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IMPORTANT DATES IN 2012

Abstract Submission: 01 January-01 June
Abstract Acceptance: 01 July
Early Registration Deadline: 31 July
Pre-Congress Workshops: 04 October
Congress Dates: 05-07 October

CONGRESS VENUE

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On behalf of ETCO-EDC, we enthusiastically invite you to participate in the 2012 European Organ Donation Congress, which will take place from 5 to 7 October 2012 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

This is a special congress for us, for a series of reasons well captured under its title: Science needs a heart.

While this is the 24th ETCO congress, which indicates the long experience of our organization and of the interaction between its members, it is the first congress that we celebrate as ETCO-EDC, the new section created in ESOT with the spirit of making donation and procurement activities an important area of interest and research in Europe.

The programme of the congress reflects the broad range of topics covered by our section. The different professionals in the field will find plenty to interest them and the opportunity to

update, exchange experiences and network. A special word for coordinators: you capture the essence of science with a heart in a unique way. Coordinators per se have proven they make a difference in donation rates and that they provide an invaluable and effective contribution to the development of the deceased and living donation processes. The need for a deep, thorough and evidence-based knowledge of the process is evident, although much work depends on us to build up such evidence with time.

Certification through the CETC programme has been developed as a way of ensuring high professional standards for coordinators. The congress reviews many of the day-to-day practices of coordination, providing a continuous training activity, complemented by specific workshops that we are sure will be of high value for many of you. The new CETC examinations will be held for the third time, providing the opportunity to evaluate and certify your acquired knowledge and your experience.

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But skills such as dedication, motivation, availability, communication, strategic view and persistence are, among others, needed for effectively developing this demanding profession. Knowledge without that, and without a heart, is simply not enough to do it well. We certainly believe that providing a forum where you will have the chance to meet colleagues and friends and share your views and your time is an invaluable tool to infuse the energy needed to keep on that track.

Dubrovnik has also special meaning in our message. Croatia is an excellent example of how organization, knowledge and heart can make profound differences in deceased donation rates and transplantation activities. The development of donation and transplantation in Croatia has to be put forward as an example to Europe and to the world. Moreover, a year ago, the RHDC led by Croatia embarked on a project together with ESOT and its section ETCO-EDC and TTS and its affiliate ISODP to enhance deceased donation in South Eastern European (SEEHN) countries. In our programme, topics relevant to the region have been considered, including a special

session dedicated to organizational aspects of deceased donation in the world and in the region. Although with a regional orientation, the session will certainly be attractive to most of you, while representing the support ESOT and its ETCO-EDC session provide to these countries. The city of Dubrovnik is a stunning setting for our meeting and doubly attractive in October at the end of the tourist season. We invite those not familiar with the setting to have a quick look at the website, you will be astonished.

Finally, we have tried to build up a programme that fulfills both your professional, but also your personal expectations. For that, we have put much science in it and, we assure you, all our heart.

We look forward to seeing you all in Dubrovnik



Beatriz Domínguez-Gil
ETCO-EDC Chair

Nikola Žgrablic
Local Organizing Committee

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PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Croatian Society of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine
Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of Organ Transplantation, ELPAT
European Shock Society, ESS
European Society Intensive Care Medicine, ESICM
European Union of Medical Specialists, UEMS
The Transplantation Society, TTS

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Željko Župan - Croatia

	THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER			FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER		SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER		SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER			
8:00-8:30						Parallel session*4 European Shock Society Joint Session		Parallel session* 5 Improving donor detection			
8:30-9:00	NEW!! Workshop 1 Organ alloc. & waiting list management	Workshop 2 Brain death diagnosis and donor therapy	NEW!! Workshop 3 Organ recovery/donor coordination	Plenary Session 1 European and global initiatives in organ donation and transplantation				Parallel session* 10 Living donation			
9:00-9:30						Coffee Break		Parallel session* 11 Tissues			
9:30-10:00											
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break			Coffee Break				Coffee Break			
10:30-11:00						Plenary Session 3 ESICM Joint Session					
11:00-11:30	Workshop 1 (Cont)	Workshop 2 (Cont)	Workshop 3 (Cont)	Parallel session* 1 Expanding the donor pool	Parallel session* 2 Improving organ recovery techniques			Plenary Session 4 Vigilance and surveillance Closing and awards			
11:30-12:00											
12:00-12:30	Lunch										
12:30-13:00				Lunch		Lunch					
13:00-13:30											
13:30-14:00	Workshop 4 Quality Assurance Prog. in the deceased donation process	NEW!! Workshop 5 Family approach	NEW!! Workshop 6 Living kidney donation	Plenary Session 2 Advances in organ preservation		Parallel session* 6 ELPAT Joint Session	Parallel session* 7 Donation after circulatory death				
14:00-14:30											
14:30-15:00											
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break			Coffee Break	SEEHN open session (coffee during session)	Coffee Break					
15:30-16:00	Workshop 4 (Cont)	Workshop 5 (Cont)	Workshop 6 (Cont)	Parallel session* 3 Recipient care		Parallel Session* 8 Donor therapy and brain death diagnosis	Parallel Session* 9 Family care and community education				
16:00-16:30											
16:30-17:00											
17:00-17:30	SEEHN internal session			Poster-session		Poster-session					
17:30-18:00											
18:00-18:30											
18:30-19:00											
19:00-19:30											
Evening				Chairmen dinner		Congress dinner					
CETC exams				Exams held all day		Exams held all day					
Comment				* Parallel sessions: 2 key note speakers + best abstracts on the topic as oral communications							

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PRECONGRESS WORKSHOPS

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WORKSHOP 1 Organ Allocation & Waiting List Management

WORKSHOP 2 Brain Death Diagnosis and Donor Therapy

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WORKSHOP 3 Organ recovery & Donor Coordination

WORKSHOP 4 Quality Assurance Programme in the Deceased Donation Process

NEW!!!

WORKSHOP 5 Family Approach

NEW!!!

WORKSHOP 6 Living Kidney Donation

Workshops will be held the day before the congress, Thursday 4 October.

WORKSHOP 1

Organ Allocation & Waiting List Management

Part One

Before we can talk about organ allocation, it must be clarified who is registered on a waiting list. The workshop provides knowledge on the criteria for the listing and the possible contra-indications of a possible transplantation.

Part Two

Transplantable organs are a rare good. Unlike other rare goods, the needs cannot be satisfied through cash or other means, recipients cannot renounce it, as the transplant is a life-saving treatment. In the field of organ transplantation, the supply and the demands gape widely. The organ shortage poses the problem of an equitable distribution to the patients on the waiting list. Various models for organ allocation and different organ allocation systems will be presented; medical, legal, ethical and economic criteria will be discussed with the objective of safeguarding the fairness of organ allocation.

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Part Three

Clinical cases will be discussed; evaluation of problematic situations of the recipients on the waiting list and assessment of allocation criteria in order to assure an objective and fair organ distribution.

Places limited to 30 people

Faculty:

- Dagmar Vernet, National Transplant Coordinator, Vice-Director Swisstransplant
- Marie Thuong, Medical and Scientific Director - Agence de la Biomédecine.

WORKSHOP 2

Brain Death Diagnosis and Donor Therapy

Organ transplant programmes are mostly based on the utilization of organs obtained from brain dead donors. The number of organs recovered from brain dead donors is directly related to the number of organs finally transplanted. Moreover, the special care given to organs during the brain death period is essential for clinical success after transplantation. In this workshop, brain death diagnosis will be approached from a clinical point

of view. The advantages of using instrumental tests in the diagnosis will also be analyzed. Clinical examination for the diagnosis of brain death and the usefulness of cerebral blood flow tests and neurophysiological tests will be evaluated from a theoretical and practical point of view. Practical simulations of clinical examination of brain death and analysis of registers of instrumental tests will be part of the workshop.

The second part of the workshop will include presentations on the negative influence of brain death on organs, causing inflammation of kidneys, liver, lungs and heart in brain dead donors. A relevant topic of this workshop will be the changes in brain death therapeutics; the old paradigm of 'clinical maintenance' or 'clinical management' is changing to clinical treatment of organs during the brain death period before organ recovery. The usefulness of different therapeutic elements (T3, T4, steroids, vasopressin, dopamine etc.) will be analyzed.

Discussion of clinical cases will be included in the workshop, evaluating problematic situations in the diagnosis of brain death and controversies

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surrounding treatment of donors in a clinical setting.

Places limited to 30 people

Faculty:

- José-María Domínguez-Roldán, Clinical Director of Intensive Care Medicine Department, Hospital Virgen del Rocío, Sevilla, Spain
- Julien Charpentier, Specialist in Intensive Care Medicine, Transplant Coordinator, Medical ICU, Cochin Hospital, Paris, France
- Francesco Procaccio, Director of the NeuroIntensive Care Unit, University & City Hospital, Verona, Italy.

WORKSHOP 3

Organ recovery and organ donation- the interactive field of surgeons, the coordinator and the Organ Procurement Organization

The development of successful transplant programmes is not only determined by the efforts in donor detection and maintenance, but also by the process of organ recovery. The process

of organ recovery is characterised by a complex interplay between surgeons, anaesthesiologists/emergency physicians, transplant teams and the OPO, overviewed and 'coordinated' by the donor coordinator and performed in a very short time.

The organisation approach can have an impact on the number and quality of organs recovered. Many hurdles, unforeseen events and new information can immediately have a large impact on the process.

Topics

1. Evaluation of the process of donor organ reporting;
2. Specific interventions that might enhance organ recovery;
3. Coordination with surgical teams;
4. Impact of organ procurement organisation on number and quality of recovered organs;
5. How to organize feedback to the procurement surgeons with regard to the quality at implementation and the judging of the transplanting surgeon.

Discussion of clinical situations will be included in the workshop.

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Places imited to 30 people

Faculty

- Dirk Ysebaert - Retrieval and Transplant Surgeon, Antwerp University Hospital, Antwerpen, Belgium
- Carl-Ludwig Fischer-Fröhlich - DSO-Koordinator, Region Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart, Germany
- Rui Maio, Retrieval and Transplant Surgeon, Lisbon, Portugal

WORKSHOP 4

Quality Assurance Programme in the Deceased Donation Process

An organisation responsible for organ procurement must know whether a potential donor has been lost due to lack of evaluation, lack of referral, or if a potential donor family has not been approached. The organ donation and transplantation process is long and complex and needs periodical evaluation. This is done in order to detect when and why donors are lost so as to identify areas that require new solutions. The objective of a quality programme is to improve the process continuously.

The development of transplant programmes is determined by the efforts in donor detection, maintenance and organ recovery made by healthcare professionals and basically, by the transplant coordinators at hospitals. Due to the complexity of this process, an on-going and systematic evaluation is needed to detect shortcomings and correct them.

The main objective of this workshop is to show the methodology of the Spanish Quality Assurance Programme (QAP) on the Donation Process, which has been developed by the national authority in charge of the overview of donation and transplantation activities in Spain. The participants will be able to understand this programme as a tool to provide a better assessment of the process and a basis for the development of political and technical strategies, as it makes possible

- to define the theoretical donation capacity for organs,
- to detect avoidable losses of potential organ donors, analysing the underlying causes (identifying areas for improvement)

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- to describe hospital factors with an impact on the donation process.

The workshop includes theoretical lessons and practical work and is divided in two parts according to the phases of the QAP:

- General description of the Spanish Quality Assurance Programme.
- Analysis of the structure of the programme: Internal and External Evaluation. Objectives, methodology and data-base. Quality indicators, results and interpretation.

Initiatives like this ETCO-EDC Workshop allow the sharing of knowledge and experience with the mid-term purpose of comparing international results and their evolution across time.

Places limited to 20 people

Faculty:

- Gloria de la Rosa, National Responsible Quality Assurance Programme in Organ Donation.
Spanish National Transplant Organization
- Nuria Masnou, Intensive Care
Medicine Department, Transplant Coordinator
Hospital Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona, Spain

- Teresa Pont, Transplant Coordinator,
Hospital Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona, Spain

WORKSHOP 5

Family Approach

Description will be shortly posted on website

WORKSHOP 6

Living Kidney Donation

1. Living Donation in the EU:
Custom and Practice
Organs donated from living donors
Living donor kidney sharing schemes
Indications
Risk vs benefit (recipient and donor perspectives)
2. Legal and Ethical Considerations in Living Donation
Legal frameworks across EU countries
Moral dilemmas
Future challenges with development of new initiatives

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3. Donor Aspects

Recruitment and selection

Evaluation and preparation prior to donation

Psycho-social considerations

Managing the 'unsuitable donor'

Surgical techniques/options

Donor outcomes

Role of the multi-disciplinary team (with a focus on different practices across EU)

4. Recipient Aspects Making the choice: living donation vs deceased donation

Specific considerations in evaluation and preparation prior to transplantation

The challenging adult recipient (e.g. co-morbidity/incompatibility)

Living donation in children

Recipient outcomes

Role of the multi-disciplinary team (with a focus on different practices across EU)

5. Opportunities and Challenges (based upon most topical issues/current controversies)

Surgical techniques

Challenges in altruistic donation (clinical/logistical/moral/legal)

Antibody removal in living donor kidney transplantation

Places limited to 30 people

Faculty:

- Lisa Burnapp, Lead Nurse, Living Donation, Organ Donation and Transplantation, NHS Blood and Transplant; Consultant Nurse, Living Donor Kidney Transplantation, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- Bernadette Haase-Kromwijk, Director, Dutch Transplant Society (NTO)
- Rachel Hilton, Consultant Nephrologist at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- Dirk Ysebaert Retrieval and Transplant Surgeon, Antwerp University Hospital, Antwerpen, Belgium

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THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 2012

08.30-12.00 **WORKSHOP 1: Organ Allocation and Waiting List Management**
WORKSHOP 2: Brain Death Diagnosis and Donor Therapy
WORKSHOP 3: Organ recovery & Donor Coordination

13.00-16.30 **WORKSHOP 4: Quality Assurance Programme in the Deceased Donation Process**
WORKSHOP 5: Family Approach
WORKSHOP 6: Living Kidney Donation

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 2012

8.30-10.00 **PLENARY SESSION 1: European and global initiatives in organ donation and transplantation**

1. Donation & transplantation in Europe: the role of a professional society
2. Developing Donation from Deceased Donors: the 4Ds programme
3. SEEHN initiative in organ donation
4. EU endeavours in organ donation and transplantation

10.00-10.30 Coffee Break

10.30-12.00 **PARALLEL SESSION 1: Expanding the donor pool**

1. Expanding the donor pool: organs at any price?
2. Allocation tailored to organ quality
3. Best abstracts

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PARALLEL SESSION 2: Improving organ recovery techniques

1. Evolution of recovery techniques in donation after circulatory death
2. Update on “donor / procurement / organ” intervention trials
3. Best abstracts

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 PLENARY SESSION 2: Advances in organ preservation

1. Machine perfusion vs. cold preservation for kidneys: what the evidence says
2. Advances in liver preservation
3. Heart & Lung preservation: where are we today?

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-17.00 PARALLEL SESSION 3: Recipient care

1. Minimizing transplant failures through recipient care
2. Adherence in transplantation: the missing link in improving long-term outcomes
3. Best abstracts

15.00-18.00 SEEHN Meeting Parallel Session (open to all delegates): Addressing the needs for deceased donation in the SEEHN countries

1. Elements for self-sufficiency in organ donation and transplantation
2. The role of the National Transplant Organization/Competent Authority
 - a) the Croatian model of success
 - b) The National Transplant Organization in a successful model of deceased donation
 - c) Challenges and solutions under the new EU requirements from the SEE perspective: Bulgaria; Slovenia; Macedonia

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3. Appointing donor coordinators
 - a. What can we learn from different models?
 - i. The UK experience
 - ii. The Belgium approach
 - b. Selection and motivation of Key Donation Persons. The SEE Regional experiences - Romania, Serbia, Croatia.

4. Models for funding donation & transplantation activities
 - a. Examples of funding approaches for donation and transplantation
 - b. The Message to the Ministries of Health on funding approaches
(Coffee will be available during the session)

17.00-18.00 POSTER SESSIONS

18.00-19.00 WELCOME CEREMONY

1. Welcome Speeches
 - Address from ESOT President
 - Address from ETCO-EDC Chair
 - Address from President of the Croatian Transplantation Society
 - Address from Croatian Minister of Health and Social Welfare

2. Special conference:
Engaging intensive care for a successful deceased donation programme: different models

3. “New life as a gift”: Croatian Transplant Patients Association & Donor Family

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SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER 2012

08.00-09.30 **PARALLEL SESSION 4: European Shock Society joint session**

1. Challenges to enhance organ viability
2. Brain death as a systemic inflammatory event
3. Best abstracts

PARALLEL SESSION 5: Improving donor detection

1. Improving donor detection in the emergency room
2. Improving donor detection through the cooperation with neurology and neurosurgery
3. Best abstracts

9.30-10.00 Coffee Break

10.00-12.00 **PLENARY 3: European Society of Intensive Care Medicine joint session**

1. Controversies in death determination
2. Changing the treatment targets: from the acute phase to organ donation
3. Key aspects and strategies for optimising donor detection, evaluation and maintenance, followed by discussed clinical cases, addressing 3 different problems:
 1. Addressing challenges in the admission of possible donors in ICU in a clinical case
 2. Addressing challenges in donor evaluation in a clinical case
 3. Addressing challenges in donor maintenance in a clinical case

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12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 **PARALLEL SESSION 6: ELPAT joint session**

1. Public attitudes towards living donation
2. Legal aspects of living donation in Europe
3. Best abstracts

PARALLEL SESSION 7: Donation after Circulatory Death

1. Current situation and challenges in donation after circulatory death
2. Thoracic transplantation from donors after circulatory death
3. Best abstracts

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-17.00 **PARALLEL SESSION 8: Donor therapy & pitfalls related to brain death diagnosis**

1. Modifiable donor factors and postransplant outcomes
2. Pitfalls in brain death diagnosis
3. Best abstracts

PARALLEL SESSION 9: Family care & education of public and medical community

1. Family approach for organ donation when death has not occurred yet: a European jigsaw puzzle
2. Donation and the media: do's and don'ts
3. Best abstracts

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18.00-19.00 ETCO-EDC Assembly

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER 2012

8.30-10.00 **PARALLEL SESSION 10: Living donation**

1. Donor and recipient selection in living donor kidney transplantation: extending the boundaries
2. Long-term outcomes of living donation: the European experience
3. Best abstracts

PARALLEL SESSION 11: Tissues

1. Selection and evaluation of multi-tissue donors
2. Tissue banking-quality system/licencing requirements/models
3. Best abstracts

10.00-10.30 Coffee Break

10.30-12.00 **PLENARY 4: Vigilance & surveillance**

1. Vigilance & surveillance as a global initiative: the NOTIFY project
2. The European legal framework: what to report as a Serious Adverse Event or as a Serious Adverse Reaction?
3. The DTAC experience
4. The French vigilance system

12.00-12.30 **CLOSING AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

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ORAL AND POSTER SESSIONS

The oral and poster sessions are the spaces in the congress where delegates can present their research to their colleagues. We have developed features to give you maximum visibility:

- Parallel sessions are made up of two keynote speakers and the best abstracts presented for that topic enabling presenters to share session with experts in the field.
- Posters will be on display throughout the congress and, in addition, presented on a screen as mini oral sessions of 3 mins with 2 mins discussion.
- Abstracts are printed in *Organs, Tissues and Cells Journal* and will be put on the website.

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF EUROPEAN TRANSPLANT COORDINATION (CETC)

Certificate of European Transplant Coordination (CETC) Examinations will be held under the auspices of the Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS) during the congress:

This is the third edition of the exams for awarding the revised Certificate of European Transplant Coordination (CETC), organized by the Board

of Transplant Coordination (BTC) within the Division of Transplantation of the UEMS in close collaboration with ETCO-EDC. The BTC is comprised of up to two representatives from each member state of the UEMS, nominated by the competent professional health care organizations in official communication with the UEMS. The ETCO Certification Committee is a scientific advisory committee, responsible for updating and defining the curriculums of the models and the content of the examinations together with the BTC. The BTC also has a representative from ETCO who is the former president of ETCO, and a representative of the Division of Transplantation appointed by their Executive Committee.

Certification can be obtained for the following separate modules:

- Module 1: General Transplant Coordination
- Module 2: Donation after Circulatory Death (DCD) Coordination
- Module 3: Living Donor Coordination
- Module 4: Recipient Coordination
- Module 5: Tissue Donation Coordination

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The Certificate of European Transplant Coordination is awarded on passing Part I (Eligibility) and Part II (Examination). A candidate can be accredited for one or more modules. The examination will be held annually, one year at the European Organ Donation Congress and the next at the ESOT congress.

Modules will be examined separately and individually.

Examinations are oral in front of an examination board of three and up to an hour's duration.

Successful candidates will be awarded the Certificate of European Transplant Coordination with a specification of the model examined. They will be informed of their result by email and in writing within one week of the examination.

The examination will be conducted in the following way - candidates will be asked:

Part 1: Direct questions on the syllabus

Part 2: To discuss clinical scenarios proposed by the board

Part 3: To discuss general problems of donation and transplantation.

Quality control of the exam is provided by:

- the presence of an external examiner who is appointed by ETCO-EDC
- minuting each examination session and
- providing a detailed report regarding the exam to the UEMS and ETCO-EDC

The aim of this collaborative project between the UEMS and ETCO-EDC is to ensure quality control of the highest standards in the field of Transplant Coordination and reward well trained Transplant Coordinators with a prestigious diploma.

For more information on the CETC and on the examinations, please [click here](#) or visit:

www.etco.org

ACCREDITATION

Every year ETCO congresses are awarded Continuous Medical Education Accreditation by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) of the UEMS. We are applying again this year and the credits awarded will figure on the certification of attendance and given to delegates at the close of the congress.

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ETCO-EDC offers 3 awards to congress participants:

- **BEST ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATION**

The international review committee of the Dubrovnik congress will evaluate the best abstract with oral presentation and the award will be presented at the closing session. The winner will be given a certificate and an award of Eur 750.

- **BEST POSTER PRESENTATION**

The international review committee of the Dubrovnik congress will evaluate the best abstract with poster presentation and the award will be presented at the closing session. The winner will be given a certificate and an award of Eur 500.

- **ETCO-EDC ORGANS, TISSUES & CELLS JOURNAL AWARD**

This award is granted by ETCO-EDC and the Organs, Tissues & Cells Journal to the best article published in 2010 and 2011. The winner will be given a certificate and an award of Eur 1000, presented at the closing session.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION



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

All abstracts must be submitted in English.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the International Review Committee (see above) and may be selected for oral or poster presentation, or may be rejected. Abstract submission must be done online at www.esot.org according to the instructions given.

Abstracts not conforming to the guidelines will not be reviewed.

Accepted abstracts will be available at the congress, printed in the final programme or recorded on a cd or USB stick. They will also be published in Organs, Tissues and Cells Journal. Abstract submission deadline: 1 June
Notification of accepted abstracts: 1 July

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES

- Donor detection
- Donor evaluation
- Brain death diagnosis
- Donor therapy and maintenance
- Organ preservation
- Ischaemia-reperfusion injury
- Family care
- Promotion of organ donation
- Organ recovery
- Organ allocation
- Expanding the donor pool
- Donation after circulatory death
- Living donation
- Recipient care
- Ethical & psychological aspects of donation and transplantation
- Vigilance & surveillance
- Tissues
- Miscellaneous

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REGISTRATION



All congress delegates must be registered for the congress.
 Registration is available online at www.esot.org and www.etc.org

	Early Bird Registration valid until 31/07	Standard Registration valid 1/08 - 21/09	Onsite Registration
ESOT/ETCO members	EUR 375	EUR 450	EUR 500
Non members	EUR 435	EUR 510	EUR 560
Emerging economy	EUR 290	EUR 360	EUR 410
Workshops	EUR 60	EUR 70	EUR 80
Accompanying person	EUR 100	EUR 100	EUR 100
Congress Dinner	EUR 45	EUR 45	EUR 45

Places for the workshops will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, availability is limited to 30 seats, 20 in workshop 4.

More information on ESOT Membership can be found on www.esot.org in the MEMBERSHIP section. If you wish to become member of ETCO-EDC, please apply first to ESOT membership and mark your affiliation with our section during the process. You will get all benefits from being an

ETCO-EDC member with no extra membership fee.

On-site registration to the congress is available but material and places cannot be guaranteed and workshops places are limited, so it is strongly recommended that you register in advance for the meeting. On-site registration is payable through credit card or cash.

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Delegate registration includes:

- Access to all congress sessions and commercial exhibition
- Delegate bag including all congress materials and a name badge
- Lunches and coffee breaks according to the programme
- ETCO-EDC Welcome Reception on Friday 5 October 2012

Pre-congress workshop registration fee includes:

- Admission to the selected workshop
- Refreshments according to the programme

Registration does not include:

Accommodation, tickets to the social events (unless stated), optional excursions and any other items not listed above.

The registration fees for an accompanying person includes:

- Access to the dinner organized for the delegates on purchase of a ticket
- Access to the Welcome Reception on Friday 5 October 2012

The emerging economy countries' list is available on the main registration page (http://www.esot.org/Files/Content_Files/n7EJuEmergingEconomyCountries.pdf)

GROUP REGISTRATION

Special registration procedures apply for group registrations of ten delegates or more. Please contact the Meeting Secretariat at etco-edc@esot.org.

CONFIRMATION

Registration confirmation will be sent to all participants via email together with receipt of payment.

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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WELCOME RECEPTION

A welcome reception will be organized on Friday evening at 7pm at the end of the Welcome Ceremony at the congress venue Valamar Lacroma



CONGRESS DINNER

The congress dinner will be held on Saturday evening and the Mayor of Dubrovnik has graciously offered the spectacular fortress in the old city for the event.



ADMISSION FEE

Tickets can be bought online with the registration and will be in the region of Eur 45.

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CONGRESS VENUE

The Valamar Lacroma Resort is an astounding model of 'archinature' featuring a harmony of 21st century styling in a gorgeous natural environment. Nestled in glorious seclusion amidst the lush greenery of the Babin Kuk peninsula, the cutting edge architecture and style sets the standard for Croatian hospitality. Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik Hotel provides everything needed for 21st century event hosting. A 1,200 capacity conference hall and a further seven fully-equipped meeting rooms are just some of the facilities available. The state of the art business centre and multi-functioning rooms employ a dedicated team of experts to ensure smooth running of our event.

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COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

A commercial exhibition will run alongside the sessions. Further information regarding exhibition spaces and rates can be requested by sending an email to the meeting secretariat at: etco-edc@esot.org

ACCOMMODATION

Special rates have been contracted for meeting attendees:

Valamar Lacroma 4*

www.valamar.com/hr/valamar-lacroma-resort
Single Occupancy Euro 122
Double Occupancy Euro 136
buffet breakfast and tax included

Tirena 3*

<http://www.valamar.com/tirena-hotel-dubrovnik>
Single Occupancy Euro 77
Double Occupancy Euro 96
buffet breakfast and tax included

Reservation can be easily made directly with PENTA Ltd. Local PCO & Travel Agency, Izidora Krsnjavoga 25, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

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DIRECTIONS & TRANSPORTATION

To Dubrovnik:

Dubrovnik airport has direct flights with many cities all over Europe, as well as connections through Zagreb, Vienna, Munich, Rome and Frankfurt. Dubrovnik can also be reached by ferry from Bari, Italy.

To the Hotel:

Valamar Lacroma is 6 km from the city centre of Dubrovnik and 3 km from the bus terminal.

Airport bus:

Eur 5 or 35 Kuna to city (Pile station) or to city bus terminal in Gruz harbour, you can pay in Euro ; From Pile a local N° 6 bus goes to the hotels, bus tickets can be purchased on the bus (12 Kunas) or at the kiosk (10 Kunas) only in local currency, Kuna.

Taxi:

Eur 35 from the airport, 10c from the Pile station.

Private transfers can be arranged by the Local PCO - please contact:
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DUBROVNIK

“George Bernard Shaw was enchanted by this beautiful city, about which he said “those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik and see Dubrovnik”, as well as, famously, describing it as “the pearl of the Adriatic”. The most beautiful jewel of Croatia’s cultural heritage, the old city of Dubrovnik (ca 42.000 inhabitants), is located in the southernmost part of the sunniest Croatian tourist region of all: the Dalmatia-Dubrovnik area. It comprises one county, the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva, which extends almost entirely along the shore. And within it, Dubrovnik, the most beautiful and the most important, but by no means the only, cultural gem.

It has its own airport - Dubrovnik Airport Cilipi, as well as ferry terminal so it can be reached by air from vast range of European cities as well as by various ferries from Croatian cities, towns and islands as well as from Italy.

Dubrovnik is a city rich with culture and history so it is listed in UNESCO World Heritage List. It <http://www.find-croatia.com/dubrovnik/old-city/> was built in the 13th century and remains almost untouched to the present day. There are two main portals to the old town, Pile and Ploce, both leading to the Stradun, the Dubrovnik’s main boulevard. Tall walls surround Dubrovnik Old Town. Many visitors enjoy people-watching whilst sipping coffee in one of the numerous cosy cafes on the Stradun.

Currency:
kuna (1 kuna = 100 lipa). The exchange rate
December 2011 was 1 Euro = 7.5 Kuna.

More information will be available at the following (linked) websites

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www.etco.org
www.etco2012.com

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