

Joint International Symposium on PEDIATRIC KIDNEY AND LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

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The practice of transplant in the pediatric population has revolutionized the life of children with end-stage organ failure. However, organ transplantation for children still remains one of the most complex and challenging areas within current medical practice. Although pediatric organ transplantation is active in some parts of many developing countries, it is still inactive in many others and mostly relying on living donors. The lacking deceased programs in most of these countries is one of the main issues to be addressed to adequately respond to organ shortage.

In the light of these, the Joint International Symposium on *Pediatric Kidney and Liver Transplantation* organized by Professor Mehmet Haberal as the Founder and President of the Turkish Transplantation Society (TOND), the Turkic World Transplantation Society (TDTD), and the Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation (MESOT) on February 10-11, 2022 at the Kizilcahamam Thermal Resort Hotel in Ankara, Turkey. The meeting took place as a hybrid meeting. Despite the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and heavy winter time, many guests from Turkey and worldwide ensured physical attendance.

The Joint International Symposium on *Pediatric Kidney and Liver Transplantation* addressed challenges and evaluated the short and long-term outcomes of pediatric kidney and liver transplantation especially in the Middle East and Mid Asia. During the Symposium, participants exchanged ideas around the latest developments and the current practices in the field of pediatric kidney and liver transplantation. The program embraced keynote lectures by world-renowned professionals specialized in their respective fields as well as oral presentations from the world.

The Congress, boasted 22 invited speakers worldwide including MESOT President Professor Antoine Barbari, MESOT President-Elect Professor Mohammad Ghnaimat and the MESOT Past Presidents Professors Adibul Rizvi, Antoine Stephan, Faissal Shaheen, Mustafa Al-Mousawi, Anwar Naqvi, Marwan Masri, S. Ali Malek-Hosseini, Bassam Saeed, Refaat Kamel. MESOT Executive Committee Members and Councilors, President of the African Society of Transplantation (ASOT) Professor Gamal Saadi, TTS Past Presidents Professors Jeremy Chapman and Philip O'Connell, TTS Councilors Professors Nadey Hakim and Vivek Kute, Past-President



of the International Pediatric Transplant Association Professor Mignon McCulloch, President-Elect of the African Society of Nephrology Professor Hani Hafez, as well as renowned scientists in their respective fields including Professors Ignazio Marino, Hasan Yersiz, and Fatina Fadel.

The Opening Ceremony started with the welcome speeches of Prof. Mehmet Haberal MESOT Founder and Past-President, Prof. Antoine Barbari, MESOT President, and continued with the opening remarks of Prof. Adibul Rizvi, MESOT Past-President and the Founder of Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT) and Prof. Gamal Saadi, President of the African Society of Transplantation (ASOT).

Around 200 participants from 19 countries have attended the Congress where 18 keynote lectures and 41 oral presentations were scheduled. Discussions took place at the highest level and attendees had a chance to share and learn from each other. There was a huge interest from the Middle East and Mid Asia regions.

Prof. Haberal closed the meeting with a final word of thanks to all attendees and everyone involved in the organization. He has also invited all participants to attend the 29th International Congress of the The

Transplantation Society that will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2022 and encouraged them to become a member of TTS and also invited all participants to the 18th Congress of the Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation that will take place in Ankara, Turkey in 2023.

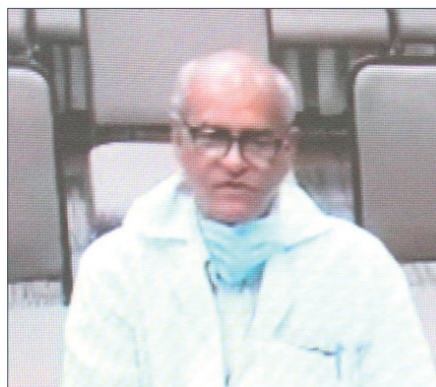
Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, The Joint International Symposium on *Pediatric Kidney and Liver Transplantation* proved to be a great success with high positive feedback from all who were in attendance realizing that it would be necessary to have legislation, education and coordination to govern transplantation activities successfully as well as encouraging deceased organ transplantation worldwide.



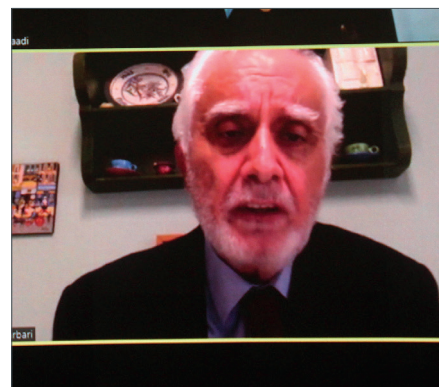
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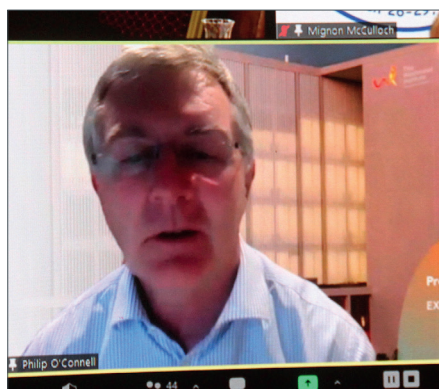
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Prof. Mehmet Haberal during the Opening Ceremony



Closing Ceremony