

# 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

Nicolas Mueller  
Chair, Scientific Committee 2025

# General information

## Venue

Congress Hotel Seepark  
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## Registration fees

	<b>Early bird Until Dec. 15, 2025</b>	<b>Late As from Jan. 19, 2025 and onsite</b>
Medical doctors/participants STS MEMBER	CHF 230.00	CHF 270.00
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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.

# Awards for Young Clinicians or Investigators

Once again in 2026, the Scientific Committee wishes to give young fellows a voice by renewing, for the second time, the oral and poster presentations of the work they carried out during 2025.

The oral and poster presentations are dedicated to “young investigators” (medical doctors, nurses, allied health professionals). In order to be chosen as a presenter of a short report or poster, the first author must fulfil all of the following criteria:

- a maximum of 10 years of clinical experience from passing the final medical exams or master/PhD in nursing science
- first author is not the head of a research group;
- first author is not an established university lecturer (i.e., not “Privatdozent”, novenia legendi) or professor in nursing research.

The 10 highest scoring abstracts will be presented as oral presentations on Friday January 23, 2026. The additional submissions will have the possibility to present their work during a dedicated poster walk during the lunch break on Friday.

The committee would like to reward the best oral presentation and the best poster with a prize of CHF 750.00 each, for a total of CHF 1,500.00.

These awards are kindly supported by



# Abstract Book

QR will be available in due time.

# Thursday, January 22, 2026

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

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





<b>14.30 – 16.00</b>	<b>Session 2</b> <b>COORDINATOR'S CORNER (program with SDTA)</b> Chairs: Isabelle Binet, St. Gallen; Mirjam Korner, Bern	Room Genève
<b>14.30 – 14.50</b>	<b>Liver Allocation for children</b> <i>Barbara Wildhaber, Geneva</i>	
<b>14.50 – 15.10</b>	<b>The impact of artificial intelligence and machine learning in organ retrieval and transplantation: A comprehensive review</b> <i>David B. Olawade, London (UK)</i>	
<b>15.10 – 15.15</b>	<b>Discussion</b> <i>Isabelle Binet, St. Gallen; Mirjam Korner, Bern</i>	

# Thursday, January 22, 2026

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

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

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

<b>18.15 – 18.45</b>	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	Room Genève
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<b>19.30</b>	<b>Networking Dinner &amp; STS Awards</b>	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

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**10.10 – 10.45**

**Coffee break – visit of the exhibition**

Foyer 1st floor



# Friday, January 23, 2026

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

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

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

<b>13.30 – 13.45</b>	<b>Presentation of the selected Honorary Member</b>	ROOM Genève
	Chair: tbc	
13.30 – 13.35	<b>Presentation</b>	
13.35 – 13.45	<b>Selected honorary member</b>	

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

# Friday, January 23, 2026

<b>14.15 – 14.30</b>	<b>Best Oral &amp; Best Poster presentation Awards</b>	ROOM Genève
	with the kind support of Astellas Chair: Nicolas Müller, Zurich	
14.15 – 14.30	<b>Awards</b>	

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

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



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**References:** 1. Kotton CN, Kumar D, Caliendo AM, et al. The third international consensus guidelines on the management of cytomegalovirus in solid-organ transplantation. Transplantation. 2018;102(6):900–931. doi:10.1097/TP.0000000000002191. 2. Limaye AP, Budde K, Humar A, et al. Letermovir vs valganciclovir for prophylaxis of cytomegalovirus in high-risk kidney transplant recipients: a randomized clinical trial. JAMA. 2023;330(1):33–42. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.9106. 3. Prescribing information PREVYMIS® (letermovir). www.swissmedicinfo.ch, last accessed 31.07.2025. Copies of the study publications can be requested on demand at dpoc.switzerland@msd.com.

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