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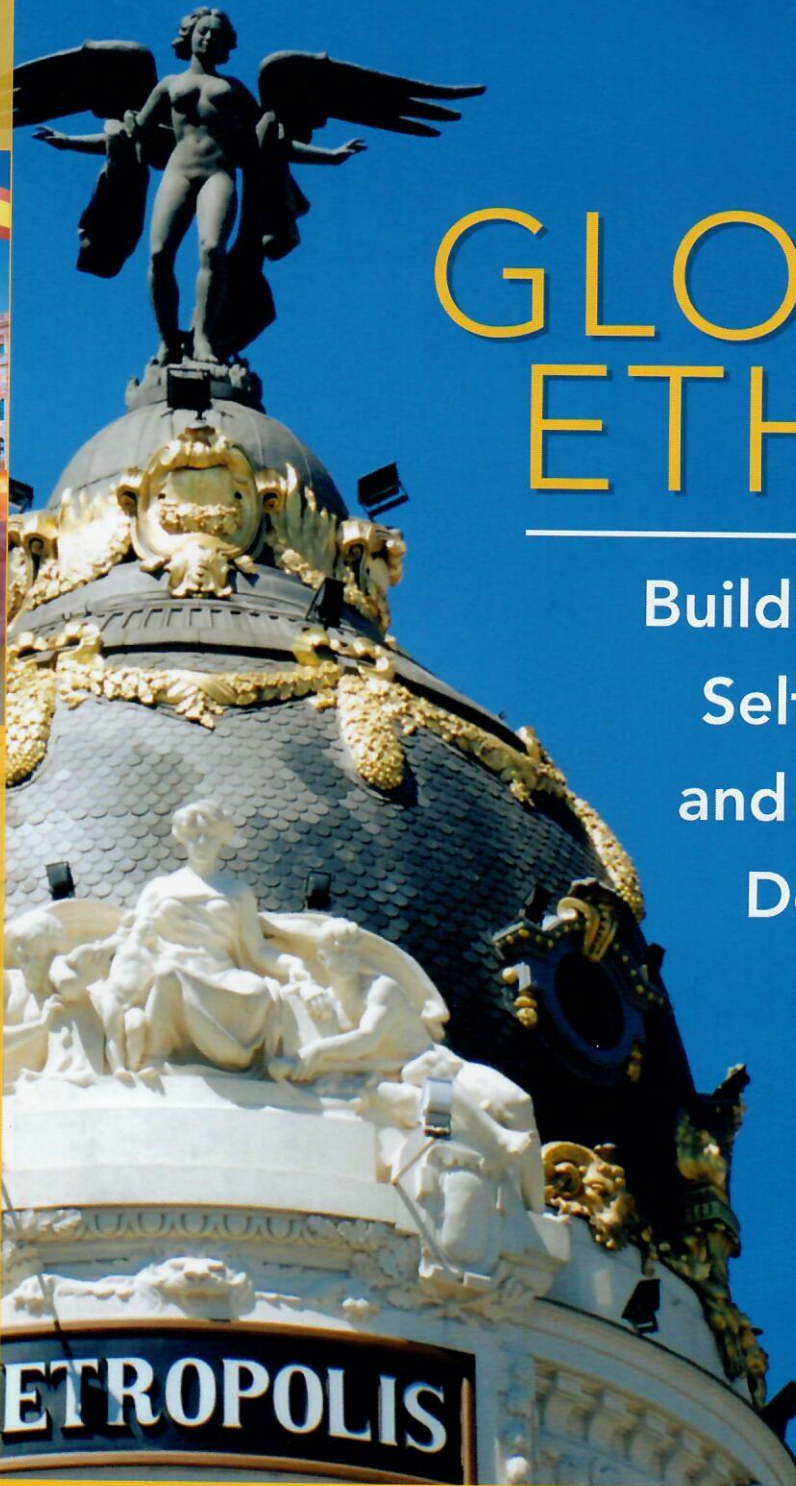
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Nancy Ascher, TTS
President



"Ethics in Action" --
building towards global
ethical self-sufficiency and
sustainable development
throughout the world.

I am delighted to report the participation of The Transplantation Society to successfully integrate the crime of organ trafficking into the agenda of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. I represented TTS at an "Ethics in Action" conference at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences along with representatives from the WHO (Nunez), Pontifical Academy (Delmonico), and experts in the areas of human trafficking, child labor, slavery and prostitution. The meeting led by senior UN advisor Jeff Sachs (University Professor and Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia) and Monsignor Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo (Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Science) brought together a global group to ultimately inform the United Nations General Assembly. The "Ethics in Action" final statement included organ trafficking as a dimension of human slavery equally important to the United Nations as forced labor and prostitution.

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I also have the honor of representing The Transplantation Society to meetings planned with the governments and Ministries of Health in Costa Rica, Mexico, and the Philippines because these are locations of a current concern for organ trafficking, expressed by our professional colleagues in these countries. Along with colleagues from the PAS and the national transplant community, we have been invited by local colleagues to meet with respective health authorities to articulate issues of national self-sufficiency with reference to WHO Guiding Principles and the Declaration of Istanbul.

I am nearing the closure of my term as TTS President. Although I am sorry to see my term end, I am confident in the future of TTS. Our organization has vibrant participation from members around the globe. Your incoming President, Prof. Mehmet Haberal has been a long-term TTS member, a strong leader, and a transplant pioneer in Turkey and the Middle East. He has been central to the organization of transplant efforts in the Turkic countries as well. Prof. Haberal will assume his duties as President at our business meeting in Madrid.

Our elections are completed and I am delighted to announce that you have selected Marcelo Cantarovich for President-Elect for the term 2018-2020 (becoming President for 2020-2022). Marcelo has ably led our TTS Education Committee for the last 5 years. While hailing from Montreal, he has strong ties to our Latin American colleagues.

The Transplantation Society is happy to announce the selection of Buenos Aires as the site for the 2022 TTS Congress. The recommendation from the Selection Committee and the decision by Council was based on several factors including the results of the membership poll. In the end, it was a difficult decision as all three sites – Buenos Aires, Istanbul and Montreal – advanced wonderful proposals. The 2022 meeting in Buenos Aires represents an important milestone as the first TTS meeting to be held in Latin America.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to Officers, Councilors and staff of TTS for all the support you have given me for the past two years as President. But I would also like to thank all members who have given so freely of their time to further the mission of our Society, and the care for our patients.

Nancy Ascher
President

New Council Positions for 2018–2020



PRESIDENT
Mehmet Haberal



PRESIDENT-ELECT
Marcelo Cantarovich



IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT
Nancy Ascher

NEW OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS



VICE PRESIDENT
Elmi Muller



TREASURER
Minnie Sarwal



COUNCILOR
Mustafa Al-Mousawi
(Middle East / Africa)



COUNCILOR
Karen Dwyer
(Oceania)



COUNCILOR
Maria Gerbase De Lima
(Latin America)



COUNCILOR
Megan Sykes
(North America)



COUNCILOR
Marti Manyalich Vidal
(Europe)

RETURNING OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS



SECRETARY
John J. Fung



SENIOR TREASURER
Stefan G. Tullius



COUNCILOR
Medhat Askar
(North America)



COUNCILOR
Steven J. Chadl
(Oceania)



COUNCILOR
Hiroto Egawa
(Asia)



COUNCILOR
Peter J. Friend
(Europe)



COUNCILOR
Gabriel E. Gondolesi
(Latin America)



HISTORIAN
Randall Morris



COUNCILOR
S. Adibul Hasan Rizvi
(Asia)



COUNCILOR
Peter G. Stock
(North America)

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Scientific,
Social, Legal,
and Ethical Impact
of the Society



Mehmet Haberal
TTS Incoming President

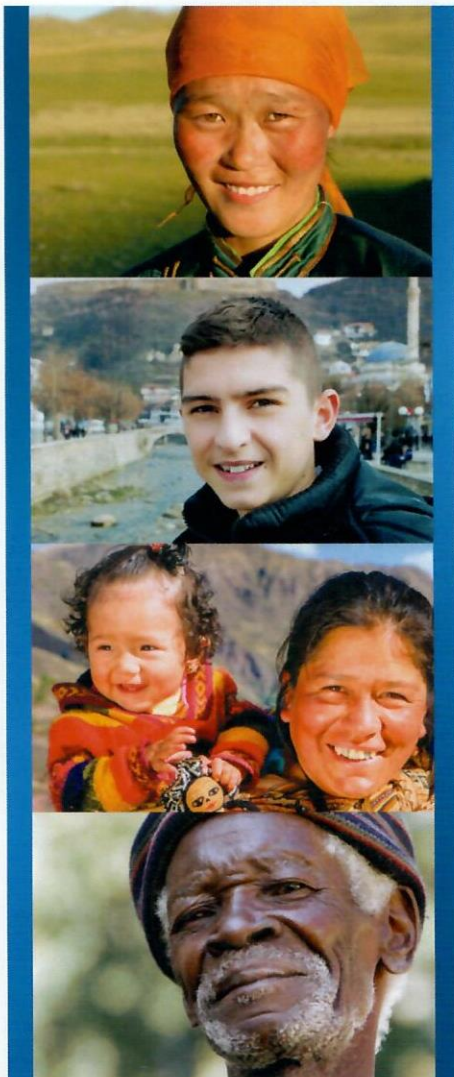
I am both honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve as President of The Transplantation Society for the 2018-2020 term.

TTS is the only global transplantation society that encompasses all of the disciplines in the field of transplantation and has grown exponentially since its establishment just over 50 years ago. Today, the society has 6500 members from more than 100 countries. Currently, there are eight separate official sections to meet the varying needs and areas of expertise of its members, and 34 affiliated national and regional societies are gathered under the umbrella of TTS.

Since its inception, TTS has driven global action in the development of the science and clinical practice, scientific communication, continuing education, guidance on ethical issues and legal practice. While the focus and activities of our members' work may vary within their respective fields, extending the reach of our efforts has never been more important. The changing needs of patients and professionals alike necessarily impact social, medical, ethical, and legislative structures.

We cannot ignore that there continue to be striking disparities in transplantation throughout various areas of the world. However, TTS continues to take the lead in establishing best practice in institutions throughout the world. The ISN-TTS Sister Transplant Centers Program and the newly created TTS-ILTS Paired Transplant Centers Program are prime examples of the difference that such initiatives can make in the creation and development of kidney and liver transplant programs in low- and middle-income countries. In the coming years we shall persist in this vein, with the ultimate purpose of establishing transplantation in every country with comparable standards of care for the patients.

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In so doing, we will continue to support the activities of the Declaration of Istanbul, which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2018. The important changes in legislation and practice that have taken effect in various countries – and most notably in China – are a testament to how fundamentally it has addressed the needs and concerns of the international transplant community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our colleagues who have worked tirelessly to this end. Our aim as the transplant community should now be to work towards a system of meeting the organ demand entirely with deceased donation. This will not only result in the reduction of unethical transplantation activities, it will also make an enormous difference to those patients awaiting transplants in which living organ donors are not an option.

TTS will continue to play a major role in tackling ongoing educational, legal, regulatory, ethical and public health challenges, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, the United Nations, the Council of Europe, national governing bodies, as well as national, regional and international societies. Among our primary concerns will be the ethical means of meeting the growing demand for organs through ethical organ donation and procurement, promoting scientific understanding and equality in standards of clinical practice and patient care, transparency in transplantation activities, and of course educational programs to meet the needs of our members. Communication has been particularly effective this past term, with a noticeable increase in electronic communications with the membership, especially with the implementation of the weekly electronic bulletin, *Tribune Pulse*. In addition, the *Transplantation* and *Tranplantation Direct* journals have also been flourishing, with an improved impact factor and rising quality of published papers.

We have an exciting term ahead of us. We will begin planning the 28th TTS Congress in Seoul in 2020. Building on the strong work done by my predecessors, our leadership team will also be reviewing the strategic plan of the society and will work towards advancing the priorities it sets out. By firmly establishing our vision and mission, we will better be able to determine and realize the impact we wish to make scientifically, socially, legally, and ethically. We will be taking important strides to ensure that equal attention is given to the 6 regions that are represented within TTS, thereby ensuring that members from all regions are given equal chance to access TTS activities and educational opportunities.

Our membership will play an important role in this process and we look forward to receiving your thoughts and suggestions.

Mehmet Haberal
Incoming President

Mehmet Haberal MD, FACS (Hon), FICS (Hon), FASA (Hon) is a pioneer in the fields of transplantation and burn treatment since 1975. After training with Thomas Starzl in Denver, he returned to Turkey and performed the first successful kidney and liver transplants in the country. In addition to several burn societies, he is Founder and Immediate Past President of the Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation, and Founder and President of the Turkish Transplantation Society, the Turkic World Transplantation Society, and the International Haberal Transplantation and Education Foundation. He served as President of the International Society for Burn Injuries (2006-2008), and as TTS Councilor for the Middle East and Africa (2004-2008). He received the TTS Millennium Medal in 2000. He is currently Governor and Turkey Representative of the ACS. He is Founder and Founder President as well as President of the Executive Supreme Board of Baskent University, which has established 10 hospitals/outpatient clinics and more than 20 dialysis centers throughout the country.

