18th Annual Meeting of the Swiss Transplantation Society

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Thun, Switzerland

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Welcome letter

Dear Colleagues and guests,

On behalf of the Swiss Transplantation Society and the scientific committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 18th annual congress of the STS at the Congress Hotel Seepark in Thun.

This year again and thanks to the scientific Committee directed by Hendrik Tevaearai, we tried to stay in close touch with current affairs.

Xenotransplantation is a never-ending story waiting for success. The FDA warned against non-human primates’ experiments while being equivocal about pigs’ experiments. An interesting keynote lecture will be followed by a roundtable discussion. According to the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH – BAG – OFSP), during the last years about 41% of adults are overweight and 10% obese. Simultaneously 19% of children are overweight or obese. This will have a clear impact in organ transplant recipients and conversely also in donors. Guidelines are not definitively clear on what is possible and what is recommended and the role of obesity in transplantation morbidity. In this setting bariatric surgery is an issue, which should be considered. While looking for increasing organs available for transplantation, there is a special group of organs “that nobody wants”: infected donors. An update will give us new clues.

This congress we will also share again a common session with coordinators and we will have the opportunity to honour a distinguished figure and pioneer in transplantation as well as excellence and innovation in Transplantation in Switzerland with STS awards. The scientific committee evaluated the scientific activity and the research in transplantation in Switzerland produced by prominent colleagues. The six best rated paper published in 2019 will be honoured by receiving the STS awards.

In introduction to the congress and following the interest in 2019, we continue the post-graduate meeting the day before the STS meeting. This provided the opportunity for fellows training in transplantation to meet some main actors of transplantation in Switzerland, while collecting continuing medical education points.

I look forward to meeting you in Thun and wish fruitful multidisciplinary and interprofessional discussions and friendship.

Prof. Maurice Matter
President of STS
Credits

The credits are in demand to the following societies:

**SGC/SSC**
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Chirurgie
Société Suisse de Chirurgie

**SGI/SSI**
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Infektiologie
Société Suisse d’Infectiologie

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| **POST-GRADUATE MEETING**

Doctors in training & interested in kidney transplant

- Wednesday January 22 from 10:00-16:00
- CHF 80.00
- CHF 120.00

| **Congress fees**

- **Medical doctors/participants**
  - CHF 230.00
  - CHF 270.00

- **STS MEMBER**
  - Medical doctors / JUNIOR < 35 years
  - CHF 190.00
  - CHF 230.00

- **Medical doctors / participants**
  - CHF 360.00
  - CHF 390.00

- **STS NON-MEMBER**
  - Transplant care specialists & TPL coordinators
  - CHF 160.00
  - CHF 200.00

  - Transplant care specialists & TPL coordinators
  - CHF 240.00
  - CHF 260.00

**Including**

- Attendance at the scientific sessions and exhibition area, certificate of participation, coffee breaks and welcome cocktail according to the program.

**Networking dinner – Thursday January 23, 2020 – 20 Uhr**

- Participation costs
  - 1 person CHF 120.00 (TTC)
  - 2 persons CHF 240.00 (TTC)
POST-GRADUATE MEETING (limited places – 20)

Doctors in training & interested in kidney transplant

As a Society promoting Organ Transplantation in Switzerland we decided to introduce a postgraduate meeting around the STS congress.

The purposes are:
- To train young doctors in the field of transplantation with basic presentations
- To meet Swiss experts in the domain of transplantation

It is possible to attend the STS congress the following days, but a separate day allows continuity in the transplantation teams in the hospitals.

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

**09.30 – 10.00**
Registration – welcome coffee
Foyer

**10.00 – 10.05**
Welcome
Maurice Matter, Lausanne – President of the Swiss Transplantation Society

**10.05 – 11.00**
Organisation, patients, law and ethics for Transplantation in Switzerland
Franz Immer, Bern

**11.00 – 11.30**
Immunology
Jean Villard, Geneva

**11.30 – 12.00**
Immunosuppression
Jean Villard, Geneva

**12.00 – 13.00**
Cancer and transplantation: what to screen?
Isabelle Binet, St. Gallen

**13.00 – 14.00**
Lunch
Restaurant Seesaal

**14.00 – 16.00**
Problems and long-term management in organ transplantation
Room Basel

**14.00 – 15.00**
Abdominal organs
Kidney: Stefan Schaub, Basel
Liver & Pancreas: Axel Andres, Geneva

**15.00 – 16.00**
Thoracic organs
Heart: Markus J. Wilhelm, Zurich
Lungs: Angela Koutsokera, Lausanne

CME in demand to
Swiss Society of Internal and General Medicine (SGAIM-SSMIG)
Swiss Society of Surgery (SGC-SSC)

**Thursday, January 23, 2020**

**09.30 – 12.00**
Swiss Transplant Working Group Meetings (to be registered separately)

**13.00 – 13.05**
Welcome
Maurice Matter, Lausanne – President of the Swiss Transplantation Society

**13.05 – 13.25**
Swiss Transplant Annual Activity Report
Franz Immer, Franziska Beyeler, Swisstransplant, Bern

**13.25 – 13.45**
STCS Report
Madeleine Wick, Basel

**13.45 – 14.15**
Presentation of the selected honorary member
Maurice Matter, Lausanne – President of the Swiss Transplantation Society

**14.15 – 14.55**
Session 1
BIOLOGICALS AND BIOMARKERS IN TRANSPLANTATION
Room Genève

Chair: Michel Duchosal, Lausanne

**14.15 – 14.35**
Is there a need for biomarkers in transplantation?
Davide Rossi, Bellinzona

**14.35 – 14.55**
Benefits and risks of biologicals in transplantation
Déla Golshayan, Lausanne

**15.00 – 15.30**
Coffee break – visit of the exhibition
Foyer 1st floor
Thursday, January 23, 2020

15.30 – 17.00  
Session 2  
COORDINATOR’S CORNER (program with SDTA)  
Chair tbc  
15.30 – 16.00  
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16.00 – 16.30  
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tbc

Thursday, January 23, 2020

17.00 – 18.00  
Session 3  
STS AWARDS  
Chair Patricia Hirt-Minkowski, Basel  
Oral presentation of the six highest ranking papers  
CLINICAL PAPERS  
17.00 – 17.10  
Oral presentation 1  
tbc  
17.10 – 17.20  
Oral presentation 2  
tbc  
17.20 – 17.30  
Oral presentation 2  
tbc  
LABORATORY PAPERS  
17.30 – 17.40  
Oral presentation 4  
tbc  
17.40 – 17.50  
Oral presentation 5  
tbc  
17.50 – 18.00  
Oral presentation 6  
tbc  

18.00 – 18.30  
General Assembly  
Room Genève

19.30  
Cocktail with announcement of the Swiss Transplantation Society Awards  
Foyer

20.00  
Networking Dinner  
Parksaal Hotel Seepark
### Session 4: KEYNOTE LECTURE

**Chair:** Robert Rieben, Bern

**Topic:** Xenotransplantation: a new state of the art?

**Speaker:** Bruno Reichart, München

#### Session 5: MODERATED ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**Chair:** Robert Rieben, Bern

**Topic:** Xenotransplantation: is it becoming a reality?

**Moderator:** Robert Rieben, Bern

**Guests:**
- Lara Beekman, Swiss Transplant Society for Patients (STV), Bern
- Leo Bühler, Geneva
- Samia Hurst-Majno, Geneva
- Manuel Pascual, Lausanne
- Bruno Reichart, München

### Coffee Break – Visit of the Exhibition

**Time:** 10.15 – 10.45

**Location:** Foyer 1st floor

### Session 6: MANAGEMENT OF RECIPIENTS WITH VERY HIGH BMI

**Chair:** Maurice Matter, Lausanne

**Topics:**
- Obesity and kidney transplantation
  **Speaker:** Thomas Wolff, Basel
- Bariatric surgery and transplantation
  **Speaker:** Philipp Dutkowski, Zurich

**Podium Discussion**

**Time:** 12.10 – 12.20

**Location:** Foyer 1st floor

### Lunch Break – Visit of the Exhibition

**Time:** 12.20 – 13.20

**Location:** Foyer 1st floor

### Session 7: KEYNOTE LECTURE

**Chair:** Nicolas Müller, Zurich

**Topic:** Infected donors; the organs that nobody wants

**Speaker:** Christian van Delden, Geneva

**Time:** 13.20 – 14.00

**Location:** Room Genève

### SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM BY ASTELLAS

**Time:** 10.45 – 11.30

**Topic:** Optimization in transplantation, from donation to immunosuppression

**Chair:** Jürg Steiger, Basel

**Speakers:**
- microRNAs as new targets for immunosuppression
  **Speaker:** Lukas Jeker, Basel
- At the forefront of liver transplantation – from surgery to long-term survival
  **Speaker:** Vanessa Banz, Bern
- Swiss-wide kidney paired donation program – expendable to other organs?
  **Speaker:** Jean Villard, Geneva

**Time:** 11.40 – 12.20

**Location:** Room Genève

**Speakers:**
- Obesity and kidney transplantation
  **Speaker:** Thomas Wolff, Basel
- Bariatric surgery and transplantation
  **Speaker:** Philipp Dutkowski, Zurich

**Podium Discussion**

**Time:** 12.10 – 12.20

**Location:** Foyer 1st floor

**Topic:** What do we need to feel comfortable with infected donors?

**Speaker:** Christian van Delden, Geneva

**Time:** 13.20 – 14.00

**Location:** Room Genève
Friday, January 24, 2020

14.00 – 14.40 STS EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION AWARD  Room Genève
Chair
Markus Barten, President of the STS Excellence Award, Hamburg (DE)

14.40 – 15.55 Session 8  WHAT’S NEW AND HOT IN TRANSPLANTATION?  Room Genève
Chair
Patrizia Amico, Basel

14.40 – 14.55 Stem cell transplantation
Gabriela Baerlocher, Bern

14.55 – 15.10 Lung transplantation
Ilhan Inci, Zurich

15.10 – 15.25 Heart transplantation
Roger Hullin, Lausanne

15.25 – 15.40 Pancreas / Islet transplantation
Olivier de Rougemont, Zurich

15.40 – 15.55 Liver transplantation
Emiliano Giostra, Geneva

15.55 – 16.10 Kidney transplantation
Stefan Schaub, Basel

16.10 – 16.15 Closing remarks  Room Genève
Maurice Matter, Lausanne
President of the Swiss Society of Transplantation
Carry on lightly

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