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2nd ELPAT CONGRESS
Organ Transplantation:
Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects
Expanding the European Platform



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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee it is our pleasure to invite you to the 2nd ELPAT Congress on Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of organ Transplantation. This Congress will take place from 17 – 20 April 2010 in the World Trade Center in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

ELPAT is an interactive European Platform that exchanges information, ideas and experiences by encouraging dialogue and facilitating the European research agenda on **Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects of organ Transplantation**.

ELPAT is an official committee of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) that was founded during the 1st Congress in April 2007 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The objective of the 2nd ELPAT Congress in April 2010 is to expand the European Platform by encouraging continuity and progress in the dialogue on the complex issues of transplantation ethics.

This Congress will give special focus to **cross-border** issues and the involvement of **new EU member states**, candidate countries and other European countries in the field of organ donation and transplantation. The Organizing Committee therefore welcomes new topics to be highlighted and discussed through free presentations, workshops and debates with the goal of formulating recommendations for the plenary closing session. The Organizing Committee welcomes ethicists, philosophers, clinicians, lawyers, psychologists and policy-makers in the area of organ donation and transplantation. We also offer a social platform and opportunities for networking through the organization of social and cultural activities. We think that you will enjoy not only our ELPAT Congress, but also the vibrant atmosphere, culinary delights and modern architecture of Rotterdam.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rotterdam.



Willem Weimar
Chair

Topics

The main theme of the congress is, “crossing borders”. In addition to the topics mentioned below, participants are invited to put forward cross-border issues in organ donation and transplantation.

Deceased Donation

- End of life care
- Moment of asking
- Definition of death

Diverse Populations

- Ethnicity
- Equal access to health care
- Socioeconomic status, culture and religion

Legal and Ethical Boundaries

- Living Unrelated Donation (Cross-Over, Living Donor List Exchange)
- The role of pharmaceutical industries
- Allocation: utility versus equity

Organ Tourism and Paid Donation

- Compensation / financial incentives
- Legal aspects
- Health insurance

Psychological Care for Living Donors and Recipients

- Non-compliance
- Donor / patient screening
- Assisting patients in finding a living donor

Samaritan Donation

- Soliciting
- Altruism
- Directed, non-directed



Programme overview

	Saturday, April 17	Sunday, April 18	Monday, April 19	Tuesday, April 20	
8.30		PLENARY SESSION 1	PLENARY SESSION 2	PLENARY SESSION 3 AND CLOSING REMARKS	
9.00					
9.30					
10.00		COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK		
10.30		PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS		
11.00					
11.30					
12.00					
12.30		POSTER SESSION	LUNCH BREAK	POSTER SESSION	LUNCH BREAK
13.00					
13.30		PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS		
14.00					
14.30					
15.00	REGISTRATION	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK		
15.30					
16.00	OPENING SESSION	PARALLEL SESSIONS	PARALLEL SESSIONS		
16.30					
17.00					
17.30				CONGRESS RECEPTION	
18.00	WELCOME DRINKS				
18.30					
19.00		CULTURAL ACTIVITY			

Abstract Submission

The abstract submission opens on June 1, 2009 and the deadline is on November 16, 2009

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

Abstracts can be submitted electronically via the websites www.elpat.org or www.esot.org. Abstracts submitted by regular mail, e-mail or fax will not be accepted. If problems arise with submitting an abstract, please contact the ESOT Office.

Notification

Notification of acceptance will be e-mailed to the contact author by December 21, 2009.

Presentations

Selected abstracts will be presented as oral presentations. Other submissions will be presented as posters and exhibited throughout the congress. Presenters are requested to attend chaired poster sessions.

Congress format

Plenary sessions, parallel sessions, oral presentations, opening lectures, pro-con sessions, poster sessions, and workshops.

Updates

Please check the website regularly for information on the programme, contents, workshops, abstract submission and registration: www.elpat.org or www.esot.org

Registration

There are two ways to register

- 1) Online registration is available at www.elpat.org and www.esot.org
- 2) Mail, e-mail or fax: the registration form can be downloaded from the website, completed and returned, together with proof of payment, or credit card information to the Congress Secretariat.

Congress Secretariat

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Registration fees

	Before January 31, 2010	After January 31, 2010 & Onsite
ESOT Member	€ 300	€ 350
Non-Members	€ 350	€ 400
Students *	€ 250	€ 250

* Students should send a copy of their identification card together with their registration form.

Conditions

Early registration fees will be accepted only if the registration form and payment are received by the due date. Pre-registrations will be accepted until April 10, 2010. On-site registration will be available at the congress venue starting from April 17, 2010, at 15.00 hrs.

Registration fee includes:

Admission to the scientific sessions and poster area, a congress kit, an abstract book, refreshments during breaks, lunches, welcome drinks, and a cultural programme.

Confirmation

Written confirmation will be sent via e-mail to the address indicated on the registration form.

Payment

- Credit Card (VISA – MASTERCARD)
- Bank transfer, payable to ESOT - Erste Bank Vienna, A
IBAN AT372011128233314101 - SWIFT/BIC: GIBAATWW

Please ensure a clear statement of the name of the participant, the IBAN and BIC codes on the bank transfer and an instruction to the bank to cover all charges. A copy of the bank transfer must be sent together with the registration form.

Cancellation

Requests for refunds must be submitted by January 31, 2010 to ensure reimbursement. There will be no refunds after this date. A processing fee of € 50 will be charged for all refunds. All refunds will be processed after the meeting.

General Information

Venue

The conference will be held in the
Beurs- World Trade Center (WTC)
Beursplein 37
3011 AA Rotterdam
The Netherlands
Tel. + 31 (0) 10 4054444
Website: www.wtcrotterdam.nl

Rotterdam is the second largest city and the industrial heart of The Netherlands. It contains the largest port in Europe. Within an hour's drive of the three main cities Utrecht, The Hague and Amsterdam you will find a modern city with a rich history that is famous for its architecture. The city has numerous museums, cultural events, a diverse nightlife and is easily accessible by road, ferry, railway and air. In addition, Rotterdam has an international airport and can be reached from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol by a direct train connection. Further information on Rotterdam and its access is available on the congress website.

Visas

Please check with your local Dutch embassy to see if your country of origin requires a VISA to enter The Netherlands.

Hotel Accommodation

Hotel rooms in various price categories in the city of Rotterdam have been reserved for the 2nd ELPAT Congress.

The hotels offer the following price ranges:

	SINGLE ROOM		DOUBLE ROOM	
	From	To	From	To
Category A	€ 100	€ 130	€ 115	€ 145
Category B	€ 130	€ 160	€ 145	€ 175
Category C	€ 160	€ 190	€ 175	€ 205

Rates are per room per night, including breakfast, service charges and applicable taxes.
Rooms are subject to availability.

Online bookings or Hotel Reservation Form

Participants can book their hotel room via internet or send an e-mail to reservations@hotelservicerotterdam.nl. A global deposit of € 150 is required to guarantee your room reservation. Please forward a copy of your bank transfer or settle with your credit card. Hotel requests without payment cannot be accepted. Each participant will receive a confirmation/invoice. Final payment has to be made latest on March 1, 2010 to HotelService Rotterdam. Please don't send any payments to the hotel.

Booking policy

All requests will be handled on a "first come-first served basis". Hotel bookings will be guaranteed until March 1, 2010. After this deadline, requests will be accepted however, hotel accommodation is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed anymore. Also, after this deadline, bookings are only possible against full payment by credit card and an additional late booking fee of € 30 will be charged.

Cancellation, refund and change policy

If your reservation is cancelled before March 1, 2010 the deposit will be refunded and a handling fee of € 60,00 will apply. If your reservation is cancelled after March 1, 2010, no refunds can be made.

Any change of reservation will be subject to a handling fee of € 30. Changes or cancellations have to be made in writing to HotelService Rotterdam. If you arrive later or leave earlier than the originally booked dates, the total accommodation amount will be charged and there will be no refunds.



Important dates and deadlines





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June 1, 2009

Author notification of acceptance
December 21, 2009

Online registration opens
September 1, 2009

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January 31, 2010

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