



# 22nd Annual Meeting of the Swiss Transplantation Society



**January 23-24, 2025**

Congress Hotel Seepark  
Thun, Switzerland

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## Welcome letter

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you, on behalf of the Swiss Transplantation Society, to join us at the 22nd Annual Congress on January 23 and 24, 2025 at the Congress Hotel Seepark, in Thun.

For this annual meeting our scientific committee has prepared a very attractive program, covering timely topics and relevant issues, both for transplant patients and for transplant specialists.

To foster participation of our young colleagues and to motivate them pursuing a career in transplantation, the scientific committee has introduced a new format, the rapid fire session, where young investigator can showcase their research and compete for a new award dedicated to young academic colleagues. We are very thankful to our sponsors who made this possible. With 19 abstracts submitted, the start was highly successful!

One session is entirely dedicated to pediatrics – understanding the unique aspects of pediatric transplantation and the complexities involved in providing optimal care for these patients across various stages of life.

Many other timely topics will be addressed. - We would like to highlight three: **gender** is becoming an important topic at many levels and will be addressed by an expert in the field, Vera Regitz-Zagrosek, from Zurich. **Organ repair** is the new kid on the block, and we are happy to welcome Prof. Stefan Schneeberger from Innsbruck, who will report about his pioneering work. We also won Prof. Camille Kotton, from Boston, one of the world-leaders in all aspects of **CMV**. She will report on new developments in this rapidly changing field.

Our program will end up with the ceremony of the STS Innovation awards 2024, and a final session on a special case to remember, presented by each center.

We would like to thank our sponsors for their very essential participation and of course our colleagues at meeting.com for their faithful, efficient and friendly support. The Board of our Society and the Scientific Committee are very much looking forward to seeing you soon in Thun and wish you all a very pleasant and fruitful congress.

Philipp Dutkowski  
President STS

Nicolas Mueller  
Chair, Scientific Committee 2025

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Société Suisse de Pneumologie

### SGI/SSMI

Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Intensivmedizin  
Société Suisse de Médecine Intensive

# Awards for Young Clinicians or Investigators

This year, the Scientific Committee would like to give a voice to young fellows, by introducing for the first time oral and poster presentations of their submissions of work carried out during the year 2024.

The oral and poster presentations are dedicated to “young investigators” (medical doctors, nurses, allied health professionals). In order to be chosen as a presenter of a short report or poster, the first author must fulfill all of the following criteria:

- a maximum of 10 years of clinical experience from passing the final medical exams or master/PhD in nursing science
- first author is not the head of a research group;
- first author is not an established university lecturer (i.e., not “Privatdozent”, no *venia legendi*) or professor in nursing research.

The 10 highest scoring abstracts will be presented as oral presentations on Friday January 24, 2025. The additional submissions will have the possibility to present their work during a dedicated poster walk during the lunch break on the Friday as well.

The committee would like to reward the best oral presentation and the best poster with a prize of CHF 750.00 each, for a total of CHF 1,500.00.

These awards are kindly supported by



# Abstract Book



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# Thursday, January 23, 2025

- 09.30 – 12.00** **Swiss Transplant Working Group Meetings**  
(to be registered separately)
- 13.00 – 13.05** **Welcome** Room Genève  
*Philipp Dutkowski, Basel*  
*President of the Swiss Transplantation Society*
- 13.05 – 13.25** **Swiss Transplant Annual Activity Report**  
*Franz Immer, Franziska Beyeler, Swiss Transplant, Bern*
- 13.25 – 13.45** **STCS Report**  
*Michael Koller, Basel*

**13.45 – 14.30** Room Genève

**Session 1** **SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM by OM Pharma**   
Chair: Patrizia Amico, Basel

**13.45 – 14.30** **Tailoring Immunosuppression: Integrating Immune Monitoring and Personalized Drug Management**  
*Fadi Haidar, Geneva*

**14.30 – 16.00** Room Genève

**Session 2** **COORDINATOR'S CORNER (program with SDTA)**  
Chairs: Barbara Wildhaber, Geneva; Pascale Tinguely, Zurich

**14.30 – 15.00** **Ice-free organ preservation – a new stage of transplantation technology**  
*Gerald Brandacher, Innsbruck (AT)*

**15.00 – 15.30** **Machine Perfusion Programs in Liver Transplantation: A Process of Implementing Sustainable Innovative Change**  
*Keziah Crick, London (UK)*

**15.30 – 16.00** **title**  
*tbc*

**16.00 – 16.30** **Coffee break – visit of the exhibition** Foyer 1st floor

# Thursday, January 23, 2025

**16.30 – 17.15** Room Genève




**Session 3** **SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM BY MSD & Takeda**  

**CMV Management from prophylaxis to treatment**  
Chair: Nicolas Müller, Zürich

**16.30 – 17.00** **Keynote Lecture (virtual)**  
*Camille Kotton, Boston (US)*

**17.00 – 17.15** **Discussion**

**17.15 – 18.15** Room Genève

**Session 4** **STS AWARDS**   

**Oral presentation of the six highest ranking papers**  
Chair: Patricia Hirt, Basel

**17.15 – 17.25** **title**  
*tbc*

**17.25 – 17.35** **title**  
*tbc*

**17.35 – 17.45** **title**  
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**17.45 – 17.55** **title**  
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**17.55 – 18.05** **title**  
*tbc*

**18.05 – 18.15** **title**  
*tbc*

**18.15 – 18.45** **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** Room Genève

**19.30** **Networking Dinner & STS Awards** Parksaal Hotel Seepark

# Friday, January 24, 2025

<b>08.30 - 09.00</b>	<b>Keynote Lecture</b> Chair: Vanessa Banz, Bern	Room Genève
<b>08.30 - 09.00</b>	<b>Does gender play a role in transplantation? Sex and Gender Inequalities in Transplant Medicine</b> Vera Regitz-Zagrosek, Zurich	

<b>09.00 - 10.10</b>		Room Genève
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Rapid Fire Session</b> Chair: Jean Villard, Geneva	
09.00 - 09.06 S01	<b>Comparative Analysis of Listing Criteria for Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Milan Criteria Versus Ontario Criteria - a Unos Analysis</b> <i>Christian Magyar, Bern</i>	
09.07 - 09.13 S02	<b>Immune Profiling before and early after Kidney Transplantation Identifies SCF as a Potential Biomarker of Long-Term Allograft Outcome</b> <i>Louis Stavart, Lausanne</i>	
09.14 - 09.20 S03	<b>Biopsy-Based Transcriptomics allow Early Detection of Rejection, Gradual Rejection Phenotyping, and Monitoring of Anti-Rejection Treatment Responses through Follow-Up Biopsies</b> <i>Lukas Weidmann, Zurich</i>	
09.21 - 09.27 S04	<b>Effect of Felzartamab Anti-CD38 Treatment on the Molecular Phenotype of Antibody-Mediated Rejection in Kidney Transplant Biopsies</b> <i>Matthias Diebold, Basel</i>	
09.28 - 09.34 S05	<b>Bicentric Validation of the Diffusion-Weighted Magnetic Resonance Imaging as a Noninvasive Tool to Assess Fibrosis Level for Allograft and Native Kidneys</b> <i>Aurélie Huber, Geneva</i>	
09.35 - 09.41 S06	<b>The Burden of Abo Incompatible Kidney Transplantation: Readmission Rates and Complications, a Twenty-Year Analysis</b> <i>Caroline Berchtold, Basel</i>	
09.42 - 09.48 S07	<b>Impact of Emergency Lung Transplantation Insights from the Edge</b> <i>Konstantina Spetsotaki, Zurich</i>	
09.49 - 09.55 S08	<b>Case-Report of a Successful Living Donor Kidney Transplantation in a Child with Bilateral Kidney Agenesis</b> <i>Julien Caccia, Bern</i>	
09.56 - 10.02 S09	<b>Incidence and Risk Factors of Cytomegalovirus Drug Resistance Mutations in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients at the University Hospital Of Zurich</b> <i>Britta Hirsch, Zurich</i>	
10.03 - 10.09 S10	<b>Social Media Call to search for an Altruistic Kidney Donor: ethical or not?</b> <i>Nathalie Hammer, Bern</i>	

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# Friday, January 24, 2025

**10.10 – 10.45** **Coffee break – visit of the exhibition** Foyer 1st floor

**10.45 – 11.40** **SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM BY ASTELLAS** Room Genève

## **Organ Recovery and Repair Future Perspectives**

Chair: Thomas Müller, Zurich;  
Philipp Dutkowsky, Basel



**10.45 – 11.05** **Title**  
*Stefan Schneeberger, Innsbruck (AT)*

**11.05 – 11.25** **Title**  
*tbc*

**11.25 – 11.40** **Discussion**

**11.40 – 12.35** ROOM Genève

## Session 6 **Paediatric Session**

Chair: Massimiliano Bertacchi, Geneva; Giuseppina Spartà, Zurich

**11.40 – 11.55** **Clinical Aspects of Pediatric Heart Allocation**  
*Vanessa Sitte, Zurich; Sonja Budäus, Zurich*

**11.55 – 12.10** **Infectious Diseases in the First Year After Solid Organ  
Transplantation in Children in the Swiss Transplant Cohort Study**  
*Nathalie Rock, Geneva*

**12.10 – 12.25** **PLUTO, A Multicenter Clinical Trials to Optimize Perioperative  
Care for Children Receiving Kidney Transplants**  
*Wesley Hayes, Zurich*

**12.25 – 12.35** **Discussion**

**12.35 – 13.45** **Lunch break – visit of the exhibition** Foyer 1st floor

**13.00 – 13.30** **Poster walk**

**13.45 – 14.15** **STS EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION AWARDS 2024** ROOM Genève

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Chair: Markus Barten, Hamburg (DE)



**13.45 – 13.55** **Welcome word**

**13.55 – 14.05** **STS Excellence Awardee**

**14.05 – 14.15** **STS Innovation Awardee**

# Friday, January 24, 2025

**14.15 – 14.30** **Best Oral & Best Poster presentation Awards** ROOM Genève

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**14.15 – 14.30** **Awards**  
*Nicolas Müller, Zurich*

**14.30 – 16.00** ROOM Genève

## Session 7

### **A case to remember**

Chair: Alexander Ritter, St. Gallen

**14.30 – 14.45** **Hematopoietic cell transplantation – cure for hematopoietic  
neoplasm after liver transplantation?**  
*Beatrice Drexler, Basel*

**14.45 – 15.00** **Lung transplantation**  
*Pieter-Jan Gijls, Lausanne*

**15.00 – 15.15** **Heart transplantation**  
*David Reineke, Bern*

**15.15 – 15.30** **Pancreas / Islet transplantation**  
*Fadi Haidar, Geneva*

**15.30 – 15.45** **Liver transplantation**  
*Pascale Tinguely, Zurich*

**15.45 – 16.00** **Kidney transplantation**  
*Christian Kuhn, St. Gallen*

**16.00** **Closing remarks** ROOM Genève

*Philipp Dutkowsky, Basel – President of the Swiss  
Transplantation Society*



## Transplant Fellows Symposium & Webinar: Core Curriculum



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**Friday, 9th May 2025**

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