

THE BIRTH OF A NEW JOURNAL: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF TRANSPLANTATION

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I am delighted to introduce the first issue of the European Journal of Transplantation. This new journal is an initiative of the Italian Society for Organ and Tissue Transplantation (SITO). Italy is one of the most developed countries in the world for organ and tissue transplantation. In Italy in 2021 there were 1,725 deceased donor organs, 362 living donor organs, 9,968 tissue donors, and 300 hematopoietic stem cell donors. Overall, 3,778 organ transplants, 18,506 tissue transplants, and 931 hematopoietic stem cell transplants were performed¹. In parallel, in the last decade, SITO has seen a dramatic increase in the number of active members, now approaching 1,300. Each year hundreds of new studies are presented at the annual meeting of the Society, making SITO an active forum for continuous exchange of knowledge and multidisciplinary growth. I believe and I hope that SITO has enough energy and enthusiasm to give birth to a new scientific journal and to make it successful. The European Journal of Transplantation aims to become a new forum of discussion and cultural exchange for Italian and International transplant physicians. There will be three monographic issues per year, aiming to provide fresh information on latest developments and controversial issues in transplantation. Therefore, at least for the first few years, the European Journal of Transplantation will publish only invited reviews and how I do it articles on specific topics selected by the board of SITO, according to proposals received from Society members.

In the first issue of European Journal of Transplantation, Davide Ghinolfi was Guest Editor for a monographic review on machine perfusion for solid organ and tissue preservation and reconditioning. Many National and International experts contributed to this project. I wish to thank all of them for having trusted SITO and the newborn European Journal of Transplantation.

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