

5th INTERNATIONAL LIVING DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANTATION CONGRESS

“EXCELLENCE THROUGH VERSATILITY”

OCTOBER 15-16, 2021

WELCOME ADDRESS FROM THE CONGRESS PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Dear Colleagues,

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure and honor to invite you to participate in the 5th International Congress of the iDLTG Group which will take place in Brussels October 15 (Friday) and 16 (Saturday), 2021. This event will be organized in collaboration with the Belgian Liver/Intestine Advisory Committee (Be-LIAC) of the Belgian Transplantation Society (BTS) and the Section of Hepatobiliary Surgery (BSHBPS) of the Royal Belgian Society for Surgery (RBSS).

This biennial meeting follows the very successful previous ones, which took place in Seoul (twice), Dallas and Kaohsiung. As the Western world still hesitates to embrace this therapeutic modality, the iDLTG council found it opportune to “export” the congress to Europe.

The program focuses on the enormous technical advances that have been made during the last two decades in this field of transplantation (indeed “versatility” is key to be successful) as well as on the *cross-fertilization* between living donor liver transplantation and hepatobiliary surgery. The sessions dedicated to advanced liver surgery (eg. in vivo and ex-vivo liver surgery), to the implementation of modern technologies (eg. laparoscopic and robotic liver surgery) and to hepatobiliary oncology (eg. which patient to resect, which to transplant) clearly illustrate this idea.

The congress indeed aims at capturing the interest of both transplant and non-transplant communities in order to foster progress in the treatment of benign and malignant hepatobiliary diseases.

During this two day meeting, many of the world’s most renowned, Western as well as Eastern, leaders in the fields of (living donor) liver transplantation and

hepatobiliary surgery will raise the interest for and the scientific content of this meeting. An occasion not to miss!

The iDLTG Council hopes to welcome many of you in October 2021 in Brussels, "the heart of Europe".

Please mark your calendar already now! Also kindly stimulate other surgical colleagues not only to attend, but also to actively participate in the meeting.

Very sincerely yours,



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Congress Chair



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President iDLTG