

Announcements

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Sandoz ESOT Study Grants: Transplantation Call for Applications

Sandoz Pharma Ltd. offers annual study grants totaling SFr. 40 000.– to individuals involved in the clinical or experimental fields of transplantation. Each study has to be performed in a country situated in Europe that is not the country in which the applicant is currently working. There will have to be a specific purpose with a clear study goal. The period for which an applicant may apply for financial support can vary from one to several weeks or months. Congress visits will be excluded from any study grant. The Council of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (E.S.O.T.) will administer the Sandoz ESOT Study Grants. The selection and final decision will be made by the Council. Applications must be in English, should specify the purpose of the study, and should be supported with relevant documentation, including a full curriculum vitae. The application must be signed by the head of the department/program where the study will take place. Neither the heads of the departments nor the applicant necessarily has to be a member of E.S.O.T.

Applications should be sent to: Professor C. Hammer, Institut für Chirurgische Forschung der Universität München, Klinikum Grosshadern, Marchioninistrasse 15, W-8000 München 70, Federal Republic of Germany.

Envelopes should be clearly marked "Sandoz ESOT Study Grant."

First European Congress on Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery 8–11 June 1993, Paris, France

This Congress will take place at La Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie in Paris. The Congress is supported by the Société Française de Chirurgie Digestive.

For further information, please contact: EHPBS Congress Secretariat, Congress House, 65 West Drive, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey SM2 7NB, UK.

IXth Congress of the International Society for Artificial Organs and XXth Congress of the European Society for Artificial Organs 4–8 July 1993, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

The International Society for Artificial Organs will hold its IXth biannual meeting in association with the XXth annual meeting of the European Society for Artificial Organs in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 4–8 July 1993. The aim of this international meeting is to bridge medical science and technical science (bioengineering) by discussing the present status and the future prospects for the design, development, production, and clinical use of artificial organs. The main theme of this congress is biocompatibility, one of the limiting factors to the clinical application of artificial organs.

The preliminary list of topics includes: artificial heart/circulatory assist devices, artificial kidney, artificial pancreas, apheresis and hemoabsorption, biomaterials, biocompatibility, biosensors, artificial lung and respiratory arrest, implants, computer-aided simulation systems, and new developments.

For further information, please contact: Secretariat ISAO/ESAO Joint Meeting 1993, c/o RAI Organisatie Bureau Amsterdam bv, Europelein 12, NL-1078 GZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Tel.: (20) 549 1212; Fax: (20) 646 4469; telex: 13 499 raico nl.

Symposium on Thoracic Organ Transplantation 9–11 September 1993, Bad Oeynhausen, Germany

This symposium will focus not only on thoracic organ transplantation itself, which has in recent years become an almost "routine" procedure, but also on postoperative treatment, modes of immunosuppression, and the principles of avoidance of severe infections and graft rejection or later graft dysfunction, which are still very much topics of intense discussion and which pose great challenges.

For further information, please contact: Information Secretariat, M. M. Körner/H. Posival, Klinik für Thorax- und Kardiovaskularchirurgie, Herzzentrum NRW, Georgstrasse 11, W-4970 Bad Oeynhausen, Germany; Tel.: (49) 5731-972246; Fax: (49) 5731-972261.

The Second Summer School on Transplantation Immunology 21–24 September 1993, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK

The British Transplantation Society, the British Society for Immunology and the British Society for Histocompatibility are pleased to be organising the second Summer School on Transplantation Immunology, to be held at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne from 21 to 24 September 1993.

The Summer School is designed to appeal to the needs of young scientists and clinicians, be they working in hospital environments, research laboratories or in commercial laboratories in the industrial sector, to give them a broad overview of the scientific and clinical activities in transplantation. Topics include the MHC and its immunobiology, the pathology of organ graft rejection, cross-matching techniques and the problems of performed antibodies, the scope of clinical transplantation, the pharmacology of immunosuppressive therapy and developments occurring in that field, as well as developments within bone marrow transplantation. Future developments are also considered, particularly in the area of bowel transplantation and xenotransplantation. Speakers are senior members of professions from Britain, Europe and North America.

For further information, please contact: Mr. G. Proud, Consultant Surgeon, Ward 2 Office, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Queen Victoria Road, Newcastle Upon NE1 4LP, UK.

Eurotransplant Workshops and Meeting 7–9 October 1993, Leiden, The Netherlands

Organized under the auspices of the Boerhaave Committee for Post-graduate Medical Education, these workshops and meeting will take place on 7–9 October 1993 in Leiden, The Netherlands.

For further information, please contact: Eurotransplant Foundation, P.O. Box 2304, NL-2301 CH Leiden, The Netherlands; Tel.: (31) 71 182838; Fax: (31) 71 149480

6th Congress of the European Society for Organ Transplantation 25–28 October 1993, Rodos, Greece

The Hellenic Transplantation Society will be hosting the 6th E.S.O.T. Congress from Monday through Thursday, 25–28 October 1993, on the island of Rodos, in Greece. Pre- and postcongress meetings will also be held and will include satellite symposia.

For further information, please contact: 6th ESOT Congress Secretariat, Erasmus Conference Centre, International Congress Organizers, 227, Kifissias Avenue, 14561 Kifissia, Athens, Greece; Tel.: (30) 1612 5022/805 4004; Fax: (30) 1612 5021 or Congress Scientific, Secretariat, Secretary General, Professor E.J. Hadjijannakis, General Hospital Evangelismos of Athens, 1st Surgical Department – Transplant Unit, P.O. Box 14319, 11510 Athens, Greece; Tel./Fax: (30) 1723 8200

International conference on new trends in clinical and experimental immunosuppression 10–13 February 1994, Geneva, Switzerland

The Intercontinental Hotel in Geneva, Switzerland, is the location for this international conference. Technical and trade exhibitions will be held in conjunction with the conference.

For further information, please contact: Dr. A. Yussim, International Conference on New Trends in Clinical and Experimental Immunosuppression, Kuoni Travel Ltd., Incoming Services, P.O. Box 1731, 7, Rue de Berne, CH-1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland; Tel.: (41) 227320888; Fax: (41) 227315078

To all regular members on ESOT

Dear Colleague,

At the last ESOT meeting in Maastricht in 1991, the members of the European Liver Club (an informal association of those interested in liver transplantation) discussed the formation of a liver transplantation section within the ESOT organization.

A steering committee chaired by Professor Sir Roy Calne was elected to decide on the objectives, membership, and specific arrangements and to prepare the formal constitution of the section.

Other members of the Committee are: Dr. D. Alfani, Prof. H. Bismuth, Prof. C. Brölsch, Dr. K. Höckerstedt, Prof. D. Houssin, Dr. P. Kalicinski, Dr. F. Mühlbacher, Prof. J. B. Otte, and Mr. Keith Rolles.

The Steering Committee met in Cambridge on 14 December 1991 and a general assembly of the Liver Club was convened on 20 August 1992, during the Paris meeting.

We would like to provide you with the following information:

1. The Council of ESOT has agreed to the creation of a liver chapter or section within ESOT.
2. **Name of the section:** The European Liver Transplant Association, or ELTA. It will be constituted formally at the next ESOT meeting.
3. **Main objectives:**
 - a. to provide a forum for those working in the field of liver transplantation to exchange scientific information and views related primarily to providing the best service for patients in Europe requiring liver transplantation. Thus, science, training, organ sharing and distribution, and cooperative research projects, especially of a clinical nature, and the liver registry would be of concern.
 - b. the relationship with national and European government agencies and with the organ exchange organizations would also be the business of the ELTA, which would be the official representative body of liver transplantation in Europe.

4. Meetings:

In principle, ELTA would meet every 2 years with ESOT and at least once in between, possibly in association with some other congress with common interests.

5. Membership:

To become a member of ELTA (a section of ESOT), it will be necessary

- a. to already belong to ESOT as a full fee-paying member and
- b. to apply to ELTA and be ready to pay additional dues for the logistics of running ELTA.

We urge everybody interested in liver transplantation to join the association – surgeons, hepatologists, anesthesiologists, internists, radiologists, biochemists, Colleagues who are not yet members of ESOT are invited to apply to ESOT as soon as possible and, in any case, before 30 April 1993.

6. Establishment of ELTA during the ESOT meeting in Rhodes

A special assembly will be convened during the next ESOT meeting in Rhodes on 25–28 October 1993 in order to:

- a. elect the ELTA committee which will consist of ten members who will decide on which officers are to be appointed to the posts of chairman, secretary, registry secretary, and treasurer,
- b. decide about the by-laws of ELTA, based on a proposal that will be circulated ahead of time,
- c. decide about the ELTA membership fees.

7. Provisional rules

To become a founding member of ELTA in Rhodes and to have the right to vote will require that one has:

- a. been a full fee-paying member of ESOT or applied to ESOT before 30 April 1993
- b. applied to ELTA before 30 April 1993
- c. paid a provisional ELTA membership fee of 200 Austrian shillings to cover the administrative and postal costs incurred before the Rhodes meeting.

8. Election of the ELTA committee

The candidates to the committee will be members of the present steering committee, who should confirm their candidacy by writing to Sir Roy Calne, President of the Steering Committee, before 31 August 1993.

Other names may be put forward under the following conditions.

- a. candidates must fulfill the conditions defined above under 7 a, b, and c.
- b. each proposal should be signed by two other members of ESOT and should be sent to Sir Roy Calne before 31 August 1993.

With our best regards,

For the steering committee,

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EUROPEAN LIVER TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION (a Section of ESOT) Application for membership (please use typewriter)

Surname:

Given name:

Work address:

Clinic:

Dept.:

Street:

Number:

City:

Zip code:

Country:

Phone:

Fax:

Position: Clinical

Academic/scientific position

Date:

Signature

Please check one: I enclose a check
 I transfer the amount to the bank

To decrease the administrative work, both this application from and the provisional ELTA membership fee should be sent before April 30 1993 to the treasurer of the Steering Committee:

Prof. Dr. F. Mühlbacher
I. Chirurgische Universitätsklinik
Alserstrasse 4
A-1090 Wien
Austria
Fax: 43-1-40.400.3303

Either enclose a check for 200 Austrian Shillings in the name of F. Mühlbacher, Treasurer of ELTA, or transfer that amount to the „Erste Österreichische Sparkasse“ in Vienna, Bankcode 20111, Account number 031-94353 in the name of F. Mühlbacher.