



**THE 19<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF  
ASIAN SOCIETY OF TRANSPLANTATION**  
26<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 - GRAND HYATT KUWAIT



## Preliminary Program

### Scientific Program - Day 1

**Thursday November 27, 2025**

#### Transplantation in Asia - Plenary 1

ROOM: Ball Room			Advancing Organ Transplantation in Asia: Best Practices and Future Directions
Time: 08:00-09:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
8:00	Maggie MA	Overview: Transplantation activities in Asia	
8:15	Curie Ahn	Success story in Korea	
8:30	Haibo Wang	Chinese experience in transplantation	
8:45	Ali AbdulKarim Al Obaidli	Transplantation in the Eastern Mediterranean region	
9:00	Ali Malekhosseini	The Shiraz Experience	
9:15		Discussion	

09:30-10:00

**Coffee Break**

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#### Liver Transplantation - SOA 1

ROOM: Ball Room Track 1			Meeting the Challenges: Understanding and Managing Complications After Liver Transplantation
Time: 10:00-11:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
10:00	Xiangcheng Li	Vascular complications after liver transplantation	
10:15	Alireza Shamsaeefar	Management of Small-for-size liver transplant	
10:30	Medhat Askar	Role of Donor-derived Cell-free DNA In Predicting Short-term Allograft Health In Liver Transplant Recipients.	
10:45	N Yildiray YÜZER	Management of Biliary Complication in LDLT	
11:00	Refaat Kamel	Complications in donor and recipient post Living Liver Transplantation: The Egyptian Experience	
11:15	Kamil Yalçın Polat	Living-Related Liver Donation: Surgical Techniques, Outcomes, Limitations, and Challenges	

#### Acute & Chronic Rejection SOA 2

ROOM - Ball Room Track 2			Transplant Rejection: Understanding the Challenges and Strategies
Time: 10:00-11:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
10:00	Shahrazad Ossareh	Precision Immunosuppression: Tailoring therapy to reduce risk of rejection in kidney transplantation	
10:15	Olivier Thauinat	Microvascular inflammation and innate immunity	
10:30	Germaine Wong	Updates in the diagnosis and management of ABMR in Kidney Transplantation.	
10:45	TBA	Clinical significance of late onset antibody-mediated rejection without donor-specific anti-HLA antibodies in kidney transplantation	
11:00	Oriol Besnard Matamoros	CMV-Cell mediated immunity	
11:15		Discussion	

#### Post Kidney Transplantation: Surgical Complications - SOA 3

ROOM Ball Room Track 3			Challenges in Renal Transplantation: Diagnosis and Management
Time: 10:00-11:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
10:00	Naser Simforoosh	Abnormal bladder in kidney transplantation: Prevention, management and complications	
10:15	Colin Forman	Vascular complications after kidney transplantation	
10:30	Ahmad Harraz	The "Expanded criteria living donor"	
10:45	Pranjal Modi	Complications after robotic-assisted kidney transplantation: Is there a difference?	
11:00	Mohsen Alhashemi	Primer: Open vs. laparoscopic vs. robotic surgery in incisional hernias: Which is the best?	
11:15		Discussion	

#### Pediatric Transplantation - SOA 4

ROOM: Gallery 3			Common Challenges and Future Perspectives in Pediatric Transplantation
Time: 10:00-11:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
10:00	Ejaz Ahmed	Long-term outcome of 1000 pediatric kidney transplants; A single center experience from Pakistan	
10:15	Bassam Saeed	Pediatric kidney transplantation in the Middle East: Challenges and solutions	
10:30	Kourosh Kazemi	New aspects in pediatric liver transplantation	
10:45	Mohamed rela	Pediatric liver transplantation: Perspectives and challenges	
11:00	Mureo Kasahara	Liver transplantation for pediatric liver malignancies	
11:15		Discussion	

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

**Free Communications**

ROOM: Ball Room Track 2	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	UAE Symposium 1 - SOA 5
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12:30-13:30

**Lunch Break / Poster Viewing - Session 1**

Obesity and Chronic Organ Failure - Plenary 2		
ROOM Ball Room-All Tracks	Obesity's Silent Assault: Impact on Vital Organs	
Time: 13:30-15:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
13:30	TBA	The Metabolic Syndrome and the road to transplantation
13:45	Reza Saidi	Understanding the Impact of obesity on liver transplant outcomes: A comprehensive analysis
14:00	Mohammad Jamal	Obesity and liver transplantation: A double-edged sword
14:15	TBA	Obesity and kidney disease: A silent catalyst
14:30	Khaldoon ElHumood	Obesity and the failing heart: The cardiac transplant perspective
14:45	TBA	Managing obesity in transplant candidates and recipients: Surgical and medical approaches

15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
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Kidney Transplantation Session 1- SOA 6		
ROOM: Ball Room Track 1	New Challenges in Kidney Transplantation	
Time: 15:30-17:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
15:30	Ejaz Ahmed	Living donor and pre-emptive kidney transplantation
15:45	Baris Akin	Immune incompatible kidney transplant
16:00	Pratik Das	Challenges in the management of BKV nephropathy
16:15	Ala Ali	Transplant onconeurology
16:30	TBA	Economical challenges in matching demand and supply in solid organ transplantation
16:45		Discussion
Heart Transplantation - SOA 7		
ROOM: Ball Room Track 2	Heart Transplantation: Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Advanced Heart Failure Care	
Time: 15:30-17:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
15:30	Jan Schmitto	Role of mechanical cardiac support in improving orthotopic heart transplant outcome
15:45	Riad Tarazi	Kuwait experience and hurdle in Mechanical Cardiac Support and heart transplantation
16:00	Valluvan Jeevanandam	Recent cardiac transplant allocation in USA
16:15	K R Balakrishnan	How did India succeed in its heart transplant program?
16:30	Mitesh Badiwala	Heart Transplant in 2025 and beyond
16:45		Discussion
Ethics and Religion in Organ Donation - SOA 8		
ROOM: Ball Room Track 3	Faith, Science, and Transplantation: Bridging the Gap in Organ Donation	
Time: 15:30-17:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
15:30	Alireza Bagheri	TBA
15:45	Mustafa Al-Mousawi	Incentives for Deceased donors-Kuwait Model
16:00	Mohammed Ghaly	Religious views on organ donation
16:20	Riadh Fadhil	Doha Donation Accord
16:40	Arthur Matas	Incentives to increase living donors
16:45		Panel discussion
Tissue Donation - SOA 9		
ROOM: Gallery 3	Exploring the impact and possibilities of maximizing Tissue Donation	
Time: 15:30-17:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
15:30	TBA	How to organize tissue retrieval?
15:45	Amir Hossein Tavakoli	How to maximize tissue donation?
16:00	Samitha Jayasooriya	The Heart of Humanity: Eye and Tissue Donation in Sri Lanka—Then and Now
16:15	Heri Suroto	Donation and processing in tissue bank in Asia
16:30	TBA	Vascular Composite Graft: The French Experience
16:45		Discussion

17:00-18:00 PM	Free Communications
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19:30-21:30 PM	PRESIDENTIAL DINNER
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## Preliminary Program

### Scientific Program - Day 2

Friday November 28, 2025

#### Innovations in Transplantation - Plenary 3

ROOM: Ball Room All Tracks			How AI and Emerging Technologies are Redefining Organ Replacement?
Time: 08:00-09:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
8:00	Mohsen AliAkbarian	AI in organ transplantation	
8:15	Haibo Wang	AI in Medicine and Transplantation	
8:30	Nassim Kamar	Desensitization using Imlifidase	
8:45	Reza Saidi	Future in Transplantation	
9:00	Marwan Masri	Next Generation Sequencing in Tissue Typing	
9:15	Jae-Seok Yang	New progress in xenotransplantation	

09:30-10:00

#### Coffee Break

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#### Kidney Transplantation 2 - SOA 10

ROOM: Ball Room Track 1			Innovations in Renal Replacement Therapy: From Chips to Transplants
Time: 10:00-11:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
10:00	Mohamed Hani Hafez	Kidney-on-a-Chip: are we ready for the future kidney?	
10:15	Reza Motallebzadeh	Interaction between the gut microbiome and the host immune system in the context of organ transplantation	
10:30	Pratik Das	Clinical use of donor-derived cell-free DNA in kidney transplantation	
10:45	Ayman Refai	Exosomes / EVs in kidney transplantation	
11:00	TBA	ABO-incompatible kidney transplantation	
11:15	Discussion		

#### Registry - SOA 11

ROOM: Ball Room Track 2			The Vital Role of Registries in Optimizing Organ Donation and Transplantation: Saving Lives Through
Time: 10:00-11:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
10:00	Joseph Kim	Waiting list registries and their impact on organ donation and allocation	
10:15	Ghazali Ahmed	Malaysian registry	
10:30	Terence Kee Yi Shern	AST registry ASTREG	
10:45	Peter Walton	How to set up an Asian Organ Transplant Registry with reflections on and learnings from the new ESOT/Dendrite European Transplant Registry platform	
11:00	Lisa Mumford	UK registry	
11:15		Panel Discussion	

#### Sources of Organs - SOA 12

ROOM: Ball Room Track 3			Exploring the Diverse Sources of Transplantable Organs
Time: 10:00-11:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
10:00	Mauricio Galvão	Pushing the envelop in deceased organ donation	
10:15	Khaled Al Meshari	Paired donation in KSA: Single center experience	
10:30	Vivek Kute	Paired kidney transplant in India/Asia: challenges and solutions	
10:45	Mohammad Al Qahtani	Paired liver exchange In KSA	
11:00	David Paredes	Living donor protection in LURD and paired donation	
11:15		Discussion	

#### Immunosuppression - SOA 13

ROOM: Ball Room Track 2			Tailored Immunosuppression
Time: 10:00-11:30	Speakers	Topics	
10:00 AM	Patrik Das	De-sensitization, a new tool towards renal transplant with high immunological barrier	
10:15 AM	Medhat Askar	HLA – PRA – CXM : Immunological Risk Stratification	
10:30 AM	Mirza Naqi Zafar	HLA-driven immunosuppression protocol in living-related kidney transplantation. Cost and survival benefits	
10:45 AM	TBA	Immunotherapy in refractory/resistant CMV	
11:00 AM	Jae-Seok Yang	Development of new immunosuppressant agents for the xenotransplantation	
11:15 AM		Discussion	

11:30-12:30

#### Free Communications

## Liver Transplantation Session 2 - SOA 14

ROOM: Ball Room Track 1	Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular and Non-Hepatocellular Carcinomas	
Time: 11:30 AM - 13:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
11:30	Zhe YANG	Immune checkpoint inhibitors as bridge therapy for HCC before liver transplantation
11:45	TBA	Downstaging for HCC before LT / OR another topic
12:00	Xiao XU	Tumor-donor-recipient (TDR) -oriented liver transplantation for HCC: The changing paradigm in China
12:15	Umberto Cillo	LT for cholangiocarcinoma
12:30	Pal-Dag Line	LT for colorectal metastasis
12:45	Bandar AlJudaibi	Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma: How Should We Improve the outcomes?

ROOM: Ball Room Track 2	11:30-12:30	UAE Symposium 2 - SOA 15
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## Allied Health Professionals Session 1 - SOA 16

ROOM: Ball Room Track 3	Raising the Voice of AHPs in the Asian Transplant Community	
Time: 11:30 AM - 13:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
11:30	Zeinab Mughaddam	The specific challenges faced by AHPs in transplant programs in Kuwait
11:40	Dong Van He	The specific challenges faced by AHPs in transplant programs in Vietnam
11:50	TBA	The specific challenges faced by AHPs in transplant programs in Qatar
12:00	Byeong Chan Choi	The specific challenges faced by AHPs in transplant programs in Korea
12:10	Hisham AbouAlloul	The specific challenges faced by AHPs in transplant programs in UAE
12:20	Battsetseg Gonchigjav	The specific challenges faced by AHPs in transplant programs in Mongolia
12:30	Ilaria Zardo	Transplant Solutions: Navigating Challenges in Allied Health
12:45		Discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break / Poster Viewing - Session 2

## Best Abstracts Presentation -Investigators and Presidential Awards - Plenary 4

ROOM Ball Room all tracks	Presidential Symposium	
Time: 13:30-15:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
13:30-14:00	Three best abstracts	
14:00-14:30	Antoine Barbari	Impact of Global Warming on End Organ Failure
14:30-15:00	TBA	Awards Ceremony

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

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## Tissue Typing - SOA 17

ROOM: Ball Room track 1	A New Frontier in Transplantation Tissue Typing and Immunological Profiling	
Time: 15:30-17:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
15:30	Moheeb AlAwwami	Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics
15:45	Anne Halpin	Clinical Significance of Non-HLA Antibody Test
16:00	Marwan Masri	Virtual Crossmatch: Real world considerations
16:15	Anne Halpin	ABO antibodies testing: Laboratory support for ABO incompatible transplant
16:30	TBA	Single-cell Transcriptomics in transplantation immunology
16:45		Discussion

## Heart-Lung Transplantation - SOA 18

ROOM: Ball Room Track 2	Heart-Lung Transplantation: Indications, Immunosuppression, Complications, and Rehabilitation	
Time: 15:30-17:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
15:30	Khaldoon El Humood	Indications for heart transplantation: Who is a candidate and who is not?
15:45	Fatma Hady	Heart Donor-Recipient matchmaker
16:00	Sandra El Hajj	Immunosuppression in cardio-thoracic transplantation
16:15	Bader El Ayyad	Management of rejection in cardio thoracic transplantation
16:30	Firas Al Khaliel	Robotic heart transplantation
16:45		Discussion

ImmunoRegulations - SOA 19		
ROOM: Ball Room Track 3	Immunoregulations: From Basic Mechanisms to Therapeutic Strategies	
Time: 15:30-17:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
15:30	Yaxuan Huang	Establishment of allo-organ transplantation immune tolerance via induction of mixed chimerism
15:45	Hui LIU	The Role of Myeloid-derived Suppressor Cell in transplant oncology and immunology
16:00	Maggie KM MA	Application of renal genetics in kidney transplant
16:15	TBA	immune niche of the liver
16:30	Jae-Seok Yang	Gene-modified pig-to-human liver xenotransplantation
16:45		Discussion
Kidney Transplantation: Infectious Complications - SOA 20		
ROOM: Gallery 3	Navigating the Risks, Ensuring Safety, and Protecting Patients	
Time: 15:30-17:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
15:30	Jeremy Chapman	The thorny issue of vigilance and safety: Transmitting disease is not the goal of transplantation
15:45	Reem AlAmeer	Vaccination in the transplant population: Gaps and Innovations
16:00	Reem Almaghrabi	Infectious disease challenges in transplantation – A global & regional perspective
16:15	Muna AlMasalmani	Multidrug-Resistant Bacterial Infections in Transplant Patients
16:30	Sunil Kumar Dodani	Post transplant TB landscape in LMICs: Unique challenges and tailored solutions
16:45	Mohamed Salah	Post-transplant fungal infection : Diagnosis & treatment
17:00-18:00 Free Communications		
Allied Health Professionals Session 2 - SOA 21		
ROOM: Gallery 3	Role of Allied Health Professionals in improving patient care	
Time: 17:00-18:20	Speakers	Topics
17:00	Estephan Arredondo	Overview of key roles and inter-professional collaboration at international level
17:15	Ilaria Zardo	Role of transplant coordinator: donor and recipient and families education
17:30	Farida Younan	Allied Health Professionals and organ donation: Bridging hospital and community needs
17:45	Siavash Gholami	The role of coordination team in organ donation network
17:55	TBA	Role of nephrology nurses: patient and family education
18:05	TBA	Attitudes of health care professionals towards organ donation system in Kuwait
18:15		Discussion
20:00-23:30 GALA DINNER		



## Preliminary Program

### Scientific Program - Day 3

**Saturday November 29, 2025**

#### Organ Procurement - Plenary 5

ROOM: Ball Room All Tracks			Transforming Lives: The Impact of Successful Organ Procurement
Time: 08:00-09:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
8:00 AM	Marti Manyalich	How to organize a successful organ donation system in Asia?	
8:15 AM	Reza Motallebzadeh	Changing the organ utilization landscape	
8:30 AM	Huo Feng	Future trend in deceased donation in China	
8:45 AM	Supanit Nivatvongs	What are causes of your successful system?	
9:00 AM	Katayoun Najafizadeh	Twenty five years of deceased donation in Iran. How we achieved the results?	
9:15 AM		Discussion	

**09:30-10:00 Coffee Break**

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#### Liver Transplantation Session 3 - SOA 22

ROOM: Ball Room Track 1			Immunosuppression and Viral Infections in Liver Transplant: Balancing Graft Survival and Viral Control
Time: 10:00-11:30	Speakers	Topics	
10:00 AM	Mohammed Al Sebayel	Liver Transplantation from Brain-Dead Donors with Hepatitis B or C	
10:15 AM	Faisal AbaAlKhail	HBV Reactivation following Liver Transplantation in HBV-Infected Patients	
10:30 AM	Nancy K Man	Treatments for liver cancer metastasis and recurrence	
10:45 AM	Sandra El Hajj	Immunosuppression's management post liver transplant, in renal impairment patient	
11:00 AM	Shiva Kumar	PTLD post liver transplant	
9:15 AM		Discussion	

#### Lung Transplantation - SOA 23

ROOM: Gallery 3			Lung Transplantation: Expanding the Donor Pool and Innovations
Time: 10:00-11:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
10:00	Kyeongman Jeon	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation as a bridge to lung transplantation	
10:15	Fadi Hamed	Evolving landscape of recipient and donors selection for lung transplant	
10:30	TBA	Lobar lung transplantation from living donor	
10:45	TBA	TBA	
11:00	Usman Ahmad	Innovations in lung transplant – Robotic lung transplant	
11:15		Discussion	

#### Ethics of Organ Donation and Transplantation - SOA 24

ROOM: Ball Room Track 3			The Ethics of Organ Donation: A clash of values with new trends in organ donation?
Time: 10:00-11:30	Speakers	Topics	
10:00 AM	Sanjay Nagral	What are the ethical boundaries in strategies to increase donation rates in Asia?	
10:15 AM	Terence Kee	Experience with travel involving transplant tourism/organ trafficking in Asia	
10:30 AM	Benita Padilla	Results of the international travel for transplantation survey: focus on Asia	
10:45 AM	Gurch Randhawa	Developing equity in organ donation and transplantation in a multi-ethnic and multi-faith setting – lessons from the UK	
11:00 AM		Panel Discussion	

#### Combined Organ Transplantation - SOA 25

ROOM: Gallery 3			Combined Transplantation: A Comprehensive Overview and Surgical Approach
Time: 10:00-11:30 AM	Speakers	Topics	
10:00 AM	Hersheran Kaur	Advances in Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation	
10:15 AM	Saman Nikeghbalian	Combined Liver-Kidney Transplantation: Challenges and perspectives	
10:30 AM	Balamurugan N Appakalai	Current and future perspectives of Islet Cell Allo-Transplantation for the treatment of Diabetes	
10:45 AM	Usman Ahmad	Heart and Lung as a bulk	
11:00 AM	Hamed Nikoupour Deylami	Challenges of Small Bowel Transplantation in the world	
11:15 AM		Discussion	

**11:30-12:30 Free Communications**

#### VitalLink - SOA 26

ROOM: Ball Room Track 1			Deceased Organ Donation in LMICs: Challenges and Solutions
Time: 11:30 AM -13:00 PM	Speakers	Topics	
11:30 AM	Glen Rose B Advincula	Difficulties of starting a cardiac program in a high population country	
11:45 AM	Lkhaakhuu Od-erdene	Legal and ethical frameworks for deceased donation in Asia: Regulatory policies, ethical concerns, and best practices for governance	
12:00 PM	Dong Van He	Creating a multidisciplinary team for deceased organ transplantation in Vietnam	
12:15 PM	Jeremy Chapman	Establishing deceased donation in LIMC: "Why do we need government investment in deceased organ donation?"	
12:30 PM	Naser Simforoosh	Innovations in Laparoscopic Donor Nephrectomy: Experience with over 3000 cases	
12:45 PM		Discussion	

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## Lunch Break / Poster Viewing - Session 3

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## Liver Transplantation Session 4 - SOA 27

ROOM: Ball Room Track 1 Liver Transplantation: Optimizing Outcomes through Advanced Strategies		
Time: 13:30-15:00 PM	Speakers	Topics
13:30	David Nasralla	Advances in organ procurement and preservation
13:45	John Fung	Pre transplant optimization of outcomes for MASLD patients
14:00	Shuo WANG	ECMO supportive therapy in critical liver transplantation
14:15	Saman Nikeghbalian	Optimizing nutrition in liver transplant recipients
14:30	Anne Halpin	ABO-Incompatible living-donor liver transplantation
14:45		Discussion

## Cell Therapy &amp; Islet Cells - SOA 28

ROOM: Ball Room Track 2 Title: Innovations in Regenerative Medicine and Immunotherapy		
Time: 13:30-15:00	Speakers	Topics
13:30	Shokoufeh Savaj	Innovation in kidney transplantation: Advancing cell and immunotherapy for long-term success
13:45	Ho Quan Yao	T cell therapy to induce tolerance
14:00	Balamurugan N Appakalai	Recent advances in pancreatic islet cell auto- allo and xeno-transplantation
14:15	Gamal El Saadi	Stem cell therapy for kidney regeneration
14:30	Hideki Ohdan	Hepatocyte transplantation for liver regeneration
14:45		Discussion

## Kidney Transplantation: Medical Complications - SOA 29

ROOM: Ball Room Track 3 Challenges in Kidney Transplantation: A Focus on Complications		
Time: 13:30-15:00	Speakers	Topics
13:30	Torki AlOtaibi	Management of failing graft
13:45	Mohammad Ghnaimat	HTN & CVD Post kidney transplant
14:00	Jeremy Chapman	Cancer after transplantation "Cancer - prevent, diagnose, treat"
14:15	Saeed AlGhamdi	Bone Loss After kidney transplantation : How to reverse it ?
14:30	May Hassaballa	Complement-mediated renal diseases: How & what to target?
14:45		Discussion

## Women in Transplantation - SOA 30

ROOM: Gallery 3 Balancing Career and Life for Women in Transplantation		
Time: 13:30-15:00	Speakers	Topics
13:30	Battsetseg Gonchigjav	implementing agency Women in Transplantation: Overcoming Barriers and Driving Change in Mongolia
13:45	Ha Phan Hai An	Sustaining a Career in Transplantation: Cultural and Institutional Challenges in Vietnam
14:00	Germaine Wong	Global Lessons and Policy Innovations for Work-Life Balance in Transplantation
14:15	Saja Surour	Women in transplantation: MESOT region
14:30	Curie Ahn	The Realities of Work-Life Balance in Transplantation
14:45		Discussion

## 15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:00-15:30	AST General Assembly
15:30-16:00	Closing Remarks