists, psychologists and policy-makers in the field of organ donation and transplantation.

**Description**
This conference is unique. Not only do we offer a multidisciplinary programme, we also enable participants to attend interactive workshops and focus sessions where the plenary topics will be further explored and discussed.

**Objectives**
Experts from all over the world are invited to express their views on overcoming global transplant issues.

- Global Issues and Local Solutions in Transplant Medicine
- Promoting Living Organ Donation
- Global Access to Transplantation
- Children as Donors
- Transplant Tourism
- Justice and Allocation
- International Outreach
- How to set up a Transplant Programme

**Focus Sessions**
- Home Based Education
- Anonymity
- Living Liver Donation
- Donor Recruitment, Altruism and Compensation
- Principles of Allocation
- Ethics and Donation after Cardiac Death

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**Interactive Workshops and Free Communications**
We invite you to submit your work for presentation at our conference. We welcome abstracts that deal with the following topics:

1. **CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS ASPECTS OF LIVING AND DECEASED DONATION**
   a. Death and the body
   b. Altruism versus reciprocity
   c. Access to donation and transplantation

2. **CROSS-BORDER TRANSPLANTS**
   a. The role of health care professionals
   b. Transplant tourism
   c. Trafficking and law enforcement

3. **PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE**
   a. Patient empowerment
   b. Psychosocial challenges in hand and face transplantation
   c. Psychosocial screening of living donors and recipients

4. **AUTONOMY AT THE END OF LIFE**
   a. Legal and ethical aspects of preparatory measures
   b. Moment of asking
   c. Acceptability of the dead donor rule

5. **PUBLIC ISSUES**
   a. Public policy, campaigns and education
   b. Conventional and modern media
   c. Improving health and risk communication

6. **CHILDREN AS DONORS AND RECIPIENTS**
   a. Factors influencing pediatric donation
   b. Impact on family dynamics and identity construction
   c. Living kidney donation by minors: ethical aspects
## Programme Overview

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### Abstract Submission

**The abstract submission opens on July 1, 2012 and the deadline is on November 19, 2012**

The Scientific Committee invites authors to submit abstracts to be considered for inclusion in the programme.

Abstracts can be submitted electronically via www.esot.org. Abstracts submitted by regular mail, e-mail or fax will not be accepted. If problems arise when submitting an abstract, please contact the ESOT Office (office@esot.org).

**Notification**

Notification of acceptance will be e-mailed to the contact author by December 20, 2012.

**Presentations**

Selected abstracts will be presented as oral presentations. Other submissions will be presented as posters and exhibited throughout the congress. Presenters are requested to attend chaired poster sessions.

**Congress format**

Plenary sessions, parallel sessions, oral presentations, opening lectures, pro-con sessions, poster sessions and workshops.

**Updates**

Please check the website regularly for information on the programme, contents, workshops, abstract submission and registration.
Registration

Online registration is available at www.elpat.org and www.esot.org

Registration fees

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* Students should send a copy of their identification card together with their registration form.

Conditions

Early registration fees will be accepted only if the registration form and payment are received by the due date. Pre-registrations will be accepted until April 10, 2013. On-site registration will be available at the congress venue starting from April 20, 2013, at 15.00 hrs.

Registration fee includes:
Admission to the scientific sessions and poster area, a congress kit, programme book, proceedings book, refreshments during breaks, lunch, welcome drinks, and a cultural programme.

Confirmation

Written confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the address indicated on the registration form.

Payment

- Credit Card (VISA - MASTERCARD)
- Bank transfer, payable to
  Name of the bank: ABN AMRO
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  BIC/Swift code: ABNANL2A
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Please ensure the participant's name is clearly stated on the bank transfer along with the IBAN and BIC codes and an instruction to the bank to cover all charges. A copy of the bank transfer must be sent together with the registration form.

Cancellation

Requests for refunds must be submitted by January 31, 2013 to ensure reimbursement. There will be no refunds after this date. A processing fee of € 50 will be charged for all refunds. All refunds will be processed after the meeting.

General Information

Venue

The conference will be held in the Beurs- World Trade Center (WTC)
Beursplein 37
3011 AA Rotterdam
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Tel. + 31 (0) 10 4054444
Website: www.wtcrotterdam.nl

Rotterdam is the second largest city and the industrial heart of The Netherlands. It contains the largest port in Europe. Within an hour’s drive of the three main cities Utrecht, The Hague and Amsterdam you will find a modern city with a rich history that is famous for its architecture. The city has numerous museums, cultural events, a diverse nightlife and is easily accessible by road, ferry, railway and air. In addition, Rotterdam has an international airport. The city can be reached from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol by a direct train connection. Further information on the city and its access is available on the congress website.

Visas

Please check with your local Dutch Embassy to see if your country of origin requires a VISA to enter The Netherlands.

Hotel Accommodation

Rotterdam offers a full range of hotel rooms, in all categories. Special congress rates have been negotiated with hotels located within walking distance from the congress centre. For more information please visit our websites.
Important dates and deadlines

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPENS**
July 01, 2012

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS**
September 01, 2012

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE**
November 19, 2012

**AUTHOR NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE**
December 20, 2012

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE**
January 31, 2013
Appendix 2c: Overview en statistics ELPAT facebook account (screenshots)
https://www.facebook.com/ESOTELPA
Overview burst mail to all ESOT/ELPAT members, appr. 10.100 addresses.

TTS has send burst mails twice to their members regarding the congress.

Eurotransplant has sent the 2nd announcement to all their members.

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1. 04-09-2012 opening Registration + 2\textsuperscript{nd} announcement

Rotterdam, 4 September 2012

Dear colleague,

We are pleased to announce that the registration of the 3rd ELPAT Congress: 'Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of Transplantation. Global Issues, Local Solutions' is now open.

The congress will take place from 20-23 April 2013 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

**Abstract deadline is 19th November 2012.**

You find the announcement attached. Please feel free to circulate it to those who may be interested.

More information can be found on www.ELPAT.org

Kind regards,

on behalf of the organizing committee,

Willem Weimar,
ELPAT Chair

Frederike Ambagtshceer
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2. 26-10-2012 Programme available online

3. 10-11-2012 9 days left to submit abstract
4. 14-11-2012 TTS burst mail 5 days left to submit abstract

5. 19-11-2012 extended deadline to submit abstract
6. 14-01-2013 early registration reminder

Dear colleague,

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The conference will take place from 20-23 April 2013 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

The conference is a joint event between ELPAT, the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) and the International Transplantation Society (TTS).

You can download the programme from www.ELPAT.org. Please feel free to forward it to your networks.

The EARLY REGISTRATION deadline is January 31st 2013.

We look forward to meeting you in Rotterdam.

Kind regards,
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Willem Weimar,
Chair of ELPAT
7. 15-02-2013 programme presentations/speakers opening session

Saturday April 20th
Opening
Global Issues, Local Solutions

Ethics and the Acquisition of Organs

Transplantation is unusual in health care: it is short of its raw material – organs – rather than money. That is its public policy problem. And its raw material comes from people’s bodies. That is its ethical problem. This talk describes the approach to transplantation ethics in my book ‘Ethics and the Acquisition of Organs’. I claim that (1) people have rights over their bodies, a subset of which I call personal sovereignty rights; and (2) thinking about what these rights are, how important they are, and when they apply (in particular, whether they apply past death) allows us to reach reasoned conclusions about such problems as the role of the family, opt in versus opt out, organ consensual, live donation, directed donation, and organ sales. As an example, I will consider organ consensual from the dead, which probably few of you agree with but which is hard to argue against without something like the personal sovereignty approach.

Ethics and the Allocation of Organs

Allocation of an absolutely scarce life-saving resource i.e. transplantable organs, poses difficult ethical questions. Within the context of a significant shortfall to satisfy demand, allocation policies strive to reflect society’s values in respecting autonomy and fairness whilst balancing issues of fairness and utility in the distribution of organs. Transparency of organ allocation is essential in maintaining public trust in the transplant system. Transplantation has supported two very different allocation systems for deceased and living donor organs, one partial, directed and private; the other impartial, largely non-directed and public. Established algorithms have been challenged as we expand possibilities for transplantation such as living related exchange programmes and the use of anonymous living donors. The demand for organs has pushed us to question some long held assumptions, such as non-direction of deceased donor organs, leading some countries to inaugurate changes to policy. Going forward, we need to examine policies from consequentialist and deontological viewpoints, the rights of the collective versus the individual, donor interests versus those of recipients, differing concepts of equity and justice as well as the importance accorded to variables including age, locality and predicted outcomes. This presentation will give an overview of the major issues in organ allocation today.

Organ Donation and Transplantation in Emerging Economies

The developing world is faced with several major challenges and hence transplantation becomes a low priority in most countries. As a result the transplantation rate is very low in most developing countries. The commonest transplantation is that of kidneys and due to lack of dialysis facilities the awareness about the transplantation is generally very poor. Using donors are the commonest source of kidneys but in some countries use of unrelated donors have resulted in selling of kidneys to the rich in their own country or for recipients coming from richer neighbours. The strategy of increasing organ donation and transplantation would begin with prioritizing the end stage organ failure in their respective healthcare system. The transplant centres preferably be established in public sector hospitals so that the profit motive currently seen in private sectors not operative. Comprehensive legislation for transplantation of living and deceased donors should also be considered a priority as the framework will be very useful in preventing unethical transplantation. Major rural and liver centres in the public sector could be strengthened to become the flagships in promoting the clean image of transplantation (e.g. UNODC) which the people can see as examples of transparency being fair and equitable for all stake holders. Since the donor and recipient are both members of the society, the transplant based on beneficence and altruism is appreciated and therefore sale or commerce in transplantation is looked down upon. The ethical principles in transplantation are universal and poor resources should not be any excuse for promoting transplantation for only those who could pay.

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8. 19-03-2013 programme presentations/speakers closing session

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Tuesday April 23rd
Closing Ceremony
Global Outreach

11:00-13:00

Rotterdam Hall

The Declaration of Istanbul:
the first five years, the next five years

In the last two decades human organ trafficking, commercialization, and
transplant tourism have become prominent and pervasive influence on
transplantation therapy with the source of organs being the impoverished
in India, Pakistan, Egypt and the Philippines, deceased organ donors in
Colombia, and executed prisoners in China. In response, in May 2008, The
Transplantation Society and International Society of Nephrology
developed the Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant
Tourism which has been published widely and endorsed by over 129
professional and governmental bodies. Prolongation of the Declaration of
Istanbul and the formation of the Declaration of Istanbul Committee Group,
to give effect to and uphold its principles, have demonstrated that
concerted, strategic, and collaborative actions by professionals can deliver
tangible change within the international transplant community. In the
ensuing five years the Declaration of Istanbul has lead to cooperation
between relevant international, regional and national governmental
organisations and has afforded real protection to vulnerable individuals
and communities around the world. The work continues.

Global outreach: how to set up a transplant programme

There are many countries in the developing world that have limited or no
transplant services. In many developing countries transplantation with
generic immunosuppression is a much more cost-effective way of treating
end-stage kidney failure, and may be the only affordable option. Clinical
partnerships between transplant centres in the developed world and new
or embryonic transplant programmes in the developing world, can lead to
tremendous joint success in helping to develop transplant services and
establishing a regional training centre. To ensure sustainability it is
important to secure local government support, and key committed
individuals are required in both centres to make the partnership function
well. The International Society of Nephrology and Transplantation Society
have recently launched a new initiative to create Sister Transplant Centers
with limited funding, but a substantial package of support including short
fellowsips, mentor visits, facilitation of training courses and multidisciplinary
training.

It is extremely rewarding to see practical dissemination of transplantation
experience and protocols and their beneficial impact on upgrading existing
clinical services and establishing new ones in developing centres. This
session will demonstrate how practical global outreach can lead to the
provision of transplantation as a life saving treatment in developing
countries.

Global issues, local solutions.

How can the European Commission contribute?

The presentation will start by giving an overview of figures on living and
deceased organ donors and transplants in the EU. This will be followed by
a description of the legal mandate of the European Commission under the
EU Treaty and the legal instruments adopted thereunder. The recently
adopted Commission Implementing Directive laying down information
procedures for the exchange, between Member States, of human organs
intended for transplantation will be presented. This will be followed by a
short introduction to decision-making in the EU in the area of public
health, explaining the institutional set-up within the EU to ensure that the
supranational mandate of the EU can be realised. The diverse
responsibilities that are divided between procurement and transplant centres,
national competent authorities and the Commission under this EU
regime will be laid out, legal measures and non-legal activities within the
EU framework will be discussed. This will cover projects co-funded by the
European Commission under the Action Plan, such as ACCORD and eLPSP,
and initiatives to ensure quality and safety by training professionals
involved in organ donation will be presented. The presentation shall also
show the potential as well as the limits of the European Commission's mandate
within the European Union.

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Plenary Session 1

Rotterdam Hall

The place of the living versus the dead body in Turkish transplant practices

In Turkey, Transplants have been a challenging practice from early on. Launched in the 1970's as a small practice at Hacettepe Medical School in Ankara, it would have to wait until the end of the Cold War and the dawn of neoliberal economic policies to spread out to several regions of the country, and even then, with very fragmented biopolitical agendas. Lack of infrastructure, lack of organ donations, and physician anxieties towards diagnosing brain death, institutional fights and many other issues would affect transplants' political economy. For one thing, Turkey was in a socioeconomic transition, and transplantation as a medical practice had proven how science and technology could mold the social body for progress. Physicians were proved right. However, along with the expansion of transplant organs trafficking had emerged as a side economy partly due to social inequalities and poverty. Yet physicians seemed to agree that transplant’s central problem was the lack of “cadaveric donations” for organ transplants due to cultural taboos surrounding the dead body.

Today, I will talk about the place of the dead and the living body in transplant medicine from a cultural anthropological point of view as I will try to address some of the central debates emerging from this tension.

Emerging international transplant medicine: what ethical conclusions may be drawn?

In a personal viewpoint published by the American Journal of Transplantation in April, 2012, Alastair Campbell and I presented a case study describing Singapore’s interest in (a) strengthening its organ transplant capacity by sustaining an adequate patient load for developing a high level of medical skill, and (b) harnessing the economic potential of participation in international medical care, set off against (c) the threat to professional ethics and social solidarity that international transplant medicine can create. The paper also described current efforts in Singapore to mitigate risks to professional and ethical integrity within the system, and the risks that remain.

In discussing ethical conclusions to be drawn, I propose to consider the following questions: (i) How might the identified risks be mitigated and, if this does not succeed, what are some further risks for a national and international practice of transplant medicine? (ii) What other strategies for addressing organ transplantation needs are available, and which is the most promising approach?

Promoting living donation and home-based education

Live donor kidney transplantation (LDKT) is the most optimal intervention for most patients with kidney failure who are transplant candidates. However, there are many barriers to LDKT, especially for minorities and socioeconomically disadvantaged patients and potential donors. Dr. Rodrigue will discuss the rationale, theoretical underpinnings, and development of the House Calls intervention, which includes the social system of the patient to increase knowledge and awareness of LDKT and living donation. Findings from two randomized House Calls trials completed in the United States will be reviewed, and its evaluation in three other ongoing studies will be discussed. New developments to further enhance the House Calls intervention will be described. Dr. Rodrigue will conclude with a discussion of some key clinical, pragmatic, and ethical issues that should be considered prior to implementation of the House Calls intervention.

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Global Issues, Local Solutions

08:30-10:00

Plenary Session 2

Rotterdam Hall

The unnoticed problem of the duality between neurological and circulatory death

International laws accept a “hierarchical criterion” for declaring death: irreversible loss of circulatory function and irreversible loss of brain function are considered sufficient in that there is no legal requirement for both criteria to be simultaneously fulfilled. It is frequently assumed that irreversible loss of brain function is the “gold standard” for the determination of death. Many authors accept donation after circulatory death (DCD) because they believe that loss of circulatory function is an adequate surrogate marker for total brain failure. In DCD, organ donors are considered dead while there is no direct evidence that they have a total and irreversible brain failure. The objective of this presentation is to discuss whether or not this is problematic in general, and for health professionals in particular.

Why considering the “public” in organ transplantation issues? Chances and risks of public opinion research

Low organ donation rates have stimulated interest in the use of sociological studies to explore public or sometimes sub-public attitudes towards donation and transplantation.

In my presentation, I will elicit three major ethical and methodological issues in the field of public opinions and public policies: First, I want to discuss the ethicity behind the idea of “public debates”, public deliberation, and public engagement. Second, I will present different concepts of public engagement and discuss the underlying paradigms and their ethical rational of information, propaganda, advertisement, and deliberation. Thirdly, I will discuss the chances and risks of different forms of engagement. Moreover, I will consider some major methodological and practical issues for measuring attitude or engaging with the public.

I finally want to present briefly - as a case study – how public opinions studies on financial incentives for organ donation might be helpful to improve professional as well as policy discussions.

Organ transplantation and children with neurocognitive disability

Recent news reports describe several children who were denied organ transplants because of their neurocognitive disability. Surveys of transplant centers confirm that many programs consider neurocognitive disability a relative or absolute contraindication to transplant.

Transplant programs routinely consider medical outcomes in allocating organs for transplant, giving higher priority to patients expected to have better outcomes. Programs may defend their consideration of neurocognitive disability on grounds that these conditions often may negatively impact outcomes, because of co-morbidities or decreased life expectancy associated with the cause of the disability, or reduced adherence to medications and follow-up care. Little data are available, however, to support these assertions, and in some cases disability may improve outcomes, as in the case of disabled children with attentive parents who may be more adherent to their medications than otherwise healthy teenagers.

The question is whether consideration of neurocognitive disability in transplant decisions is ethically justified. In this session, I will review arguments for and against such consideration, and suggest strategies and safeguards for assuring that children with neurocognitive disability are not unfairly denied transplants, while at the same time assuring that these scarce resources are used wisely and efficiently.
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National Rapporteur stresses need for international cooperation in combating organ trade

The office of the Dutch National Rapporteur was represented at the international ELPAT-congress on ethical, legal and psychosocial aspects of transplantation. At the congress, which was held in Rotterdam on 15 and 20 April, the head of office explained the link between organ trade and trafficking in human beings. He stressed that international cooperation is essential for combating this crime.

Lack of reliable information
There is hardly any reliable information about organ trade, the National Rapporteur concluded in her report about trafficking in human beings for the purpose of organ removal, that was published in 2012. "As a consequence, it is hard to gain any insight in the networks behind this crime", says National Rapporteur Ms. C. Dettmeier-Vermeulen. "Wherever money can be made, be it off labour or off the human body, there is a risk of trafficking in human beings. As long as there is little understanding of this phenomenon it can not be ruled out completely that people abroad are being forced to donate an organ."

Conference
The ELPAT conference in Rotterdam focused on the exchange of information between scientists and medical practitioners from all parts of the world. The ethical, legal and psychosocial aspects of transplantation will be addressed in presentations. Besides that, the link between organ trade and trafficking in human beings was addressed by the head of the Office of the Rapporteur, Maarten Abelman. After the presentation, scientists debated on this subject and discussed possible ways to tackle it.

International cooperation
The National Rapporteur welcomes the international allure of the conference. Organ trade is a global market, in which donors, receivers, medical stakeholders and intermediaries often have different origins. Such was demonstrated in the documentary "Looking for a kidney" that was broadcast on Dutch television on 14 April. A Dutch investigative journalist succeeded to contact an intermediary in France who referred her to a clinic in Mexico, where the transplantation could take place. Ms. Dettmeier-Vermeulen: "The documentary confirms that combating this phenomenon will only succeed when it is approached internationally and stakeholders work together. That is why I applaud initiatives like the ELPAT-conference."

More information
- Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of the removal of organs and forced commercial surrogacy (2012)
- Programme Third ELPAT Congress

http://www.transplant-observatory.org/europe/Pages/Events.aspx
Meetings and Courses

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April, 2013
3rd ELPAT congress on ethical, legal and psychosocial aspects of transplantation
April 20-23, 2013: World Trade Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
The main theme of this congress is "Global issue, local solutions" and the focus is on bridging the divide between international commitments, global outreach and the realization of their potential to improve the lives of patients across the world. The conference is open to all professionals involved in transplant medicine, including, but is not limited to, (bio-)ethicists, philosophers, clinicians, lawyers, anthropologists, psychologists and policy-makers in the field of organ donation and transplantation. For more information, please contact: ELPAT; Frederike Ambachtsheer (Coordinator), or Marian van Noord (Secretary), Erasmus MC, Room D-415, PO. Box 2040, 3000 CA Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Tel: 31-10-7030002 or 31-6-42668336; Fax: 31-10-42668372; Email: secretariat@elpat.org; Website: www.elpat.org.

May
American transplant congress 2013
May 18-22, 2013: Seattle, WA, USA
The 2013 American transplant congress is the 12th joint annual meeting of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and the American Society of Transplantation. The American transplant congress will take place on May 18-22, 2013 in Seattle, Washington. The American Transplant Congress is designed for physicians, surgeons, scientists, nurses, organ procurement personnel, and pharmacists who are interested in the clinical and research aspects of solid organ and tissue transplantation. The program is designed 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 organ and tissue transplantation. American transplant congress, 15000 Commerce Parkway.

June
ILTS 19th annual international congress
June 12-15, 2013: Sydney, Australia
The 19th annual international congress of ILTS is the leading educational congress for scientists, surgeons, anesthesiologists, physicians, nurses, and organ procurement personnel in the field of liver transplantation from around the world. The congress is designed to allow the liver transplantation specialist to interact and network with individuals from various parts of the globe and to compare and understand the differences in procedures and therapy in the treatment of liver transplantation. Topics include any aspect of liver transplantation, including: anesthesia/critical care medicine, extended criteria donors/disease transmission, fulminant liver failure, hepatitis C, immunosuppression, living donors, malignancies, outcomes, patient selection/organ allocation, pediatrics, radiology, recurrent disease/pathology, surgical techniques/comlications. For more information, please visit: http://2013.ilts.org.

The 1st world congress on controversies in gastroenterology (CIGI)
June 13-15, 2013: Berlin, Germany
The 1st world congress on controversies in gastroenterology (CIGI) will take place in Berlin, Germany on June 13-15, 2013. The intention of the CIGI congress is to function as an exclusive forum for international experts to debate the most important issues in the field of gastroenterology. This thought-provoking academic dialogue will bring to light the most current clinical and technological questions. CIGI aims to provide a forum for discussion, for insights, for recommendations and for reliable solutions. English is the official language of the congress. For more information, please contact: Headquarters & Administration, 53 Rothschild Boulevard, PO Box 68, Tel Aviv, 61080, Israel. Tel: 972-3-5666166; Fax: 972-3-5666177; Email: Info@comtecmed.com; Or Comtec China, Suite 405, Universal Center Building, 175 Xiangyang Road, Shanghai 200031, China. Tel: 86-21-54660460; Fax: 86-21-54660450; Email: china@comtecmed.com; Website: www.comtecmed.com.

July
22nd annual AACC Aspen workshop: molecular biology in clinical oncology
EDTCO Joint Sessions at Upcoming Congresses

March 2013
3rd ELPAT Congress - Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of Transplantation - Global Issues, Local Solutions
16-22 April 2013, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

EDTCO Workshop 4: Autonomy at the End of Life
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Nicola Jansen (NL) |
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Thomas Gerlach (Germany) |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | Break |  
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Dirk Ysebaert (Belgium) |
| 17:00 - 17:15 | #30 Organ donation after active euthanasia: morally acceptable?  
Gert van Dijk (NL) |
| 17:15 - 17:20 | #140 Rethinking the role of consent in relation to post-mortem use of the body for organ transplantation  
Austen Galwood-Gowers (UK) |
| 17:30 - 17:45 | #46 A practice-based approach to unravelling the content of the donation interview: an ethnographic study of a transplant coordination team's procurement practices in a Catalan hospital  
Sara Bida (UK) |

ESOT Vienna 2013: Pushing the Limits
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sessions. I found it very interesting to see work from Belgium, the United States, Germany, Spain, Korea, the United Kingdom and Canada all working on similar things to my own. These abstracts were spread over oral, mini oral and poster sessions and interspersed with other interesting finds in kidney and non-kidney related research. My own oral presentation, entitled “Clusterin and other urinary proteins as predictive biomarkers of long term fibrosis and function in kidney recipients” was in an

interesting section entitled “Immune Monitoring, Transplantomics and Biomarkers” and not only included 7 other strong presentations, but some interesting discussion from the audience. It was of great importance to hear how the attendees perceived my work, as it was the first time I have had the opportunity to present this work to an international audience.

They say the early bird catches the worm, and in this case, one of the most interesting symposiums of the conference. Starting at 7am, the sunrise symposium on “Biomarkers of Tolerance” was of particular interest to me, with Reeder, Hernandez-Fontes and Sanchez-Fayos from the United States and the United Kingdom. The speakers gave an overview of the biomarker discovery relating to tolerance, using genomics and proteomics in kidney and liver transplants. There has been evidence of tolerant signatures identified in blood of both transplant populations, that can not only identify tolerance with high sensitivity and specificity, but also align non tolerant patients into a potential group of patients where immunosuppression could perhaps be decreased. Of interest was also the emerging

Calendar of Events

The 9th International School of
Immunogenetics
11-13th November 2012
Victor Harbour, South Australia

Advanced International Training Course in
Transplant Coordination
12th - 16th of November 2012
Barcelona, Spain
www.tpm.org

Asia Pacific Histocompatibility and
Immunogenetics Association
36th Annual Meeting
14th - 16th November 2012
National Wine Centre, South Australia

3rd ELPAT Congress on Ethical, Legal and
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April 20-23, 2013
Rotterdam, The Netherlands
www.epat.org
Upcoming Events

August 12-15, 2012
NATCO 37th Annual Meeting
Grand Hyatt Washington
Info: www.natco1.org/education/annual-meeting.aspx

October 5-7, 2012
32nd European Organ Donation Congress "Science needs a heart"
54th ETCD-ERCD
Dubrovnik, Croatia
Info: www.etcd.org

October 11-12, 2012
Eurotransplant Annual Meeting 2012
Leiden, The Netherlands
Info: mhancom@eurotransplant.org

October 13-14, 2012
ESOT and ABT Joint Meeting
Nice, France
Info: www.esot.org

October 13-17, 2012
European Society of Intensive Care Medicine 25th Annual Congress
Lisbon, Portugal
Info: www.esicm.org

October 21-23, 2012
International Transplant Nurses Society, 2012 Annual Symposium
Seattle, WA, USA
Info: www.itn.org

November 2-5, 2012
NATCO Donation and Transplantation Academy: A Multidisciplinary Approach
Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, AZ, USA
Info: www.natco1.org/education/donationtransplantationacademy.aspx

November 21-22, 2012
21st Annual Congress of the European Association of Tissue Banks (EATB 2012)
Vienna, Austria
Info: www.eatb2012.eu

February 1-3, 2013
NATCO 2013 Symposium for Advanced Transplant Professionals
Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Miami, FL, USA
Info: www.natco1.org/education/asp.aspx

April 20-24, 2013
3rd Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of Organ Transplantation (ELPAT) Congress
Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Info: www.esot.org

April 24-27, 2013
33rd Annual Meeting of the International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation (ISHLT)
Montreal, Canada
Info: www.isHLT.org

August 11-14, 2013
NATCO 38th Annual Meeting
Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA, USA
Info: www.natco1.org

September 3-6, 2013
18th Congress of the Asian Society of Transplantation
Kyoto, Japan
Info: www.congress.coipc2013.com

November 21-24, 2013
2013 Organ Donation Congress (ISODP 2013)
Sydney, Australia
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