



A MESSAGE FROM THE ILTS PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It is with great honour and a deep sense of responsibility that I write to you for the first time as President of the International Liver Transplantation Society.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Councillors completing their terms on the Council — our Past President Nazia Selzner, Kymberly Watt, Dimitri Bezinover, and Avi Soin — for their exceptional contributions, dedication, and service to our Society over the past years. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our current Past President, Valeria Mas, for her outstanding leadership of the Society during a particularly challenging transition period.

The 30th ILTS Annual International Congress in Geneva was a defining moment — not only for the Society, but for me personally. To witness the energy, the science, and the community that filled the halls of Palexpo over four remarkable days was a powerful reminder of what makes this field so special. I am truly grateful to everyone who was part of it, and I look forward to building on that momentum together.

I am also pleased to share that we have just concluded two highly successful joint EASL–ELITA–ILTS sessions at the EASL Congress in Barcelona, demonstrating the value of our ongoing collaborations and the strength of our international community.

As we step into this new chapter, there is much ahead. ILTS Leadership will be gathering in the fall for a Strategic Meeting to reflect on the evolving needs of our members, and we will be reaching out in the coming months with a Member Survey — your voice matters, and we want to hear it. We are also excited to share that a Transplant Oncology Registry is in development, and more details will follow soon.

For those looking to get more involved, Special Interest Group and Pathology and Radiology Committee applications are now open - great opportunities to contribute your expertise and connect with peers across the liver transplantation community. And if you are a practicing liver transplant surgeon, I encourage you to take a few minutes to complete our Global Transplant Surgery Survey, which will help shape training pathways worldwide.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to two upcoming events worth marking in your calendar — the ILTS Allied Health Professionals Webinar on

liver injury from herbals and supplements, and the IHPBA World Congress in Singapore, where ILTS will be joining forces with ELITA for a joint session.

This is an exciting time for ILTS, and I am proud to lead this community forward.

Warm regards,



Wojciech Polak, MD, PhD
President, International Liver Transplant Society
Erasmus MC University Medical Center
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Thank You, Geneva!

The **30th ILTS Annual International Congress** has come to a close — and what a congress it was.

Over four remarkable days in Geneva earlier this month, the liver transplantation community came together in a way that truly reflected the strength and depth of this field. The science was outstanding, the debates were bold, and the hands-on workshops gave delegates the opportunity to engage with the latest innovations beyond the main hall. The connections made across the halls of Palexpo — and around the table at Friday night's Networking Dinner — will carry well beyond Geneva.

To our attendees, speakers, moderators, sponsors, and exhibitors — thank you. This congress is built by the people who show up, contribute, and push the field forward, and you did exactly that.

The Closing Ceremony marked a significant moment for the society: **Prof. Valeria Mas** officially transferred the ILTS presidency to **Dr. Wojciech Polak**, and **Dr. Alfred Kow** was announced as incoming President-Elect — **an exciting new chapter for ILTS leadership.**



Distinguished Service Awards

Congratulations to Elizabeth Pomfret and Patrizia Burra. Two careers defined by dedication, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to advancing the field.



ILTS Awards and Townhall | *Congratulations to all our awardees:*

- **Young Investigators Awardees:** Amy Wang, Andrea Schlegel, Anita Niu, Arianna Trizzino, Ashwin Rammohan, Beat Moeckli, Daniel Vidal-Correoso, Hao Chen, Iulia Minciuna, Lakshmi V. U., Luigi Rescigno, Manhal Izzy, Marie-Charlotte Delignette, Rebecca Marino, Roberta Angelico, Varvara Kirchner, Xinyang Zhong, and Yunguo Lei.
- **Basic Science Award (Mid Career):** Andrea Schlegel
- **Clinical Science Investigator Award (Mid Career):** Ashwin Rammohan
- **Advancing Equity in Liver Transplantation Award:** Manhal Izzy
- **Real Advancing in Liver Transplantation Award:** Varvara Kirchner



Rising Star Awards

Congratulations to the 2026 ILTS Rising Star Award recipients — **Stefan H. Luijmes**, **Xuewen Yi**, **Masahiro Ohira**, and **Wanglong Xiao** — and to their

mentors for guiding the next generation of liver transplant researchers.



Presidential Address & Senior Career Awards

Congratulations to **Robert Porte**, recipient of the **Paolo Muiesan Clinical Science Established Investigator Award**, and **Ali Zarrinpar**, recipient of the **Basic Science Award** — two standout recognitions at this morning's #ILTSCongress2026 session.



Networking, Exhibition Hall, Multidisciplinary Sessions, Workshops, and More





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ABSTRACTS TO OPEN IN FALL 2026

See you in ILTS 2027: May 5-8, Montreal, Canada.

We look forward to continuing this momentum together — and to welcoming you to the **2027 ILTS Congress in Montreal, Canada, May 5–8**, where the organizing committee is already hard at work preparing another outstanding program. Abstract submissions will open in Fall 2026.

See you in Montreal!



Spotlight: ILTS at EASL Congress Barcelona

ILTS was proud to be represented at EASL 2026 in Barcelona, with an exhibit booth and active participation across several scientific sessions throughout the congress.

ILTS Past President Prof. Valeria Mas co-chaired two sessions — one exploring the evolving landscape of steatotic liver disease and liver transplantation alongside **EASL** and **ELITA**, and another tackling the road ahead for personalised immunosuppression, from molecular diagnostics and immune profiling to the intersection of immunosuppression and transplant oncology.

ILTS President Dr. Wojciech Polak co-chaired a practical session on the surgical management of liver cancer, covering preoperative assessment, liver resection in cirrhosis, and intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma. It was a strong showing for the ILTS community on an international stage, **and a reminder of the important role our members play in shaping the broader hepatology conversation.**



PRESIDENTIAL AGENDA

Strategy Meeting and ILTS Survey

ILTS Leadership will be gathering in the fall of 2026 for a **Strategic Planning Meeting** to reflect on the evolving needs of our members and shape the direction of the society going forward.

In the coming months, you will have the opportunity to make your voice heard through the **ILTS Member Survey** — a chance to share your perspective on all matters related to international liver transplantation. We encourage every member to participate.

Transplant Oncology Registry

Stay tuned for exciting news in the coming months regarding the launch of a **Transplant Oncology Registry**. More details will be shared with members



ILTS Committee and Special Interest Group Applications Are Open!

The ILTS Committees are the working groups that support the Society's activities across **clinical practice, research, education, guidelines, and member engagement**. Committee members contribute their expertise within focused specialty areas and collaborate with peers to support **ILTS initiatives** and programs across the liver transplantation community. Currently, applications are open for two committees: **Pathology** and **Radiology**.

Don't miss this unique opportunity. Apply by June 10, 2026.

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The **ILTS Special Interest Groups (SIGs)** cover a wide range of focus areas, including Alcohol-Related Liver Disease, Cardiovascular Topics in Liver Transplantation, DCD, Liver Preservation and Machine Perfusion, Infectious Diseases and Liver Transplantation, Liver Failure Syndromes, Liver Transplant Immunology, Liver Transplant Oncology, Living Donor Liver Transplantation, and MASLD.

Find your group and start collaborating today.

Applications open until June 24, 2026.

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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](#)



Allied Health Professionals Committee

Liver Injury Resulting from Herbs and Supplements



Speaker



Liver Injury Resulting from Herbs and Supplements

Victor Navarro, MD
Jefferson Health System, Thomas Jefferson University

Moderator



Julie Corkrean
Director, Abdominal Transplant, J.C. Walter Jr. Transplant Center

This **ILTS webinar** brings together leading specialists to explore to understand the epidemiology and clinical characteristics of liver injury from herbs and supplements, identify ingredients that may be more likely to cause liver injury and understand the management and prevention of liver injury from herbs and supplements.

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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.

[Full Details, Click HERE](#)



We are pleased to share that IHPBA Meets ELITA/ILTS will be taking place at the IHPBA World Congress 2026, bringing together leaders, experts, and innovators in hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery to explore the latest advancements, share knowledge, and shape the future of the field.

The program features cutting-edge presentations, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities with colleagues from around the globe. We encourage ILTS members working at the intersection of these specialties to attend and be part of this important gathering. More details and registration information are available through the IHPBA World Congress website.

[Full Details, 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

Liver Transplantation

> [Preformed donor-specific antibodies are associated with acute rejection and biliary complications after liver transplantation: A Swiss Transplant Cohort Study analysis](#)

> [Development and validation of an administrative frailty index for patients with cirrhosis \(CAFI\)](#)

> [Comparative analysis of early post-transplant infections after DCD with hypothermic oxygenated liver perfusion and DBD liver transplantation: A retrospective cohort study](#)

SURGERY

American Journal of Transplantation

> [Determining the critical graft-to-recipient weight ratio threshold for safety in full-right/full-left split liver transplantation: A multicentric cohort study](#)

Liver Transplantation

> [Risk factors of biliary cast syndrome among liver transplant recipients](#)

Transplantation

> [Recipient Social Determinants](#)

> [and Geographic Access in DCD](#)

> [Liver Transplantation: Early Lessons During the Perfusion Era](#)

ANESTHESIOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE

JHEP Reports

> [Long-term outcomes and temporal trends following liver transplantation for chronic liver disease in the intensive care unit](#)

> [Pre-liver transplant assessment of patients with acute-on-chronic liver failure: an international survey](#)

Liver Transplantation

> [Pulmonary function test parameters before liver transplantation predict post-transplant survival and respiratory-related death](#)

Social Media - Liver Transplantation

> [Beyond rejection risk: Identifying ideal candidates for pretransplant immune checkpoint inhibitors for HCC](#)



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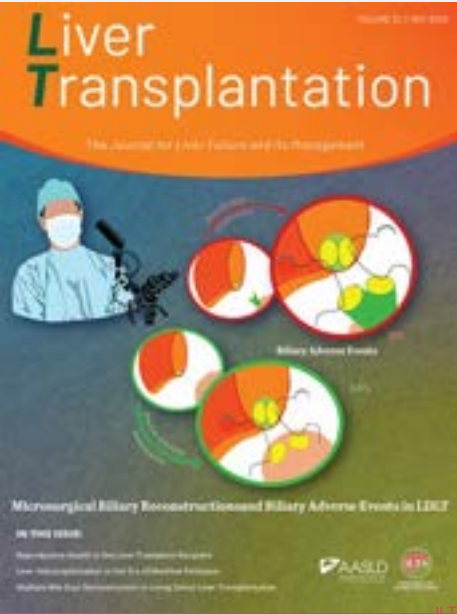
> [Benchmarking the real-world transplant benefit in unresectable colorectal liver metastases: A preliminary external validity assessment of the TransMet trial](#)

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

LATEST ISSUE



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: [Liver transplantation in well-selected patients with unresectable colorectal liver metastases.](#)

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