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Second Announcement
Welcome address

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the local organizing committee, it is my pleasure and a great honour to invite you to participate in the 12th Congress of the Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation (MESOT). For the second time this very special event will take place in Tunisia, from October 18th to 21st, 2010, with the participation of distinguished outstanding international experts. The scientific committee has planned an exciting scientific program with plenary sessions, focused refresher courses, free communications and poster presentations which will all cover the main topics in the field of transplantation. We are certain that this event will give colleagues who are active, or those who are interested, the opportunity to be updated in all the sectors of transplantation, and to share their clinical experiences. The local organizing committee is very proud to host this scientific event here in Tunis, the capital of Tunisia. The social committee is going all out to offer an enticing program, allowing you to discover the charm and the rich cultural heritage of Tunisia, land of hospitality and tolerance. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Tunis.

Taieb Ben Abdallah
MESOT President

Welcome Message

It is my privilege and pleasure to invite all transplantologists and members of the affiliated fields to the 12th Congress of Middle East Society of Organ Transplantation in 2010 in the charming city of Tunis.

The objective of MESOT Congress is to enhance transplant activities in the region. There is a great need for cooperation in all spheres of activities and we have to pursue all efforts towards increasing transplantation activity because the options and the cost of treatment of end stage organ failure are limited and costly. For this, cooperation between centres is imperative. Sharing of data through registry as well as clinical problems through regional publications are the need of the hour. Training of manpower is the other challenge that can only be met through joint efforts. There is no dearth of technical expertise in organ transplantation, be it kidneys, liver or bone marrow. The time has now come that regions with more facilities should step ahead and help to train the less developed ones. MESOT Fellowship programme is such a step to achieve this goal.

A concerted effort by all especially the countries that have had successful deceased donor programmes can help those centres which are without the benefit of multi-organ cadaver transplants. This is yet another avenue for cooperation which can yield great benefits for thousands of patients in the region. To achieve this goal the organ transplant procurement network will have to be developed in all affiliated countries.

The 12th MESOT Congress will bring together a large number of regional speakers and experts in the field of organ transplantation in Tunisia. Along with acquiring the latest knowledge, the warm friendliness of the people of Tunisia, will provide an opportunity for the delegates to see hospitable land of colors and contrasts, spices and scents and to enjoy its natural beauty and lively festivals.

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General information
Refer to congress website at www.mesot2010-tunis.org.tn for further details and to complete step by step the online submission or to download the abstract submission form for email submission.

Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged by email.
- There is no fee for submitting an abstract.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts you may submit.
- Abstracts will be accepted in English only.
- The corresponding author may indicate any preference for oral or poster presentation.
- Submitted abstracts will be reviewed anonymously.
- Presenting authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by 15, August 2010.
- Presenting authors are required to register for the Congress and are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

Abstracts Categories
- Ethics, Legislation & Organisation
- Organ & Tissues Procurement & Preservation
- Donors Assessment
- Transplantation Immunobiology
- Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation
- Liver, small bowel & combined Transplantation
- Thoracic Transplantation
- Bone Marrow & Stem Cells Transplantation
- Other

Deadline for Abstract Submission: July 21, 2010
Notification of Acceptance: August 15, 2010

Poster Presentation
Electronic presentation will be the exclusive presentation modality for accepted Posters. Guidelines for preparation of electronic posters will be included in the acceptance letter.

Best Presentation Awards
The Local Organizing Committee will grant awards to the 3 best communications presented at the scientific programme

Publications
Transplantation Proceedings is once again publishing the proceedings of the 12th Congress of The Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation.
As a presenter, you are welcome to submit your manuscript to the journal. Submission of a manuscript does not guarantee publication.

Further information will be available concerning instructions and guidelines for manuscript preparation and submission at www.mesot2010-tunis.org.tn
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17:00 - 18:00

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18:15 – 20:00

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2-Transplantation Immunobiology Searching for Novel Biomarkers (Kathryn Wood, UK)  
3-Composite Tissue Allo-Transplantation Becomes a Clinical Reality (Jean-Michel Dubernard, France)  
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2-Pharmacogenomics for Optimization of Immunosuppressive Therapy (Eric Thevenet, France)  
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2-Success in Transplantation Starts with the Donor (Rutger Plou, The Netherlands)  
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Social Programme

- **Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception**: October 18, 2010: 18:15-22:00
- **Gala Dinner**: October 20, 2010: 20:00-23:00
- **Tunis City-Hall Reception**: October 19, 2010: 21:00-23:00

Tours & Excursions

- **Excursion 1**: Carthage, Sidi Bou Said (Half day excursion)

**Carthage**:
Carthage was founded in the 8th century BC by the legendary Princess Elissa-Dido upon the hill of Byrsa. This beautiful site was razed and burnt to the ground after punic wars between Carthage and Rome (264-146 BC) and the accursed land covered with salt to ensure its barrenness. The Romans returned to Carthage and built on its ruins a new Carthage that became the administrative capital for Africa. Now the ruins of both these great empires lay open to the sun and wildflowers. Declared a national monument the town of Carthage and nearby Salammbo abound in vestiges of the Punic and Roman empires, baths, dwellings, temples, Shrines and the fabulous naval port of the Carthaginians. The Roman theatre is still used today for the summer festival of Carthage. Newly restored, the former cathedral of Saint Louis, which crowns the hill is now a cultural center and the nearby national museum of Carthage holds an impressive collection of Punic statues, steles and urns.

**Sidi Bou Said**:
The village of Sidi Bou Said, probably one of the most beautiful Tunisian villages, perched on the Cliffside which dominates Carthage and the Gulf of Tunis. In Sidi Bousaid, a little paradise, adorned in the colours of the Mediterranean, Visitors discover the delightful mixture of houses with their white lime exteriors, mouchcharabey balconies, and blue shutters - that unique blue of Sidi Bou Said. The heavy, studded doors open into secret gardens carpeted with ceramics and encircled with bougainvilleas.
Excursion 2: Medina & Bardo Museum (Half day excursion)

Tunis, Medina
The medina, or old quarter, of Tunis was built during the seventh century AD. From the 12th to the 16th centuries, Tunis was considered to be one of the greatest and wealthiest cities of the Islamic world and its medina is testimony to its former grandeur. Today, visitors can step back in time through the maze of narrow, winding streets and barter for souvenirs with the locals; goods on sale include colourful hand-made carpets, hand-crafted jewellery, copper and brassware, pottery and exotic spices. The ninth-century Ez-Zitouna Mosque (Mosque of the Olive Tree) is the main religious site housed by the capital city of Tunisia within the walls of the medina.

Bardo Museum
The Bardo, located in the suburbs of Tunis, is in itself, an architectural landmark. Originally a 13th century Hafside palace, it has been restored and expanded throughout the centuries to superb example of Arab-Moslem 17th and 18th century architecture and decoration with its vaulted ceilings, galleries and cupolas. How fitting also that the finest collection of Roman mosaics in the world should be housed in this delightful setting!

Excursion 3: Nabeul (Half day excursion)

Nabeul
Nabeul is a well-known tourist resort, popular not only for its beautiful fine sandy beaches and its garden hotels, but above all for its inestimable attraction as the leading town for Tunisian craftsmanship, in particular its pottery. In Nabeul, pottery is an activity which dates back to Roman times, and today it is produced in craftsmen’s workshops which tourists can visit. Other crafts include embroidery, distillation of perfumes using ancient recipes (orange blossom, jasmine, geranium, etc.), esparto goods, wrought ironware and stone sculptures.

Excursion 4: Kairouan, El Jem & Sousse (Full day excursion)

Kairouan
The spiritual home of all Tunisians, the city itself rises like a dream of ochre and tawny beige, serene in its 13 centuries of Islamic culture, authentic and proud of the wondrous beauty of its mosques, the symphony of its columns and arches, the exquisite delicacy of the stone work. The towering and sober dignity of the Great Mosque, built in 670 by Okba Ibn Nafaa, seems to embody the spirituality that has inspired artists and poets from its creation until the present day. Kairouan is the oldest and most renowned carpet center in Tunisia. Undoubtedly the hand knotted pile carpet reigns supreme with the typical design of Kairouan, being of natural wool colors with a large border of parallel stripes of geometric patterns and a central lozenge with a floral design.
El Jem
The sight of this amphitheatre rising in the distance like a Colossus is both wondrous and slightly strange as the present surroundings give no hint of its former importance. Built around the year 200, it was the scene of those games and circuses, often cruel and bloody, provided by ancient Rome. Today, the cries of martyrs and beasts have been replaced by the haunting strains of a concerto or the precise beauty of a fugue as world famous orchestras and artists perform at the classical music festival held at the colosseum each summer. El Jem has opened workshops where artists are re-discovering the art of mosaics and their creations are truly worthy of this site and its history. You can compare these artworks with those in the museum by the colosseum.

Sousse
Sousse is in the central-east of the country, on the Gulf of Hammamet. Today it is considered one of the best examples of seaward-facing fortifications built by the Arabs. Its ribat, a soaring structure that combined the purposes of a minaret and a watch tower, is in outstanding condition and draws visitors from around the world. These days, Sousse, retains a medieval heart of narrow, twisted streets, a kasbah and medina, its ribat fortress and long wall on the Mediterranean. Surrounding it is a modern city of long, straight roads and more widely spaced buildings.

Excursion 5: Saharian Experience (3 days excursion)

Tozeur
Tozeur a prosperous town, was once, like the mountain oases, one of the Roman outposts and a stopping point for the caravans coming from the sub Sahara to trade with the coastal cities of the Mediterranean, it now owes its fame and affluence to the stately palm and its world renowned dates - Deglet Nour “fingers of light”. The beauty of these oases, its fabulous 14th century medina and botanical gardens attracts visitors from all over the world. The groves of over 200,000 palms are watered by hundreds of natural spring. The remarkable architecture of Tozeur, beige sun baked bricks set in geometric patterns, Moorish arches and high vaulted ceilings and the shops offering locally woven carpets, Berber jewelry and ornaments, promise visitors another aspect of Tunisia.

Excursion 6: Jerba, the island of dreams

Jerba
Jerba is a 614 sq km flat island situated on the gulf of Gabes off the southern coast of Tunisia. It is joined to the mainland with a 6 km causeway built on a Roman foundation. More than 145,000 inhabitants, mostly of Berber origin, live on this isle of mythology. Its 133 km shoreline abounds with sandy-white beaches, gently lapped by the warm-azure waters of the Mediterranean.

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Please send us a note if you require our assistance. A Letter of Invitation and authorization to attend the 12th MESOT Congress will be issued after registration.

**Weather, Time**

Tunisia has a typical Mediterranean climate, with hot summers and mild winters, when there is the most rainfall. Best periods are spring and autumn.

Time : Standard Zone : GMT/UTC + 01:00 hour  
Weather : www.meteo.tn

**Currency, Banking**

**Currency**

The Tunisian Dinar (TND) is the basic unit which is subdivided into 1000 millimes. It appears in paper notes of 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50 TND denominations. Coins are in denominations of 5 TND, 1 TND, 0.5 TND (500 millimes) and 0.1 TND (100 millimes); Coins of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 millimes are also available.

**Exchange**

Currency exchange facilities are available in most banks, hotels and airports and operate normal business hours. The most convenient currencies are Euros or US Dollars.  
Use a currency converter like the XE Universal : www.xe.com to determine the approximate exchange rate.

**Credit Cards**

The accepted credit cards are Visa and Master Card
Electricity
Electrical current is 220V, 50 Hz. Electric plugs have two round pins.

Communications

Telephone
Country code is 216. Automatic dialling extends to almost every part of the country and covers direct international calls.

Mobile Telephone
Roaming agreements with international mobile phone companies exist. You can buy a local SIM card if you provide appropriate identification. There are 3 mobile operators working in Tunisia.

Internet
E-mail can be accessed from Internet cafes in most towns and all resorts. Internet Wifi access is available in the Congress Venue.

Gastronomy
Tunisian food combines Arabic, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and French influences. Dishes are cooked with olive oil, spiced with aniseed, coriander, cumin, caraway, cinnamon or saffron and flavoured with mint, orange blossom or rose water; many are accompanied by harissa, a chili and garlic condiment. Fresh fish and seafood are often splendid, as are roast chicken and baked lamb dishes.

Shopping
Special purchases include copper and brassware (engraved trays, ashtrays and other utensils), articles sculpted in olive wood, leather goods (wallets, purses, handbags), clothing (kaftans, jelabas), perfume oils, vibrantly painted pottery and ceramics, silver and enamelled jewellery. Rugs and carpets are a good buy. The two major types are woven (non-pile) and knotted (pile). Look out for traditional Berber pieces. The quality of all carpets is strictly controlled by the National Handicrafts Office, and a label attached to the carpet shows its quality seal and grading. The medina of Tunisia’s larger towns, are great places to buy Tunisian crafts, with an amazing range, but you will have to haggle. If you prefer not to enter the fray, there are Société de Commercialisation des Produits de l’Artisanat (SOCOPA; website: www.socopa.com.tn) workshops and stores throughout the country where visitors can buy items at fixed prices.
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