

23rd Annual Meeting of the Swiss Transplantation Society



January 22-23, 2026

Congress Hotel Seepark
Thun, Switzerland

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Welcome letter

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you, on behalf of the Swiss Transplantation Society, to join us at the 23rd Annual Congress on January 22 and 23, 2026 at the Congress Hotel Seepark, in Thun.

We believe that our scientific committee has once more prepared an attractive program, trying to focus on relevant issues, both for transplant patients and for transplant specialists. In addition, based on the success in encouraging a new generation during the last meeting in 2025, we are confident that also this year many younger investigators will submit their work. The rapid-fire session is the perfect platform to show their own research and to compete for the award, dedicated to young academic colleagues. We are very thankful to our sponsors who made this possible.

Among the meeting topics, we would like to highlight two: First, the **patient advisory board** of the Swiss Transplant Cohort Study will highlight its role and the growing importance of patient involvement in research. Secondly, the **key note presentation** by Serena MacMillan, from Cambridge UK; will be about "Correcting ABO incompatibility by enzymatic cleavage", an new concept which could have major implication for transplantation.

Lastly, the meeting is also about coming together and foster the exchange between different programs, and between disciplines and professions.

We would like to thank therefore all our sponsors for their very essential participation and our colleagues at meeting.com for their faithful, efficient and friendly support. The Board of our Society and the Scientific Committee are very much looking forward to seeing you soon in Thun and wish you all a very pleasant and fruitful congress.



Philipp Dutkowski
President STS



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General information

Venue

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Registration fees	Early bird Until Dec. 15, 2025	Late As from Jan. 19, 2025 and onsite
Medical doctors/participants STS MEMBER	CHF 230.00	CHF 270.00
Medical doctors/ JUNIOR < 35 years STS MEMBER	CHF 190.00	CHF 230.00
Medical doctors/ JUNIOR < 35 years STS NON-MEMBER	CHF 220.00	CHF 250.00
Medical doctors/participants STS NON-MEMBER	CHF 360.00	CHF 390.00
Transplant care specialists & TPL coordinators STS MEMBER	CHF 160.00	CHF 200.00
Transplant care specialists & TPL coordinators STS NON-MEMBER	CHF 240.00	CHF 260.00
ABSTRACT Presenters	CHF 0.00	CHF 0.00

Networking dinner – Thursday January 22, 2026

Participation costs 1 person	CHF 120.00 (TTC)
2 persons	CHF 240.00 (TTC)

Including

Attendance at the scientific sessions and exhibition area, certificate of participation, coffee breaks and lunches according to the program. The networking dinner is not included and has to be booked separately.

Thursday, January 22, 2026

09.30 – 12.00	Swiss Transplant Working Group Meetings (to be registered separately)	
13.00 – 13.05	Welcome <i>Philipp Dutkowski, Basel</i> <i>President of the Swiss Transplantation Society</i>	Room Genève
13.05 – 13.25	Swiss Transplant Annual Activity Report <i>Franz Immer, Franziska Beyeler, Swiss Transplant, Bern</i>	
13.25 – 13.45	Patient Advisory Board presentation Combining different perspectives – patient involvement in research <i>Patient Advisory Board of the STCS</i>	

13.45 – 14.30	Session 1 SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM by OM Pharma From Liver to Kidney: Innovations in Transplantation and CKD prevention Chair: Julien Vionnet, Lausanne	Room Genève 
13.45 – 13.50	Introduction of the topic and goal of the session <i>Julien Vionnet, Lausanne</i>	
13.50 – 14.05	Determinants and impact of chronic kidney disease after liver transplantation <i>Daniel Sidler, Bern</i>	
14.05 – 14.25	Learning from the MOTTO Study <i>Caroline den Hoed, Rotterdam (NL)</i>	
14.25 – 14.30	Closing remarks <i>Julien Vionnet, Lausanne</i>	

14.30 – 16.00	Session 2 COORDINATOR'S CORNER (program with SDTA) Chairs: Isabelle Binet, St. Gallen; Mirjam Korner, Bern	Room Genève
14.30 – 15.00	New developments in the field of transplantation, organ procurement and related topics <i>David B. Olawade, London (UK)</i>	
14.30 – 14.50	Liver Allocation for children <i>Barbara Wildhaber, Geneva</i>	
14.50 – 15.10	The impact of artificial intelligence and machine learning in organ retrieval and transplantation: A comprehensive review <i>David B. Olawade, London (UK)</i>	

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15.10 – 15.15	Discussion <i>Isabelle Binet, St. Gallen; Mirjam Korner, Bern</i>	
15.15 – 15.35	Basel experience of pediatric Kidney transplant in adult <i>Stefan Schaub, Basel</i>	
15.35 – 15.55	Long-term outcome following pediatric kidney transplantation is similar to adult kidney transplantation <i>Andras Mezaros, Innsbruck (AT)</i>	
15.55 – 16.00	Discussion <i>Isabelle Binet, St. Gallen; Mirjam Korner, Bern</i>	

16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break – visit of the exhibition	Foyer 1st floor
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16.30 – 17.15	Session 3 SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM by Neovii Chair: tbc	Room Genève 
16.30 – 17.05	Use and dosage of ATLG/Grafalon in allogeneic HSCT: Is risk-adapted individualization possible and advisable? <i>Johannes Clausen, Linz (DE)</i>	
17.05 – 17.15	Discussion	

17.15 – 18.15	Session 4 STS AWARDS Oral presentation of the six highest ranking papers Chair: Patricia Hirt, Basel	Room Genève    
17.15 – 17.25	Paper 1	
17.25 – 17.35	Paper 2	
17.35 – 17.45	Paper 3	
17.45 – 17.55	Paper 4	
17.55 – 18.05	Paper 5	
18.05 – 18.15	Paper 6	

18.15 – 18.45	GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Room Genève
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19.30	Networking Dinner & STS Awards	Parksaal Hotel Seepark
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Friday, January 23, 2026

07.45 – 08.30

Registration

08.30 – 09.00

Keynote Lecture

Chair: Déla Golshayan, Lausanne

Room Genève

08.30 – 09.00

Correcting ABO incompatibility by enzymatic cleavage

Serena MacMillan, Cambridge (UK)

09.00 – 10.10

Session 5

Rapid Fire Session

Chair: Jean Villard, Geneva

Room Genève

09.00 – 09.06
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10.10 – 10.45

Coffee break – visit of the exhibition

Foyer 1st floor

Friday, January 23, 2026

10.45 – 11.40	SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM BY ASTELLAS	Room Genève
	Immunosuppression Chair: Nicolas Müller, Zurich	
10.45 – 11.05	Enhancing Patient Adherence for Transplant Success <i>Sabina De Geest, Basel</i>	
11.05 – 11.25	AI and Machine Learning Demystified: Essential Concepts and Practical Insights <i>Valentin Goutaudier, Paris (FR)</i>	
11.25 – 11.40	Discussion	

11.40 – 12.40		ROOM Genève
Session 6	Centralisation of Machine Perfusion Chair: Pascale Tinguely, Zurich	
11.40 – 12.10	The Centralization of Organ Perfusion – UK Implementation of National Organ Assessment & Recovery Centers <i>tbc</i>	
12.10 – 12.40	The Swiss Perspective: Status quo, Possibilities and Challenges <i>tbc</i>	

12.40 – 13.30	Lunch break – visit of the exhibition	Foyer 1st floor
13.00 – 13.30	Poster walk	

13.30 – 13.45		ROOM Genève
Session	Presentation of the selected Honorary Member Chair: tbc	
13.30 – 13.35	Presentation	
13.35 – 13.45	Selected honorary member	

13.45 – 14.15	STS EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION AWARDS 2025	ROOM Genève
	with the kind support of Astellas Chair: Markus Barten, Hamburg (DE)	
13.45 – 13.55	Welcome word	
13.55 – 14.05	STS Excellence Award	
14.05 – 14.15	STS Innovation Award	

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14.15 – 14.30	Best Oral & Best Poster presentation Awards	ROOM Genève
	with the kind support of Astellas Chair: Nicolas Müller, Zurich	
14.15 – 14.30	Awards	

14.30 – 16.15		Room Genève
Session 7	A case to remember Chair: Angela Koutsokera, Lausanne	
14.30 – 14.45	Primary Hyperoxaluria Typ 1 <i>Nora Pobitzer, Zurich; Wesley Hayes, Zurich</i>	
14.45 – 15.00	Kidney-alone transplantation with RNAi in PH1 <i>Alexander Ritter, St. Gallen</i>	
15.00 – 15.15	Lung transplantation <i>Pieter-Jan Gijs, Lausanne</i>	
15.15 – 15.30	Beating Heart heart transplantation and much more... current trends in ex-vivo perfusion <i>David Reineke, Bern</i>	
15.30 – 15.45	Pancreas / Islet transplantation <i>Fabian Rössler, Zurich</i>	
15.45 – 16.00	Liver transplantation <i>Massimo Leo, Geneva</i>	
16.00 – 16.15	Liver transplantation directly after HCT <i>Jonas Loetscher, Basel</i>	

16.15	Closing remarks	Room Genève
	<i>Philipp Dutkowski, Basel – President of the Swiss Transplantation Society</i>	

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