



APRIL, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE ILTS PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It is **both humbling and deeply rewarding** to realize that I am approaching the final chapter of my Presidency. This past year has been one of remarkable progress, momentum, and collective achievement for ILTS. Together, we have strengthened our global community, elevated scientific excellence, and reinforced our commitment to advancing liver transplantation **through innovation, collaboration, and education.**

Now, with great pleasure, I would like to welcome our new **President-Elect and incoming Council Members to their roles.** Their leadership and dedication to advancing liver transplantation will be invaluable as we continue to push boundaries and elevate standards across our field. A warm welcome to each of them — we look forward to everything we will accomplish together.

On April 19, we mark **World Liver Day** — a global call to raise awareness about liver disease and the role each of us plays in changing outcomes for patients worldwide. I encourage you to use this moment to amplify the conversation within your networks and communities.

The 30th ILTS Congress (May 6–9) is fast approaching and promises to be an extraordinary scientific and collaborative experience. Interest has exceeded expectations, with pre-congress workshops filling rapidly and several already at capacity. I strongly encourage you to secure your participation now; this will be a defining meeting for our field.

On April 17, don't miss the [Joint Vanguard Committee and Transplant Oncology SIG Webinar: Liver Transplant for Neuroendocrine Tumours and Hepatocellular Adenoma](#), a focused session at the intersection of two of our most active communities.

Finally, if you are an attending or consultant liver transplant surgeon, I invite you to take a few minutes to complete our [Global Transplant Surgery Survey](#). Your perspective matters as we work to build a clearer picture of training pathways worldwide.

Warm regards,



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Welcoming Our New President-Elect & Council Members

The **International Liver Transplantation Society (ILTS)** is pleased to announce the appointment of our **newly elected Council Members, along with the incoming ILTS President-Elect**. Their leadership, expertise, and dedication to advancing liver transplantation will be instrumental as the Society continues to evolve and serve its global membership.

ILTS President-Elect

ILTS is also proud to announce [Dr. Alfred Kow](#), Singapore as President-Elect of the Society.



New ILTS Council Members (2026–2029)

We are delighted to welcome the following individuals to the ILTS Council:





Anjana Pillai, USA

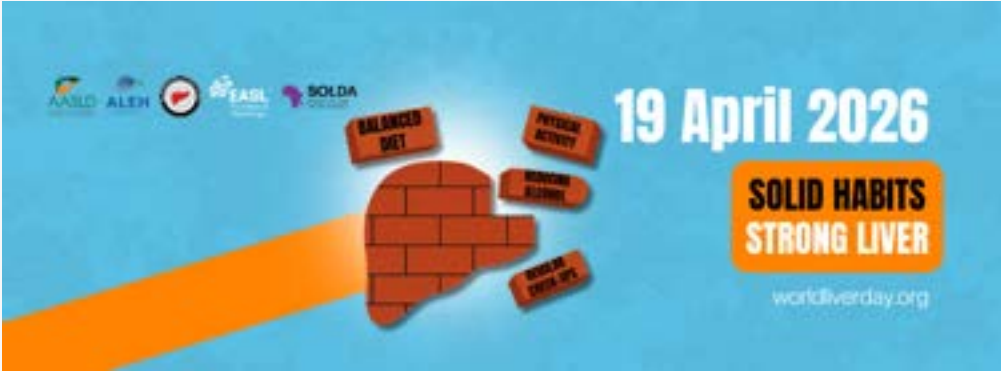
Simone Strasser, Australia

Each new Council member brings a wealth of experience across clinical care, research, education, and international collaboration.

Their diverse perspectives and commitment to excellence will help guide ILTS priorities, strengthen member engagement, and support the Society’s mission to advance liver transplantation worldwide.

We congratulate all newly elected leaders and thank them for their willingness to serve the ILTS community. We look forward to their contributions and leadership as we continue to advance education, science, and collaboration in liver transplantation.

[Check More Details Here](#)



Spread the word: World Liver Day!

April 19 is **World Liver Day**. This year's theme — **Solid Habits, Strong Liver** — puts the spotlight on something we know well: the gap between what patients understand about liver health and what we see in clinical reality.

Liver disease is largely preventable, yet it continues to progress silently in millions of people worldwide. Bridging that gap takes more than research and clinical excellence — it takes visibility. We encourage you to use this moment

to bring the conversation about liver health into your institutions, your networks, and your communities.

Visit the World Liver Day for More Details

Stay tuned — this is where your Membership Renewal button will appear in December



Less than one month to go: Secure your registration!

In less than one month now, Geneva will become the global capital of liver transplantation. **The 30th ILTS Congress 2026** brings together the world's leading clinicians, researchers, and allied health professionals — and the countdown is officially on.

Highlights include the joint sessions with **AST**, **ASTS**, **EASL**, **AASLD** and **iLDLT Group**, **ELITA-ESOT** and **APASL** to discuss relevant topics such as **how to build translational bridges across societies**, **how to manage 'super sick patients' as a bridge to liver transplantation** and **lessons from experience that goes beyond textbooks and more**. Leading these impactful sessions and discussions, we have experienced and high qualified moderators and speakers:



Speaker:
Ali Zarrinpar



Speaker:
Andrea
Schlegel



Speaker:
Augusto
Villanueva



Speaker:
Elizabeth
Pomfret



Speaker:
Linda Sher



Speaker:
Jaime
Glorioso



Speaker:
Juliet
Emamaullee



Speaker:
Roberto
Hernandez



Moderator:
Kimberly
Watt



Moderator:
Sarwa
Darwish
Murad



Speaker:
Francois
Durand



Speaker:
Florent
Artru



Speaker:
Marina
Berenguer



Speaker:
Nadim
Mahmud



Speaker:
Scott
Biggins



Speaker:
Shahid
Husain





Moderator:
Mureo
Kasahara



Speaker:
Jan Lerut



Speaker:
Kim Olthoff



Speaker:
Mohamed
Rela



Speaker:
Seisuke
Sakamoto



Speaker:
Yaman Tokat



International
iLDLT Group
Living Donor Liver Transplantation



Moderator:
Chao-Long
Chen



Moderator:
A. Kadir
Dökmeci



Speaker:
James Fung



Speaker:
Shiv Sarin



Speaker:
Mark
Muthiah

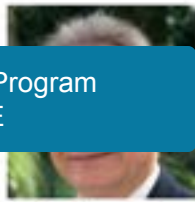


Speaker:
Dong-sik Kim



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Moderator:
Wojtek Polak

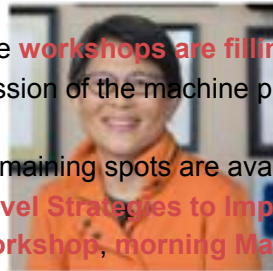


Moderator:
Hermien Rutog

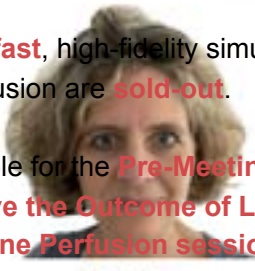
Pre-Congress Workshops and Events

The **workshops are filling fast**, high-fidelity simulation and the afternoon session of the machine perfusion are **sold-out**.

Remaining spots are available for the **Pre-Meeting Symposium to discuss Novel Strategies to Improve the Outcome of Liver Transplantation, TEE Workshop, morning Machine Perfusion session** and the **Special Symposium: Cross-Straits Medicine Exchange Association (CSMEA)**.



Speaker:
Sandy Feng



Speaker:
Marianne Samyn



Speaker:
Xavier Muller

If you are planning to attend, don't let this opportunity pass you by and secure your spot today for the pre-meeting events. You add it to a new registration or edit an existing one



View Pre-Congress Workshops



Help Shape the Future of Liver Transplant Training

Global Survey for Liver Transplant Surgeons

Shaping the future of liver transplantation starts with understanding how we train the next generation. The **ILTS Education and Scholarship Committee** is conducting a global Transplant Surgery Survey to better understand current training pathways, expectations, and requirements for liver transplant surgeons worldwide.

If you are an attending or consultant liver transplant surgeon currently practicing independently, your perspective is essential. Your insights will help build a clearer global picture and support future efforts toward standardizing training and improving patient outcomes.

Let's work together to advance education and strengthen the future of liver transplantation.

 [Take the Survey, Click HERE](#)



Happening Soon: ASTS and ILTS Joint Webinar

How far can surgical innovation and interventional radiology go in expanding transplant eligibility for the most complex pediatric cases?

This joint **ASTS and ILTS webinar** brings together leading specialists to explore cutting-edge advances in technical variant grafts for super-small recipients and modern IR techniques for managing portal vein thrombosis.

[Check Details
HERE](#)

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ILTS & SATA Joint Meeting 2026

Join **ILTS** and **SATA** this October in San Diego for a focused, one-day meeting exploring key challenges and innovations in liver transplant care. From optimizing intraoperative hemodynamics to navigating complex postoperative scenarios, the program brings together leading experts to share practical insights and evolving approaches.

Highlights include sessions on **cardiovascular evaluation in transplant candidates**, a **dynamic pro/con debate on transfusion strategies**, **discussions on managing graft dysfunction and immunosuppression in real-world settings** and much more.

Explore the full program and secure your spot below.

[Check the Program and Register, Click HERE](#)



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: ANESTHESIA AND CRITICAL CARE

When managing coagulopathic bleeding during liver transplantation, fresh frozen plasma has long been the default — but is it still the best option?

The **Anaesthesia & Critical Care Committee's** latest Journal Club summary examines a recent systematic review and meta-analysis on the use of **prothrombin complex concentrates (PCC)** as an alternative, exploring whether this approach can reduce transfusion requirements without compromising patient safety.

The available evidence suggests a comparable profile to FFP — particularly when PCC is integrated into algorithm-guided transfusion protocols — while raising important questions about the quality of evidence currently available and the need for well-designed randomized trials.

Read the full committee summary to follow the evidence and the discussion.

[Read Full Summary, Click HERE](#)





WHAT WE ARE READING

Article selections by A Mi Mi Kyaw, Daniel Aliseda, Kenan Moral, Tommy Ivanics, Ryan Chadha, Abdul Rahman Hakeem, Ashwin Rammohan.

HEPATOLOGY

Hepatology

> [Simulating the impact of survival benefit-based liver transplant organ allocation](#)

JHEP Reports

> [HCC recurrence in liver transplants treated with hypothermic oxygenated machine perfusion: An international matched cohort study](#)

SURGERY

Journal of Hepatology

> [Efficacy of liver transplantation after response to atezolizumab–bevacizumab downstaging of intermediate and advanced hepatocellular carcinoma \(ImmunoXXL\)](#)

Liver Transplantation

> [Benchmarking the real-world transplant benefit in unresectable colorectal liver metastases: A preliminary external validity assessment of the TransMet trial](#)

ANESTHESIOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE

Transplantation

> [Cirrhotic Cardiomyopathy Predicts New-onset Heart Failure Within the First Year After Liver Transplantation](#)

Liver Transplantation

> [Newly diagnosed pulmonary arterial hypertension following liver transplantation: Insights from a multicenter case series](#)

> [Evaluation of low fibrinolytic activity by rotational thromboelastometry and outcomes in liver transplantation: A single-center prospective study](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Annals of Surgery

> [Liver Transplantation Versus ALPPS for Colorectal Liver Metastases: An Entropy Balanced Retrospective Analysis](#)

> [Living donor liver transplantation in infants 6 kg or less: Impact of graft type and size on postoperative outcomes](#)



LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Liver Transplantation

> [A simple intraoperative score incorporating thromboelastometric parameters predicts early reoperation for bleeding after liver transplantation](#)

LATEST ISSUE



Hepatology and Liver Transplantation | Limited Call for Applications: Editorial Fellow

Deadline: April 17, 2026. Check the full information and details of how to apply [HERE](#).

NEW PRACTICE GUIDELINES

[Practice Guideline on Adult Liver Transplantation: Candidate Evaluation.](#)

Published in HEPATOLOGY, this new Practice Guideline from AASLD and American Society of Transplantation (AST) delivers clear, evidence-based recommendations for evaluating and selecting adult liver transplant candidates, helping clinicians identify who stands to benefit most from this lifesaving but limited resource.

MOC

View the full collection of [Maintenance of Certification \(MOC\) articles](#) published in Liver Transplantation, including the latest article: [Evaluation of living liver donors identifying as transgender or gender diverse](#).

Please help us bring the liver transplant community together.
Forward this to your colleagues!



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