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you sought out
the best in
transplantation
in Europe



European Society
for Organ Transplantation

welcome to ESOT

Our vision

Since its foundation in 1983, the European Society for Organ Transplantation has focused on the promotion of excellence in all the disciplines involved in transplantation. We believe that progress can only be achieved by pooling knowledge, practices, approaches and experiences at a European level, with one major endpoint: the best care of our patients. Accordingly, our vocation is to represent the needs and purposes of all the actors in the field of transplantation at a European level. They offer a place where professionals can confront opinions and elaborate a European identity in the scientific, therapeutic and ethical fields of transplantation.



Our objectives

The European Society for Organ Transplantation is the umbrella organisation under which all European transplant activities are organised.

Therefore, the Society's ambitions are to identify priorities in the field of transplantation, and according to these, to implement collaborative multi-centre projects otherwise not effective at a national level.

ESOT's main mission is to promote the education of physicians, surgeons, scientists and other professionals by facilitating scientific exchange and clinical best practice through a European network. The Society also wishes to create a European centre where controlled trials would take place, and to establish a broad and transparent grant program.

Furthermore, no hope, no progress and no success would be possible without the fundamental of our work: organ donation. In many European countries, the major obstacle to organ transplantation is still the refusal for organ donations from both deceased patients and their families. As a consequence, ESOT is firmly committed to promoting organ and cell donations and to increase public awareness, so as to stimulate donations across Europe.

Finally, ESOT wants to position itself as a leader in providing the European population with accurate and relevant information concerning their health. This is why ESOT wishes to deepen its relationships and collaboration with its patients so as to establish high European standards in the scientific, clinical and ethical aspects of transplantations.



Our activities

ESOT offers its members an extensive educational and basic science programme and promotes excellence through an award and grant programme.

The society embeds three organ-specific sections: ELITA, who focuses on liver and intestines, EPITA, representing specialists on pancreas and islets, and the Thoracic Committee dedicated to heart and lungs.

Key education activities are currently organized by the education committee. The Ambassador Committee, the Basic Science Committee, and the European Donation Committee are dedicated to structure and streamline transplant activities in Europe.

Every two years, ESOT holds a congress in a European city. The congress offers an exciting scientific programme and represents an outstanding opportunity to delegates from around the world. They review state of the art technology, discuss challenges encountered and their solutions, imagine the future, turn scientific research into clinical practices.

Science at a European level

F For the future of transplantation and thus ESOT, it is crucial to link clinical activities and basic research.

Building and maintaining a network of 'European Laboratories of Excellence' where participants cooperate in transplant science is at the heart of ESOT's priorities.

The ESOT Basic Science Committee established this network in 2004 and since then, 66 laboratories from 12 European countries have joined the Basic Science Network.

ESOT's efforts in favour of science consist of increasing its communication, encouraging applications for grants and submissions of

abstracts to the biannual congress, and to sponsor travels to support the exchange of specific scientific techniques.

Moreover, the ESOT Centre for Evidence in Transplantation brings its free support to scientists with the design of trials and the evaluation of protocols for randomised controlled trials.

Two of the other main vehicles for scientific endeavour are the biennial congresses and the journal *Transplant International*.

ESOT also participates in the "Transplant Research Integration in Europe" initiative which is a specific action supported by the 6th EU-RTD Framework Programme to develop a

coherent strategy for integrating research in transplantation at a European level.



A wealth of education programmes

A At the heart of ESOT's development is a focus on education and training.

The grant structure available is comprehensive and the courses offer diverse professional training for all the actors in the discipline of transplantation.

ESOT Educational programmes are supervised by the Education Committee, which is dedicated to developing, expanding, implementing and coordinating the programmes provided, supported and/or sponsored by ESOT. The Education Committee is also responsible for the examinations and certifications.

ESOT members can apply to 8 specific courses :

- 1 **The Hesperis course** for professional young doctors and researchers entering the field of transplantation;
- 2 **The European Transplant Fellow Workshop** that aims to discuss new and current topics through the presentation of clinical case studies;
- 3 **The Donor Surgery Masterclass** dedicated to training surgeons to organ procurement and donations;
- 4 **The Basic Course in Laboratory skills** to better understand immune responses;

- 5 **The Evidence in Transplantation Course** to increase young professionals' skills in evidence-based decision-making;
- 6 **The new E-learning Introductory Programme** established to teach the multi-disciplinary staff about the basics of transplants;
- 7 **The International Course on Split liver transplantation** and small-for-size grafting to fully prepare liver-transplant surgeons to perform split-liver transplantations.
- 8 **Postgraduate Courses** organised in conjunction with the biennial congress, on recent achievements in the discipline.



4 reasons you should join ESOT

1 Education

Give a boost to your professional development by benefiting from the ESOT extensive course programme providing access to diplomas and certifications.

2 Best practice sharing

Use your expertise in clinical practice, education and research to strengthen our transplantation community and take advantage of other professionals' experience.

3 Research support

Contribute to enhancing a network of European centres and keep updated on the latest results in transplant research.

4 International recognition

Help ESOT to advocate the common interests of organ transplantation professionals and obtain a strong voice internationally.



Take advantage of this special offer :
if you are a member of a European National Transplant Society,
you can become an ESOT Joint-Member
at a reduced fee of only 50 Euro for the next 3 years.

Go to : <http://www.esot.org>

Benefit from a joint membership

According to the agreement between ESOT and the European National Transplantation Societies, you are invited to become a member of ESOT as well as a member of your national transplantation society in order to fully benefit from both organisations at a reduced rate.

This special offer allows you to benefit of a 50% discount on the ESOT membership fees.

The ESOT regular membership provides you with :

- 12 issues/year of Transplant International, ESOT's Journal
- Access to the ESOT Educational programme
- Access to the Grant and Award programme
- A reduced fee at ESOT's biennial congress
- Access to the Member Avenue on the ESOT's website

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