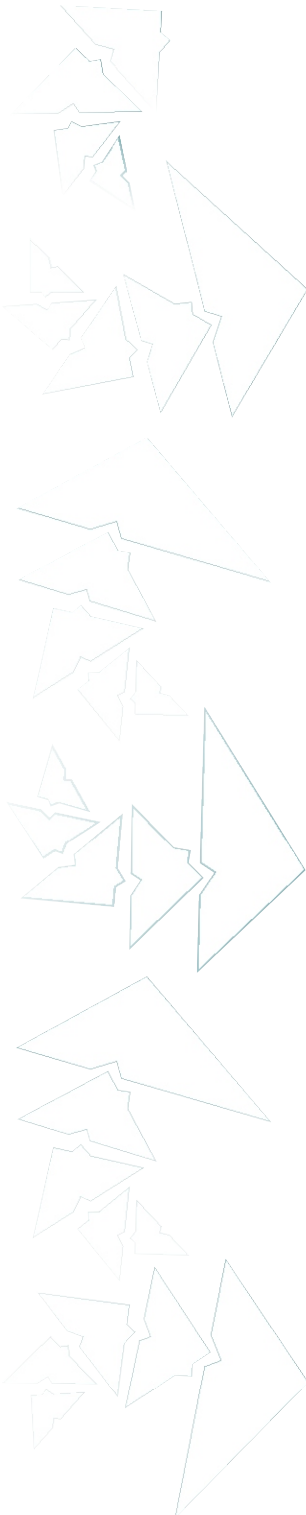


2011 Organ Donation Congress

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International Organ Donation Congress in Argentina

The 11th Congress of the International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement (ISODP), and the 2nd Congress of the Iberoamerican Society of Transplant Coordinators (SICT), will be held this year in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 27 - 30 November.

The **2011 Organ Donation Congress** will be hosted by **INCUCAI**, the Argentine Institute from the **National Ministry of Health**, and **AAPROTT**, the **Argentine Association of Organ and Tissue Procurement for Transplantation**. **Supporting societies are: Iberoamerican Society of Transplant Coordinators (SICT), Argentine Transplantation Society (SAT), and Transplant Society of Latin American and the Caribbean (STALYC).**

The event will take place in the Panamericano Hotel in Buenos Aires and includes several outstanding meetings: the 11th Congress of the International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement (ISODP), the 2nd Congress of the Iberoamerican Society of Transplant Coordinators (SICT), and simultaneously the VII Congress of the Argentine Association of Organ and Tissue Procurement for Transplantation (AAPROTT), together with the II Bioethics Forum of the Latin American and the Caribbean Transplantation Society (STALYC). The XI Congress of the Argentine Transplantation Society (SAT) will be held closing the week. On this occasion, Argentina will also host the meetings of the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group and the Iberoamerican Council for Donation and Transplantation (RCIDT).

World experts and opinion leaders will participate in the scientific program. Priority and challenging issues, such as the management and organization of donation and transplantation process, will be dealt with. The different Equity, Accessibility and Public Policies for Transplantation, so significant for developing countries; the progress in technology allowing a quality assurance system; the key role that donation and transplantation registries have acquired, leading to correct traceability, will be discussed as well.

The new developments in transplant tourism since the Declaration of Istanbul; the advances in stem cells use, an update of both research and therapies; an exchange of different education and communication programs, aiming at the creation of public awareness, are also included in the agenda.

The Congress counts with the auspices of the main regional and national scientific societies: the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Latin American Association of Tissue Banks (ALABAT), the Iberoamerican Council for Donation and Transplantation (RCIDT), the Argentine Medical Association (AMA), the Infectology Argentine Association (SADI), the Argentine Society of Intensive Care (SATI), the **Argentine Nephrology Society (SAN)**, the **Argentine Transplantation Society (SAT)**, the Argentine Surgery Association (AAC), the National Academy of Medicine, the National Council of Technical and Scientific Investigations (CONICET), the Ministry of Science (MINCyT), the Argentine Hematology Society and the Argentine Immunology Society. The Congress is also supported by the European Transplant Coordinators Organisation (ETCO). It was declared of interest by the Medical Faculty of Buenos Aires University and by the Health Ministries of MERCOSUR Region.

The mission of International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement (ISODP) is to foster, promote and develop all aspects of organ and tissue donation and procurement. The ultimate aim is to increase the supply of high quality organs and tissue to match the need.

Online registration to 2011 **Organ Donation Congress** is open and abstract submission deadline is June 30th.

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