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# The Transplantation Society

**AFFILIATED SOCIETY PROGRAM**

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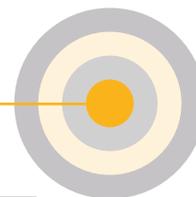
## A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

The Transplantation Society (TTS) is the international organization that brings together clinicians, scientists, and other professionals focused on transplantation, with over 5500 members representing 96 countries around the world.

## TTS VISION STATEMENT

The Transplantation Society provides the focus for global leadership in transplantation through its global presence, engagement and partnership with transplant professionals. TTS provides the:

- Development of the science and clinical practice
- Continuing education
- Scientific communication
- Guidance on the ethical practice



## TTS INITIATIVES

Key TTS initiatives include:

**The Global Alliance for Transplantation** - seeking to address global inequities in transplantation therapy, in order to facilitate appropriate access to transplantation for all patients who would benefit ([www.tts.org/gat](http://www.tts.org/gat)).



**GLOBAL ALLIANCE for TRANSPLANTATION**



The **DECLARATION of ISTANBUL** on ORGAN TRAFFICKING and TRANSPLANT TOURISM

The **Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism** ([www.declarationofistanbul.org](http://www.declarationofistanbul.org)).

**Transplantomics** - bringing together the expertise from across a number of disciplines to focus on how bioinformatics and technology of genomics, proteomics and metabolomics interface with the clinical world of transplantation.



TTS Annual Conference on Transplantomics and Biomarkers in Organ Transplantation

**WOMEN in Transplantation**  
... Past, Present, Future

**Women in Transplantation** - cultivating the relationships necessary to enable today's women to reach their full potential in the field of transplantation ([www.tts-wit.org](http://www.tts-wit.org)).





## TTS AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Affiliated Societies profit from half-priced TTS membership. As of 2013, the dues are 50 US annually for each full member and \$25 US annually for each trainee desiring to join. A further discount of 50% is given to Affiliated Societies from emerging economies.



### The benefits of being a TTS member now include the following:

- Access to **member-only sections** of the TTS website — [www.tts.org](http://www.tts.org)
- Free access to **educational materials**, including TTS Multimedia Library with oral presentations congresses and meetings, and webinars
- **Access to each issue of TTS official Journal *Transplantation*** online as a TTS member with an Electronic Table of Contents sent by email to each TTS member
- **TTS Newsletter Tribune**, updating TTS and Section activities
- **Awareness of Global Transplantation events** including WHO, ONT and Regional Society activities
- **Reduced Registration fees** at TTS symposia, congresses and meetings
- **Reduced Membership fees** for TTS if a member of a Section or an Affiliated Society
- Access to **Grants, Awards and Proposed Sponsored Fellowships**
- Participation in **TTS Initiatives** including;
  - TTS Education Academy
  - Declaration of Istanbul activities
  - nKOL activities
- **Participate in voting** on locations of future TTS Congresses and for TTS Officers and Councilors.





## CURRENT TTS AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

TTS has broadened its scope by building firm, long-lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with the following 17 regional and national affiliations:

- Asociacion Guatemalteca de Nefrologia
- Associacao Brasileira de Transplante de Orgaos (ABTO)
- Canadian Society of Transplantation/Société canadienne de transplantation (CST)
- Korean Transplantation Society
- Regional Health Development Center (RHDC) Croatia on Organ Donation and Transplant Medicine
- Sociedad Argentina de Trasplantes (SAT)
- Sociedad Chilena de Trasplante
- Sociedad Espanola de Trasplante (SET)
- Societat Catalana de Trasplantament (SCT)
- Southern African Transplantation Society (SATS)
- The Swedish Transplantation Society
- Swisstransplant Society (STS)
- Thai Transplantation Society
- Transplant Society of Pakistan
- Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ)
- Turkish Transplantation Centers Coordination Association
- Urology Society for Transplantation and Renal Surgery (USTRS)





## HOW TO BECOME A TTS AFFILIATED SOCIETY

The following process is used to become a TTS Affiliated Society:

- 1 Expression of interest** by the National Transplantation Society in a letter to The Transplantation Society. This should include presentation of the constitution (by-laws), number of members, membership categories and ethical guidelines used by the National Transplantation Society and a confirmation that the National Transplantation Society agrees to abide by TTS's Ethics Statement.
- 2 Evaluation** of the National Transplantation Society by TTS for suitability to affiliate to TTS.
- 3 Letter of acceptance by TTS** is signed by the TTS President and President-Elect, including the fee schedule for the various membership categories of TTS adjusted according to the country economy.
- 4 Letter of acceptance by National Transplantation Society.** The National Transplantation Society should formally respond and describe whether all or only a proportion of members will be paying the TTS membership fee. The expectation of TTS is that a majority or preferably all members of the National Transplantation Society become TTS members through this arrangement.
- 5 Membership details and fee submission.** A spreadsheet initially provided by TTS detailing the information required will be supplied by the National Transplantation Society. For the first year, this is best done at least first three or four times a year as affiliated members join the affiliated membership program. Thereafter, this should be done on an annual basis. The total amount of money owing with each spreadsheet file submission may be submitted by Bank transfer to the TTS bank account in Montreal.
- 6 Notification to members.** Members will know that their TTS membership has been activated through an email that will be sent from the IHQ Office of TTS on receipt of the spreadsheet. This will allow them to connect to [www.tts.org](http://www.tts.org) and activate their membership password. They will also be able to pay any additional TTS section membership fees and purchase journals at discounted cost.
- 7 Subsequent year fees.** TTS will not send fee reminders to an individual member residing in the country of an affiliated society. It will be the responsibility of the National Transplantation Society to raise the fees each year and submit files with the active members. Note that only financial members (ie those who have paid their membership fee) may participate in voting, access the member pages of [www.tts.org](http://www.tts.org) and benefit from discounted rates at congresses and meetings of TTS.
- 8 Individuals who do not pay** their subsequent year fees to the National Transplantation Society by the end of the year will not be financial with TTS. We will then send reminders electronically to all non-financial members to seek payment either through the National Transplantation Society office at discounted rates or direct to TTS at full rates.



# ETHICS STATEMENT

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## ETHICS COMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

The Transplantation Society is the leading international society of physicians, surgeons and scientists involved in the transplantation of organs and tissues. The membership should be active in promoting organ donation from deceased as well as from live donors. The Society is proactive in the development of international transplant policy, the monitoring of transplantation activities and in supervision of the adherence to proper principles of practice.

It is a fundamental principle for The Transplantation Society that donors of organs and tissues are not exploited and that consent for donation must be obtained without coercion. The Transplantation Society opposes the buying and selling of organs.

Two models of authorization for organ donation from the deceased donor, explicit consent or registered objection, are practiced. In countries using the system of registered objection, extensive efforts should be taken in order to ascertain that the public knows its right to object. Members of The Transplantation Society must not be involved in obtaining or transplanting organs from executed prisoners or other donors where there is a risk that an autonomous consent for donation is lacking.

The applicant for membership in The Transplantation Society should review the Policy and Ethics Statement at the following TTS website: <http://www.tts.org/policy>

Applicants for membership in The Transplantation Society should also be aware of the following positions of the Society:

1. All countries with donation and organ and tissue transplantation activities should have relevant legislation ensuring transparency, safety and effective monitoring of the procedures.
2. All countries should enact legislation prohibiting exploitation of donors by commercial trafficking in organs and tissues.
3. All countries should have a system for approval and certification of transplant centres and physicians by relevant government and/or medical professional authorities.
4. All countries should have methods for registration and tracking of all organ and tissue donors.
5. All countries should have systems to ensure that the allocation of organs is transparent and governed by medical criteria.
6. All countries obtaining organs from deceased individuals should legally define death and the criteria to diagnose death. The determination of death should be independent of a direct interest in a subsequent organ transplant procedure. No organs or tissues should be removed unless the individual is declared dead.
7. In the case of live donation, all countries should be guided by relevant legislation and monitoring to ensure that:
  - a) only individuals with the cognitive capacity to understand the risks and benefits of being a live donor are accepted as donors;
  - b) potential donors receive the relevant and sufficient information about the procedure to make an autonomous decision;
  - c) the decision to donate is voluntary, free of exploitation and coercion;
  - d) all donors receive a complete medical and psychosocial evaluation and are cared for throughout the postoperative recovery period;
  - e) donor's access to long-term follow-up is promoted.

Scientific studies and clinical activities should be performed in keeping with the ethical principles delineated in the following policy documents:

- The Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism Lancet. 2008 Jul 5;372 (9632):5-6.
- For Live Kidney Donation - The Consensus Statement of the Amsterdam Forum (Transplantation 79(6): S53-S66, 2005)
- For Live Donation of Extrarenal Organs - The Consensus Statement of the Vancouver Forum (Transplantation 81(4): 1373-1385, 2006)
- For Studies of Xenotransplantation - The International Xenotransplantation Association Ethics Committee Position Paper on "The Ethics of Xenotransplantation" (Xenotransplantation 10:194-203, 2003)
- For research involving human subjects -The Helsinki Declaration of The World Medical Association.

ON BEHALF OF \_\_\_\_\_ (NATIONAL AFFILIATED SOCIETY)

I CONFIRM THAT OUR MEMBERS ARE BOUND BY THE SAME ETHICS AS THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

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PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

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PRINT NAME

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DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)