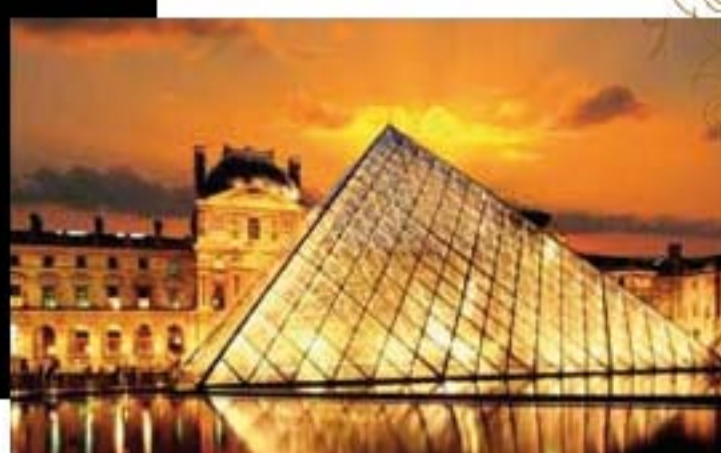


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**Paris, 30 August - 2 September 2009:
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Over 3500 scientists, physicians, surgeons, and transplantation coordinators from across the world will gather in Paris for the 14th Congress of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT). For the first time an ESOT Congress will be held in the city where the first renal transplantation was performed over 50 years ago by J. Hamburger and his team. The transplantation field has evolved dramatically since this pioneer period, especially over the last 10 years. The Paris meeting will be an exceptional opportunity to review the latest progress in the field of transplantation, discuss the problems encountered and present potential solutions and the future perspectives. Various aspects of transplantation will be addressed, from basic research to clinical practice in 9 parallel and 3 plenary sessions over two days, while satellite workshops and postgraduate courses will address more practical aspects of transplantation. The meeting also represents an excellent chance to interact with experts and network with colleagues, in Paris, the capital of transplantation and a worldwide center of culture, romance and gastronomy. We look forward to welcoming you in Paris.

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Pr. Bernard Charpentier
Congress Chair

Pr. Yvon Lebranchu
Congress Chair



Dear Participants,

I am delighted that Paris will be hosting the 14th Congress of the European Society for Organ Transplantation - ESOT at Le Palais des Congrès de Paris for 4 days from August, 30th.

On behalf of Paris and its inhabitants, I would like to wish you the warmest of welcomes.

With 126,000 people working in the sector, Paris is a major international centre for research in the life sciences. Owing to its seventeen universities, its engineering schools; its state-run hospital network (*Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris*), its prestigious institutes and laboratories (such as *Institut Pasteur, Institut Curie, INSERM and CNRS*), and its many private companies, Paris ranks first in Europe - and as one of the world's top cities - in the life sciences.

From east to west, Paris is constantly evolving and reinventing itself: among others in the sector of transport, public amenities, green spaces, remarkable architecture and urban expertise: all are at the heart of the major Parisian undertakings of this new century.

Paris, the eternal, City of Lights, original, modern and creative is all yours. Whether you are already "in love" with our city or here for the first time, please make yourself at home.

We truly hope that your Parisian congress will be both educational and enjoyable and wish you a memorable stay in our vibrant city.

Yours faithfully,

Bertrand Delanoë
Mayor of Paris

Advances in liver transplantation, from technique to quality of life

Thanks to major advances in surgical techniques and immunosuppressive treatments, an increasing number of patients with end-stage liver diseases such as acute liver failure, cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma can be helped by liver transplantation. Unfortunately, there are not enough donor livers, 10%-15% of patients on the waiting list still die before an organ is available. This worldwide shortage has prompted the search for alternative cellular therapies, which will be presented and discussed at the congress. With technical improvement in the field of liver transplantation, improvement in long-term survival and quality of life of transplanted patients has now become a priority. How can we help patients to recover the lifestyle they enjoyed before transplantation and achieve a balance between the functional efficacy of the graft and the patient's psychological and physical integrity? A session will be dedicated to new strategies dedicated to helping patients resume a more fulfilling life after transplantation.

- *ELITA postgraduate course: the hepatic artery in liver transplantation*
Sunday 30 August 2009, 09:00-12:50

- *Session on "State of the Art in basic science and liver transplantation: Regenerative medicine and stem cells."*
Monday 31 August, 09:00-10:30

- *Session on "State of the art in liver transplantation: Lifestyle and liver transplantation"*

From the discovery of regulatory T cell sub-populations to novel strategies for transplant tolerance: suppressor T cells revisited

The adaptive immune response that defends the body against invasion by bacteria, viruses, and parasites is initiated by T cells. Although the thymus deletes the majority of self-reactive T cells, many escape into peripheral lymphoid tissues, where they can become activated, expand and a source of autoimmune disease. This process is held in check by specialized regulatory T cells (Treg) that suppress immune reactions to self. Treg belonging to the CD4+ T cell lineage have been extensively studied over the past few years. Recently, a combination of genetic and molecular approaches have delineated a sublineage of CD8 cells - CD8+ Treg - programmed to inhibit autoreactivity and to maintain self-tolerance. These properties of CD8+ Treg - and their potential impact on clinical medicine - will be discussed.

Opening session, "The future in transplantation": *Suppressor T cells revisited*, by Harvey Cantor (Boston, USA) Sunday 30 August 2009, 19:20-19:40.



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