



About ITN

International Transplant Network (ITN) is a civil initiative actively engaged in different aspects and branches of organ donation and transplantation. It represents a platform that combines universities, professional non-governmental organizations, and governmental authorities.

Main Objective

The main objective of ITN is to set up a sustainable international collaboration to determine the current state of organ donation and transplantation in the participating countries, to access the needs and to support the necessary improvements to be made in:

- Legal Aspects
- National Organizations
- Donation Activities
- Transplant Practices

which together make up the main aspects of organ donation and transplantation systems.

Specific Objectives

- To review the existing laws on



donation and transplantation and to promote the implementation of an effective legislative framework;

- To contribute to the establishment and capacity building of national transplant authority and systems;
- To organize and implement basic and advanced training programs for key donation persons (transplant coordinators, intensive care specialists, other specialist physicians who are in charge of intensive care units, ICU nurses) and transplant professionals;
- To create public awareness strategy documents in organ donation based on mutual

interests and cooperative action of participating countries;

- To increase the awareness of national authorities and health professionals about organ trafficking and transplant tourism and to promote international cooperation for struggling against these crimes;
- To support efforts in strengthening existing transplant services;
- To elaborate recommendation and consensus documents that are agreed upon by all participants;
- To encourage networking and enhance international cooperation
- To establish pilot actions to be developed in specific settings;
- To setup an IT system for data registry and management in the field of organ donation and transplantation for the countries at the initial steps of developing their transplant systems.

Every year more than one hundred thousand patients waiting for organ transplants die either unable to find a suitable organ or not being able to access transplant services worldwide.



Project Background

Transplantation, as the best treatment for around one million people suffering from organ failure remains the top place among all medical practices. However, the shortage of organ donation is a major problem around the world. Every year more than one hundred thousand patients waiting for organ transplant die either due to limited organ donation or not being able to access transplant services. To resolve organ shortage and to offer more patients the opportunity of better quality of life, it is necessary to increase the number of donors and to improve transplant services.

Establishment of a well-functioning system of organ donation and transplantation is a very sophisticated process, which consists of not only medical but also ethical, legal, psychosocial, cultural, economic, and religious aspects. Hence, a collaborative action and long-term networking with all the relevant actors at the local and international level is necessary.

Another reason why international cooperation in the field is highly



important is because organ trafficking and transplant tourism violates the principles of equity, justice, and respect; which is a very serious problem. Organ shortage as a global problem culminated in increased number of living donor transplants which makes it necessary for the authorities to be more cautious about organ trafficking and to protect the vulnerable populations against this threat. Cooperative action at the international level can make numerous contributions to ameliorating the existing national and international legal framework and to set up effective detection, punishment, and rehabilitation systems that can guarantee justice for victims of such crimes.

In recent years, it is possible to observe an increasing awareness about a necessity for a global sustainable networking in the field of transplantation. Countries with a long history and high level of expertise in this field have a comparative advantage which saddles them with the responsibility to action urgently. The request for the international collaboration of developing countries is often emphasized at international conferences and events about donation and transplantation. The reason behind this request is the need for technical assistance in developing countries at different stages of developing their transplant systems.

Taking this request into consideration, International Transplant Network project aims to create a long-term international collaboration and to provide sustainable technical assistance in order to set up a donation and transplantation system and to improve the existing system in developing countries. Since 2015, we have been in collaboration with 78 countries.



Mission

The mission of ITN is to contribute to the establishment and sustainability of highly effective organ donation and transplantation systems and services in the countries partaking in the network.

Founding Member Institutions

- Turkish Society of Transplant Coordinators
- Turkish Society of Liver Transplantation
- Turkish Society of Intensive Care
- Turkish Society of Medical Law
- Turkish Transplant Foundation
- Health Sciences University
- Ankara University
- Acibadem University

Vision

The vision of ITN is promoting international medical, ethical and legal norms, and principles in the field of transplantation worldwide; giving more people the chance to have access to high quality services for increasing quality of life and donor safety; and to help more patients get listed and receive organ transplants.



Participating Countries



Project Phases

1st Phase

It is aimed to determine the current status in organ donation and transplantation, to analyze the needs and define priorities in participating countries and to create an action plan for 2nd phase of ITN.

2nd Phase

It is the main part of ITN as it includes the implementation of action plans. As it could be stated "Networking Stage", trainings, study visits and many scientific activities will be put into action during this stage.

AFRICA

Angola
Algeria
Benin
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Chad
Comoros Island
Djibouti
DR Congo
Egypt
Ethiopia
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea Bissau
Kenya
Libya

ASIA

Mali
Mauritania
Madagascar
Morocco
Mozambique
Niger
Nigeria
Senegal
Somalia
South Sudan
Sudan
Tanzania
Tunisia
The Ivory Coast
Uganda
Zambia

Afghanistan
Azerbaijan
Armenia
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kirghizistan
Malaysia
Mongolia
Uzbekistan
Pakistan
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan

MIDDLE EAST

UAE
Palestine
Iraq
Iran
Israel
Kuwait
Lebanon
Egypt
Saudi Arabia
Syria
Oman
Jordan
Yemen

EUROPE

Albania
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Greece
Hungary
Kosovo
Latvia
Lithuania
Montenegro
Macedonia
Moldova
Romania
Serbia

Slovakia
Slovenia
Turkey
TRNC
Ukraine

1st Phase / Workshops

1st Workshop

June 11-13, 2015 Princess Hotel Ortaköy - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:

Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Mongolia, Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia



2nd Workshop

June 25-27, 2015 - Princess Hotel Ortaköy - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:

Ethiopia, South Sudan, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Somalia



3rd Workshop

July 9-11, 2015 - Princess Hotel Ortaköy - ISTANBUL/TURKEY

Participating Countries:

Chad, Morocco, Libya, Mali, Egypt, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Niger, Azerbaijan



4th Workshop

September 3-5, 2015 - Princess Hotel Ortaköy - ISTANBUL/TURKEY

Participating Countries:

United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Lebanon, Iran, Yemen, Kuwait, Palestine, Jordan



1st Phase / Workshops

5th Workshop

September 17-19, 2015 - Princess Hotel Ortaköy - ISTANBUL/TURKEY

Participating Countries:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Croatia, Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Hungary, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Slovenia, Slovakia



6th Workshop

December 3-5, 2015 - Polat Hotel Bosphorus - ISTANBUL/TURKEY

Participating Countries:

Algeria, Albania, Greece, Ghana, Angola, DR Congo, Benin, Gambia, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Malaysia, Syria



7th Workshop

February 8-11, 2017 - The Marmara Hotel Taksim - ISTANBUL/TURKEY

Participating Countries:

Burkina Faso, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Iran, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Central African Republic



Common Needs

Trainings

- Courses for Transplant Coordination (ICU Physicians, Nurses and Others)
- Courses for Transplant Nursing
- Special Trainings for Transplant Surgeons/Physicians
- Internship Programs
- Observership Programs

Study Visits

Legal and Organisational Support
Public Awareness Strategy Plan
IT System

2nd Phase / Media Workshops

1st Media Workshop

August 17-19, 2016 - Hilton Bomonti Hotel - ISTANBUL

Participating Countries:

Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal, Gabon, Cameroon, Nigeria, Chad, Ivory Coast, Sudan, Burkina, Faso, Gambia, Djibouti, Benin, Mali



2nd Media Workshop

August 24-26, 2016 - Hilton Bomonti Hotel - ISTANBUL

Participating Countries:

Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Somalia, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Mozambique, Uganda, Malaysia, TRNC, Niger



3rd Media Workshop

September 7-9, 2016 - Hilton Bosphorus Hotel - ISTANBUL

Participating Countries:

UAE, Yemen, Iraq, Kuwait, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Egypt, Libya, Qatar, Bahrain



4th Media Workshop

January 11-13, 2017 - The Marmara Hotel Taksim - ISTANBUL

Participating Countries:

Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Madagascar, DR Congo, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Ghana, Georgia, Mongolia, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Iran, Tanzania, Armenia



5th Media Workshop

January 25-27, 2017 - The Marmara Hotel Taksim - ISTANBUL

Participating Countries:

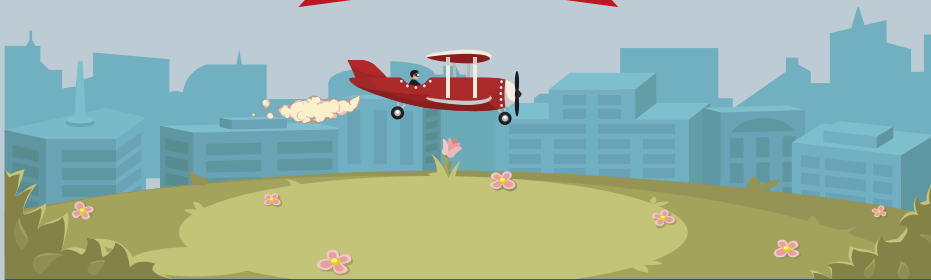
Kosovo, Romania, Montenegro, Israel, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovenia, Serbia, Morocco, Moldova, Macedonia, DR Congo, Iran, Mongolia



2nd Phase / Study Visits

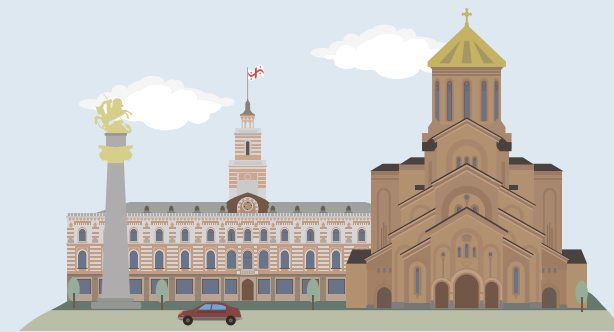
STUDY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE

JANUARY 16-202017 MAPUTO



STUDY VISIT TO GEORGIA

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 1, 2017 TBILISI



2nd Phase / Study Visits

STUDY VISIT TO **TRNC**

MARCH 8-11, 2017 NICOSIA



2nd Phase / Study Visits



2nd Phase / Trainings & Courses

1st International Training Course for Transplant Coordination

December 14-18, 2015, The Marmara Pera, Istanbul/TURKEY



1st International Training Course for Transplant Nursing

October 9-20, 2017, Nippon Hotel, Istanbul/TURKEY



1st International Course for Kidney Transplant Surgery

November 16-18, 2017 - The Marmara Hotel Taksim - İstanbul/TURKEY



Niger Health Delegation Visit

July 16-21, 2017 - ANKARA-ISTANBUL/TURKEY



21st International Intensive Care Symposium

May 12-13, 2017 - Hilton Bomonti Hotel - Istanbul/TURKEY



TURKISH SOCIETY OF
INTENSIVE CARE



ITNS International Transplant Nursing Symposium

June 24-26, 2017, Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, Orlando/USA



18th National Intensive Care Congress

April 6-10, 2016, Titanic Deluxe Hotel Belek, Antalya/TURKEY



EDTCO 2016 - European Organ Donation Congress

October 27-29, 2016 - Crown Plaza Hotel - Barcelona/SPAIN



6th Transplantation Immunology and Genetics Association Congress

April 6-9, 2017 - Rixos Premium Otel Belek- Antalya/TURKEY



ILTS 2017 - Prag

May 24-27, 2017, Prag/Czech Republic



ISODP 2017 Organ Donation Congress

September 6-9, 2017 - CICG-Centre International de Conférences- Geneva/SWITZERLAND



ESOT 2017 - Centre Convencions International Barcelona

September 24-27, 2017 - Crown Plaza Hotel - Barcelona/SPAIN



2nd International Medical Law Congress ITN Joint Meeting

September 20-21, 2017, Mirage Park Hotel Antalya/TURKEY
September 21-23, 2017, The Marmara Hotel Istanbul/TURKEY



5th National Transplant Coordination Symposium (with International Participation)

December 13-15, 2017, Ayscha Papillon Hotel Antalya/TURKEY



1st International Advanced Liver & Pancreas Surgery Symposium



September 28-30, 2017, Ankara/TURKEY



2nd Phase / Competition & Awards

2nd International Organ Donation Poster Competition (Award Ceremony and Exhibition)

September 7, 2017, Geneva/SWITZERLAND



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