



# SWISS TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

## «NEWSLETTER»

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Dear members of the Swiss Transplantation Society,

This short newsletter should inform you regarding the most important developments in the Swiss Transplantation Society.

### Congress 2016

The congress of the Swiss Transplantation Society in Thun was very well received. Many positive feedbacks regarding the location strengthened the board's decision to stay at least for the next two years at the Congress Hotel Seepark in Thun.

### Results of the survey and conclusions

As decided during the general assembly a survey regarding the future congress format was performed. Forty-nine members responded and 70% favored moving to a two-day format (Thursday to Friday). Thus, the Swiss Transplantation Society board decided to give this format a try, starting with the meeting 2018. The prolonged duration of the meeting should give more time for scientific presentations, new educational programs and joint sessions with other organizations.

### Honorary Membership

Re-introduced by the past-president Thierry Berney, an honorary membership will be given each year to a person, who has made significant contributions to the progress of transplantation in Switzerland. This person has already been selected by the Swiss Transplantation Society board and will be honored during the opening session of the congress.

## Swiss Transplantation Society Award for young investigators

Young investigators are invited to send their best work, in the form of papers either published or accepted for publication in 2016. The best four papers, ranked by the Scientific Committee, will be invited for an oral presentation and will receive Swiss Transplantation Society Awards. Papers must be sent by e-mail in pdf-format by December 1, 2016 to the chairman of the Scientific Committee (hendrik.tevaeearai@gmail.com).

## Astellas Swiss Transplant Award

I am very pleased that Astellas introduced a prestigious award (30'000 CHF), which will be granted to a researcher during the congress 2017 for the first time. The call for nominations is now open. The submission deadline is Friday, September 30. The award rules are detailed at [www.astellas.ch/transplantaward](http://www.astellas.ch/transplantaward).

## Preview of the congress 2017, January 27 to 28

The Scientific Committee headed by Hendrik Tevaeearai has arranged a very interesting program. One highlight will be a moderated 70-minute roundtable discussion with an audience voting system. Don't miss it!

I hope to see all of you at our congress in Thun.

Stefan Schaub



President of the Swiss Transplantation Society

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