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## WHO MOVED MY CHEESE?

Mandeep R. Mehra, MBBS, FACC, FACP, President  
ISHLT (2008-2009)



*"They must often change, who would be constant in  
happiness or wisdom." - Confucius*

As I write my final President's Bulletin to you, I am reminded of the timeless allegorical tale of Sniff and Scurry, two simple minded mice and Hem and Haw, two little people with complex minds who faced unexpected change when they discovered that their comfortably available "Cheese" had disappeared.<sup>1</sup> They reacted rather differently from each other with Sniff and Scurry being proactive in searching for new "Cheese" and Hem and Haw who waited for their "Cheese" to reappear. This illustrative tale is poignantly relevant to our organizational transformation.

We faced numerous challenges this past year: replenishing our core values to the membership; maintaining economic stability and vitality; re-establishing our priorities around the society's mission; competing for an international identity in the realm of science and advocacy. I am happy to report that we have not only succeeded in finding our new "Cheese" but now have a healthy store of it!

At this upcoming 29th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions of the ISHLT in Paris, France, you will undoubtedly feel the

vibrancy of our renewed organization. The meeting will showcase the tireless work that has been undertaken by various councils and committees. A truly international flavor will be on display as our best science is presented and the greatest of our members are honored.

You will not want to miss the opportunity to honor past President Christian Cabrol as he delivers a pioneer-in-transplantation lecture in his own hometown, debate new challenges with the onslaught of generic medications in thoracic transplantation, review a new nomenclature for cardiac allograft vasculopathy, listen to a host of late breaking science in mechanical circulatory support, or pulmonary hypertension and thoracic transplantation.

At this meeting, we also hope to release the new ISHLT monograph series in Advanced Heart Failure and shall announce an unprecedented number of new young investigator travel awards as well as research and clinical fellowships.

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You will also see how the ISHLT is now taking a proactive stance in international advocacy.

Undeniably, the energy and vigor is a result of numerous volunteers who believe in the past, present and future of the Society and what it represents. I shall be remiss if I do not take this opportunity to thank my executive team members who have been the true spirit of this transformation.

First, Dr. Randall Starling, our able Program Committee Chairman who has enviably produced the best scientific meeting we shall experience this decade. Next, my Committee Chairs for Education (Dr. Nicholas Banner), Guidelines and Standards (Dr. Mariell Jessup), Communication (Dr. Maryl Johnson) and Advocacy (Dr. Lori West) who have redefined the notion of selfless leadership.

The support and direction from all Council Chairs and numerous task force members has been invaluable. Finally, the movement forward would have been nothing short of irrational and helter skelter in the absence of the outstanding advice and management skills of Ms. Amanda Rowe (Executive Director) and her wonderful staff. I would urge you all to take some time to thank these individuals at the Annual Meeting gathering.

No one is better equipped to guard our "Cheese" and maintain its freshness than our incoming ISHLT President, Dr. Jim Kirklin and to him I wish all success and pledge unflinching support. For the past nine years, Dr. Kirklin has maintained the most vital identity of the society, the Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation, which he has stewarded with integrity, passion and excellence. As he transitions to his new role as steward of the Society, I have been entrusted to fill his shoes with the Journal. I only hope to rise to the challenge and vigorously steer the Journal as the world's eminent scientific voice in the field of the failing heart and lung, mechanical circulatory support, regenerative and reparative science and pulmonary vascular diseases.

Last, I offer my sincere thanks for the privilege to serve you all and the Society.

**Reference:**

1. Who Moved My Cheese? An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life. Spencer Johnson, MD (Author). Publisher: G. P. Putnam's Sons (September 8, 1998)

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### The New Era: End Stage Disease Management

By: David Feldman, MD/PhD

In the modern era of medicine and surgery, patient care represents a continuum from prevention to palliative care. In 2009, heart and lung

transplantation no longer represents the only terminal therapy for thoracic organ failure, but rather one treatment representing a single branch in a tree of possibilities. Organ donation, at best, has remained static while the number of progressive lung and heart disease patients continues to grow.

Additionally, although we continue to make progress regarding the life spans of these patients, the changes have become more subtle and less incremental over the past few years. This is not an accusation to suggest that insufficient progress has been made, but rather that additional therapies have become mandatory to sustain more patients. In the final tally, health care providers have an implicit responsibility to make their patients live longer and/or improve their quality of life.

The ISHLT constituents represent this cohort of individuals that strives to provide this service for an increasing number of patients; however in the new era, we represent more than just a group of people dedicated to transplantation. Rather we are a group of pediatricians, surgeons, internists, allied health-care practitioners and scientists all dedicated to improving the life of these end-stage patients with multiple etiologies presenting as one or two final common phenotypes.

As such, the best programs have developed multidisciplinary end-stage disease management programs that attempt to address all the needs of a dying patient, not just transplant. We have to be more than CF-pulmonologists, heart failure practitioners, or cardiothoracic surgeons. What is “hot” today will become part of an established library of other therapies, as it will be placed on the shelf to make room for the “hotter” therapies of tomorrow.

As a society the ISHLT must embrace all these new technologies, style changes and patient advances as part of our evolving practice. We won't save them all, but a multidisciplinary program will provide the best therapies, family support, clinical trials and when appropriate palliative care and hospice. Additionally, an amplification of the direct collaborations with our scientists will move translational research forward as the newest discoveries are likely to come from translational teams. Each facet of the team provides a unique and cohesive expertise, all focused on accomplishing a single unifying goal of developing new therapeutics for our patients.

As we look forward to our annual meeting, please consider pausing for a moment on where we should be in another ten years. With so many talented people in one place, make the best effort to be part of the new frontier and the advances yet undiscovered over the next ten years.

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### ISHLT LINKS ANNOUNCES THE FIRST EDITOR, DAVID FELDMAN, MD/PHD

The Board of Directors recognizes that with the significant diversity represented within our ISHLT membership additional tools were needed to help provide unity, disseminate information, and offer easily available information relevant to thoracic transplantation. As part of this vision, the ISHLT Links newsletter was conceived and to this end, Drs. Johnson and Mehra, Amanda Rowe, and the ISHLT Communications Committee published the first edition of the newsletter in November 2008.

Thereafter, the selection committee has chosen David Feldman, MD/PhD as the first editor of ISHLT Links. Dr. Feldman is Director of Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation at The Ohio State University and provides the unique perspective of being a full-time clinician as well as an active basic science investigator funded by the National Institutes of Health. Dr.

Feldman offers additional diversity to this position by having spent a limited amount of time in Europe during his cardiovascular training.

In the coming months he plans to assemble an editorial board to represent the interests of our European, Asian, and American constituents. The focus of the Links will be to provide concise summaries of current events, education and unique perspectives with a sense of humor. It will also serve as a sounding board for our members in an editorial format, a best practice section, and "topic summary or primer" section.

To ensure equal representation and a global perspective, Links is now soliciting volunteers for Asian, European, and American desk-chiefs to represent the interests of our members' concerns and needs throughout the world.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already done so, please pay your dues now to ensure that you continue to receive ISHLT benefits and your monthly issue of the JHLT. Members who had not paid their dues as of January 31, 2009 were suspended. You can reactivate your membership by calling the ISHLT HQ office. They will reinstate your membership and you can then pay your dues online at [www.ishlt.org](http://www.ishlt.org). Alternatively, you can reinstate your membership by paying your dues via mail or fax using the invoice that was sent to you. Remember, you must have paid your dues in order to register for the meeting at the ISHLT member rate.

*Please take a few minutes to review and revise your online membership record and update your scientific council affiliations, email address, institution, professional specialty, etc. to ensure that you receive the appropriate information from ISHLT.*

### DECEASED MEMBER MEMORIAL

Each year at the Annual Meeting, we set aside a time to remember those Society members who have passed away during the prior year. If you know of any ISHLT members we lost during 2008 or through March 2009, please send us the following information so that we can include them in this memorial process:

1. Photo (.jpeg or .gif format)
2. Dates of Birth and Death
3. Most recent professional position and institution
4. Any other significant information

Please email the above materials to [susie.newton@ishlt.org](mailto:susie.newton@ishlt.org) no later than Friday, April 5, 2009.



### JHLT NEW EDITORIAL OFFICE

The ISHLT Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of Mandeep R. Mehra, MBBS, FACC, FACP as the incoming Editor of *The Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation* (JHLT). Dr. Mehra will assume editorial responsibilities as of May 1, 2009, and editorship will become effective with the July 2009 issue of the Journal.

Dr. Mehra's appointment was made following a rigorous search process that yielded eight initial and three finalist candidates. Dr. Mehra is the Herbert Berger Professor and Head of Cardiology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Chief of Cardiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center, in Baltimore, MD (USA). Dr. Mehra brings to the JHLT an ambitious plan for ensuring the continued growth of the scientific standards and academic ranking of the Journal and maximizing its value to the Society's membership.

ISHLT and Elsevier express sincere gratitude to Dr. Kirklin, Ms. Peggy Holmes, and the JHLT editorial team for their tireless dedication, development and growth of the Journal since 2000. The Society welcomes and wishes much success to Dr. Mehra as the new Editor.

As of May 1, 2009, please direct all new or revised manuscript submissions and reviews, and any questions regarding previously submitted manuscripts or reviews to the new editorial office. Manuscripts should be submitted for review online via <http://ees.elsevier.com/jhlt>.

The new editorial office may be reached at:

Email: [jhlteditor@medicine.umaryland.edu](mailto:jhlteditor@medicine.umaryland.edu)  
Tel: 1-410-328-3140

### DCD POLICY

ISHLT will be collaborating in April with the American Thoracic Society and the American Society of Critical Care Medicine to develop a health policy statement regarding transplantation and donation after cardiac death. ISHLT will send representatives from several countries to participate in the workshop.

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### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S SLATE OF INCOMING DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR APRIL 2009-APRIL 2012:

John Dark, FRCS, President-Elect  
Newcastle, United Kingdom

Susan Chernenko, RN, MN, Director  
Toronto, Canada

Allan Glanville, MD, FRACP, Director  
Sydney, Australia

David Vega, MD, Director  
Atlanta, GA, USA

Florian Wagner, MD, Director  
Hamburg, Germany

The slate will be presented to the membership for a vote at the Annual Business Meeting, Friday April 24, 2009, 11:00 am in the Main Theater of the at the Palais des Congres in Paris. All members other than student/resident and emeritus/retired/complimentary members may attend and vote at the Annual Business Meeting.



### ISHLT ADVANCED HEART FAILURE MONOGRAPH

The ISHLT Advanced Heart Failure Monograph is NOW AVAILABLE for purchase. The 600+ page resource has been printed in two volumes. Copies of this monograph, as well as copies of the Pediatric Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support Monographs, will be available for sale at the ISHLT Annual Meeting. You may also order copies via the order form ([HYPERLINK here](#)), copies of which allows you to print from the ISHLT web site. Many thanks to Editors Mariell Jessup, MD, Nicholas Banner, FRCP, and James K. Kirklin, MD, for their diligence and hard work in getting this valuable resource to print, and to the more than 100 authors who contributed content to the Monograph.

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### TOP 10 REASONS To Join Us this April in Paris

10. For many countries, the exchange rate with the Euro is more favorable than it has been in a number of years, making now a great time to visit France.
9. Amazingly affordable (for Paris) hotel rates: EUR 240 and EUR 250
8. It will probably be another 15-20 years before ISHLT meets again in Paris. Do you really want to wait that long to see La Ville-Lumière (the City of Lights)?
7. The Palais Des Congres and the conference hotels are just steps away from the tree-lined Champs Elysees with its sidewalk cafés and elegant shops.
6. The Champagne district, the Loire Valley and castles, the Palace of Versailles, Giverny, the Musée D'Orsay - sign up for one of our tours and see all that Paris has to offer.
5. Notre Dame, the gorgeous jewel that is Sainte-Chapelle, the left bank and Latin Quarter, the Tuilleries Gardens, the famous Paris flea markets, the Paris Opera, the Seine, retail therapy, the Eiffel Tower, Luxembourg Gardens, the Rue de Rivoli, the Bois de Boulogne, the Arc de Triomphe - all this and more awaits you
4. 48 concurrent sessions, 8 mini oral sessions, 3 lunch symposia, 12 satellite symposia, 292 posters - if you can't find some interesting science at this meeting, it's because you're too busy sightseeing
3. Food, glorious food - come enjoy some of the best cuisine in the world at some of the finest restaurants in the world.
2. You'll finally get a chance to practice your high school French
1. HOW CAN YOU TURN DOWN AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE APRIL IN PARIS?!



Randall C. Starling, MD  
Annual Meeting  
Commiteee Chair

The program committee has been at work for approximately 9 months and I am confident all attendees to the ISHLT Paris 2009 meeting will not be disappointed. We received a record number of very high quality abstracts and will have over 700 presentations on the program including an expanded number of moderated posters.

US and non-US contributions are balanced and I know the science and discussion will be of the highest quality. My European colleagues have been instrumental in helping to make sure the moderators, discussants, featured speakers and abstract presenters are the finest in our field from around the globe. The opening session should be very memorable as we will reminisce about our last meeting in Paris in 1991 and hear introductory remarks by the Minister of Health and the Mayor of Paris.

Dr. Cabrol will deliver the Pioneer Lecture and he truly epitomizes a "Pioneer" in the field of transplantation and mechanical circulatory support devices. There will be thematic sessions covering pulmonary hypertension and right heart failure, the role of the B cell and antibody mediated rejection, advances in mechanical circulatory support devices, and we believe some very impactful late breaking clinical trials presentations.

New at this year's meeting will be "invited discussants" to comment on the featured abstracts and late breaking science and you will not be disappointed with our invited plenary lectures. A meeting highlight will be the gala at the famed City Hall of Paris where the Mayor will be our gracious host. I would be remiss not to mention and thank Redha Soulimas, MD PhD a member of the program committee and our local organizing director for the annual meeting. Dr. Soulimas has been instrumental in making many of my plans and hopes for the meeting a reality.

Although you will want to be present for all the science and networking with colleagues, I am confident we will all again be captivated by the charm, culture, cuisine, beauty and ambiance of Paris and all it has to offer. Needless to say I am extremely excited about this year's meeting and I look forward to welcoming each member of our society to this year's meeting. I will see you in Paris soon. Au revoir!

Register NOW for the meeting by [clicking HERE](#).

*We look forward to seeing you  
this April in Paris!*



### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

All meetings take place in the Palais des Congres unless otherwise noted.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

##### 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

ISHLT Board of Directors Meeting (Pissarro/  
Cezzane, Hotel Concorde LaFayette)

##### 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Registry Executive Committee Meeting (Salle de  
Sous-Commission J, Hotel Concorde LaFayette)  
Communications Committee Meeting (Salle de  
Sous-Commission K, Hotel Concorde LaFayette)

##### 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Education Committee Meeting (Salle de Sous-  
Commission I, Hotel Concorde LaFayette)  
Registries and Databases Committee Meeting  
(Salle de Sous-Commission H, Hotel Concorde  
LaFayette)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

##### 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM

Corporate Partner Breakfast Meeting (Etoile/  
Longchamp, Hotel Concorde LaFayette)

##### 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

PH RV Writing Group Meeting (Room 273)

##### 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Past Presidents' Luncheon Meeting (Room 243)

##### 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Heart Failure Guidelines Workforce Meeting  
(Room 243)

##### 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

PH Predictive Factors Writing Group Meeting  
(Room 273)



#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009

##### 7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Scientific Council on Pathology and Basic Science Meeting  
(Room 241)  
Scientific Council on Infectious Diseases Meeting  
(Room 243)  
Scientific Council on Mechanical Circulatory Support  
Meeting (Salle Maillot)  
Scientific Council on Pulmonary Hypertension Meeting  
(Room 242AB)

##### 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

JHLT Editorial Board Luncheon Meeting (Room 243)

##### 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

CAV Guidelines Workforce Meeting (Room 243)

##### 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

MCS Education Workforce Meeting (Room 263)

##### 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Junior Faculty and Trainee Council Meeting (Room 241)

##### 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Pulmonary Transplant QOL Workforce Meeting (Room 273)

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## FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

### 7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Scientific Council on Pediatric Transplantation Meeting (Room 241)

Scientific Council on Nursing and Social Science Meeting (Room 243)

Scientific Council on Pulmonary Transplantation Meeting (Salle Maillot)

Scientific Council on Heart Failure and Transplant Medicine Meeting (Room 242AB)

### 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (Main Theater)

### 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Fellows Luncheon (Room 243) (pre-registration and ticket required)

### 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Standards and Guidelines Committee Meeting (Room 273) (bring your own box lunch)

### 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

2010 Program Committee Meeting (Room 243)

### 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM

PAH Guidelines Workforce Meeting (Room 273)

### 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

MCS Guidelines Workforce Meeting (Room 263)



A very sincere THANK YOU to the following companies who have provided support for the Society in 2009 and for the 29th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions:

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## SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

### NOON – 1:00 PM

Council Reports to the Membership and Board (Room 242 AB)

### 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

ISHLT Board of Directors Meeting (Sisley Room, Hotel Concorde LaFayette)

### 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Incoming Board Member Orientation (Sisley Room, Hotel Concorde Lafayette)



ISHLT is pleased to announce that grant [travel awards for the Paris meeting](#), including complimentary registration and \$500 cash, were awarded to 14 individuals who are residents/fellows/junior faculty/nurses/transplant coordinators, members of ISHLT, and presenters of oral abstracts at the Annual Meeting.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD RECIPIENTS:

*Samantha Anthony, University of Toronto Hospital for Sick Children*

*Howard Huang, Washington University School of Medicine*

*Forum Kamdar, University of Minnesota*

*Bronwyn Levvey, The Alfred Hospital*

*Jennifer Matthews, University of Michigan Health System*

*Matthew Morrell, Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital*

*Michael Petty, University of Minnesota Medical Center*

*Matthew Pipeling, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*

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*Pali Shah, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*

*Esther Shao, UCLA Medical Center*

*Ajay Srivastava, Yale University School of Medicine*

*Marcia Stahovich, Sharp Memorial Hospital*

*Simon Urschel, University of Alberta*

### MEETING REGISTRATION

The deadline for discounted registration fees for the Annual Meeting has passed, but it is still not too late to register for the meeting at the regular registration rates. [You can register via mail or fax using the registration form or online at \[www.isHLT.org\]\(http://www.isHLT.org\)](#). To date, over 1,750 people have registered, and we are expecting a total of 2,400 delegates. Please be sure to join us in April in Paris!

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The ISHLT Board of Directors met the weekend of December 8-9 in Washington, DC. The following is a summary of the key decisions made at that meeting.

- The Board discussed the issue of leadership, the Board's responsibility to provide it to the Committee and Council Chairs and membership as a whole, the Committee Chairs' responsibility to provide it to their members, the Council Chairs' responsibility to provide it to their Workforce leaders and members, and the Workforce leaders' responsibility to provide it to the members of the workforces. To this end, the Board will begin instituting bi-monthly conference calls between the President and President-Elect and each Committee and Council Chair. Committee Chairs will be expected to conduct quarterly conference calls with their committees, and Council Chairs will be expected to conduct quarterly conference calls with their Operating Boards. This past year was devoted mainly to operationalizing the new committee and council structures. 2009 will be devoted to creating momentum and action within each, supported by leadership and communication
- The Board discussed the Society's investments at length and approved the financial policies described under the Finance Committee report in this newsletter. The Society ended 2008 with a net worth of approximately \$3.6 million. The budget for 2009 projects a net loss, excluding investment gains/losses, of approximately \$400,000, much of this due to the expenses of the Paris meeting. Net income, not including investment losses, was approximately \$600,000. The Board anticipates that the Society will return to profitable operations in 2010.
- The Board voted for the Society to endorse the Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism. A copy of the Declaration may be obtained from: [http://www.prnewswire.com/mnr/transplantationsociety/33914/docs/33914-Declaration\\_of\\_Istanbul-Lancet.pdf](http://www.prnewswire.com/mnr/transplantationsociety/33914/docs/33914-Declaration_of_Istanbul-Lancet.pdf)
- The Board approved the formation of a formal Past President's Council. The first organizing meeting will take place in Paris in April. The purpose of the Past President's Council is to serve as an advisory group when called upon by the Board or President to do so, and to engage in appropriate activities related to the maintenance of the Society History and Archives, including recommending events and activities for the Society's anniversary celebrations, such as the 30th Anniversary Meeting coming up in 2010.
- The Board agreed to table work on the establishment of an international MCS Registry until activities in Europe have been sorted out. Several countries are pursuing the establishment of national or pan-European MCS Registries. Waiting until these are in place will enable ISHLT to make sure that the ISHLT International MCS Registry is designed for maximum compatibility with any existing MCS Registries.
- The Board voted to establish an International Health Policy Coordinating Committee to bring health care issues forward for Board considerations and to explore collaboration with other organizations on health policy issues. The committee composition and its scope will be formalized at the April Board meeting.

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### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee has remained active and involved since the production of the first newsletter.



Maryl R. Johnson, MD  
Committee Chair

A major accomplishment has been the selection of the Newsletter Editor, which, as detailed elsewhere, is Dr. David Feldman from Ohio State University. We have been gratified to hear positive comments from the Board and ISHLT members concerning the first edition of the newsletter. We welcome Dr. Feldman to his new position and look

forward to assisting him in whatever way we can in the production of future newsletters.

The Communications Committee has also begun discussing how we can best establish and maintain liaisons with other professional organizations involved in heart and lung transplantation, advanced heart and lung disease, mechanical circulatory support, and basic science relevant to the interests of ISHLT members. On our last conference call we discussed organizations with

which reciprocal information exchange would likely be beneficial and at our committee meeting in Paris we plan to better define which groups to target, how best to establish lines of communication with them, and how to assure that the relationships established will persist even as the people involved in the ISHLT and the other organizations transition over time.

We continue to discuss options to improve communications within the ISHLT Councils and between the Councils and the ISHLT membership. The ID council is to be the first Council to begin using an online forum on the website in the near future, with plans to extend this to other Councils as well.

The Communications Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 in Paris prior to the ISHLT Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions. If you have suggestions for how we can increase communications between ISHLT members and the ISHLT leadership as we work toward our common goals, please let me or one of the Communications Committee members know prior to the meeting so we can discuss your ideas. (My contact information and that of the other committee members is available on the ISHLT website).



Nicholas R. Banner, FRCP  
Committee Chair

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee has recently developed an educational survey designed to solicit suggestions regarding educational programming of specific interest to each Scientific Council. These are currently being distributed to the members of each council, with an invitation to participate. Links to the surveys will also be available on each Council's web page on the ISHLT web site ([www.isHLT.org](http://www.isHLT.org)). Please take a couple of minutes to participate in these brief surveys so that the Education Committee can consider your needs when developing future programming.

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Despite the recent economic turndown and turmoil, ISHLT is holding its own financially. The value of the Society's investment portfolio has, of course, declined, and it is becoming more of a challenge to secure commercial support for the Society and our activities. However, we are fortunate to have had a very healthy fund balance due to conservative fiscal policies over the past few years, and this has enabled us to weather the economic storm. Nevertheless, the economic climate reinforces the need to put into place financial policies designed to curb spending and encourage savings when certain thresholds are met. To this end, the Board adopted the following financial policies at the meeting in December, all designed to provide sound fiduciary oversight of the Society's financial resources.

- 1) The Society cannot budget a loss that will cause the fund balance to drop below \$3 million.
- 2) Annual net income must first be used to build up the fund balance until it reaches \$4 million. Thereafter, annual net income must first be used to grow the fund balance by 10% every three years. This is the fund balance baseline level.
- 3) The Society may not engage in deficit spending until the fund balance reaches the fund balance baseline level.
- 4) Once the above conditions have been met, the Board may opt to spend up to 100% of annual net income on projects and activities determined by the Board and may use reserves in excess of baseline level to cover Annual Meeting expenses in order to achieve financial policy #6.
- 5) The Society's investment practices must be designed to preserve the baseline level of the fund balance.
- 6) The US-based Annual Meetings must aim to make 5%, excluding corporate support. The non-US-based Annual Meetings must be budget neutral or profitable, excluding corporate support. 50% of the profits from the US meetings may be allocated to subsidize the non-US meetings.
- 7) The Society will charge VAT on registration and exhibit fees whenever it is the law in the host country of the meeting.

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### STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

The Standards and Guidelines Committee is in the process of finalizing a set of criteria for the ISHLT Guidelines. These will specify the process and criteria for ISHLT Guidelines development to ensure that all ISHLT Guidelines meet agreed-upon standards required for Board approval. These guidelines for the new Guidelines are expected to be available for use by the Scientific Councils Guidelines Workforces by early May. At present, the MCS Council, the PAH Council, the HF Council, and the ID Council are all at various stages in the development of relevant Guidelines. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Standards and Guidelines Workforce Chair of your Council.

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### GRANTS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE



**Mark Barr, MD**  
Committee Chair

ISHLT is pleased to announce the creation of two new awards: The Branislav Radovancevic Memorial Fellowship Grant and the Branislav Radovancevic Memorial Best Paper Award. Both awards are made possible through funding provided by Thoratec Corporation.

The Fellowship Grant is a one year \$75,000 award designed to encourage scholarly clinical work in mechanical circulatory support (MCS), particularly among individuals in emerging countries. The Best Paper Award is a \$2,500 travel award to the Annual Meeting designed to encourage submission of high quality abstracts in the mechanical circulatory support category, particularly from individuals in emerging countries. The goal of both awards is to encourage work in MCS in emerging countries and to facilitate scientific exchange regarding MCS.

Dr. Radovancevic, a long-time member of ISHLT, was devoted to the encouragement of scientific collaboration with Eastern European physicians and scientists. These awards are designed to encourage others to continue his efforts.

The recipient of the 2009 Branislav Radovancevic Memorial Best Paper Award is [Nishant R. Shah, MD](#), Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, for Abstract #6, *Percutaneous LVAD Support Reverses Neurohormonal Dysregulation and Apoptosis but Increases Inflammation in Profound Refractory Cardiogenic Shock*.

The recipients of the 2009 Research Fellowship grant Caves Awards, and Nursing Excellence Awards will be announced at the Plenary Session on Saturday, April 25 in Paris.

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### JUNIOR FACULTY AND TRAINEE COUNCIL

The Junior Faculty and Trainee Council is looking forward to the upcoming ISHLT meeting in Paris. Our goal is to serve our younger members and advance the involvement of junior faculty and trainees in the organization.

There are a couple of news items that are important regarding the meeting:

- 1) The fellows' luncheon will be held in Paris on Friday at 1:15 PM. The forum will be exciting – three fellow case presentations followed by expert discussions. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear about challenging cases and get opinions from leaders in the field.
- 2) At the fellows' luncheon, there will be an opportunity to meet the ISHLT president and president-elect.
- 3) Be sure to attend the presentation of the Philip K. Caves Award where the society recognizes the best abstract presented by a trainee.
- 4) A number of trainees will be attending the Paris meeting on travel awards. We thank ISHLT for this generous and much appreciated support.
- 5) We look forward to all of the wonderful educational offerings that will be available at the upcoming meeting: the future of organ transplantation, the latest news on devices, engineered hearts, ex-vivo lung resuscitation, novel advances in immunosuppression, donor management, and many more sessions.
- 6) The Council is already planning for the next ISHLT meeting in Chicago, and we are continuing discussions on a job posting site and further online educational resources.

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### HEART FAILURE AND TRANSPLANT MEDICINE COUNCIL

ISHLT President, Dr. Mandeep Mehra plans to attend the Scientific Council on Heart Failure and Transplant Medicine meeting and Program Committee Chairman, Dr. Randall Starling plans to do his best to attend as well. The Scientific Council on Heart Failure and Transplant Medicine will meet on Friday, April 24 from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in Room 242 AB at the Palaise des Congres. Heart Failure Council members are urged to attend!

A major current activity of the Scientific Council on Heart Failure and Transplant Medicine is the development of ISHLT Guidelines for the Care of Heart Transplant Recipients. In December 2008, Dr. Mehra asked Dr. Maria Rosa Costanzo to Chair the overall Guidelines project which covers Immediate Post-Operative Care (Part I),

Immunosuppression, Rejection and Infection (Part II) and General Care and Management of Other Complications (Part III). Dr. Costanzo reports that the first draft of Part I has been edited and the second draft is expected on May 1. Completion of the first draft of Parts II and III is anticipated May 15. Dr. Costanzo says that the Co-Chairs of the three task forces writing the Guidelines will meet in Paris to discuss strategies for the completions of the Guidelines. The Co-Chairs are Dr. Randy Starling and Dr. Ann Dipchand (Part I), Dr. Bruno Meiser and Dr. Steven Webber (Part II) and Barry Rayburn and Michael Burch (Part III). The Task Force Chairs responsible for Parts I, II and III are Dr. Maria Rosa Costanzo, Dr. David Taylor and Dr. Sharon Hunt respectively.

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Heart Failure Council member Dr. Mariell Jessup reports, “Global attention is now being focused on preparing guidelines according to a standard format consistent across Countries and Disciplines. The ISHLT’s own Guidelines for Guidelines Document is being prepared by the ISHLT Guidelines Committee.” Dr. Jessup is Chair of the Professional Standards and Guidelines Committee. Details about the ISHLT Advanced Heart Failure Monograph edited by Heart Failure Council members, Drs. Mariell Jessup, Nicholas Banner and incoming ISHLT President, Dr. James Kirklin are available at the beginning of this LINKS edition.

Dr. Jessup also reports that the ABIM Certification Exam for Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology is expected to be ready by Fall 2010 and that the committee to write the exam has been formed.

The Council Chair, Dr. Costanzo urges attendance to the HF Council to demonstrate unflagging commitment to the ISHLT, the opportunity to network with colleagues, and:

1. To decrease the guilt from being in Paris in the Spring while the rest of your colleagues are at work.
2. To see how much your friends have aged.
3. To check out your friends’ attire.

### PEDIATRIC TRANSPLANTATION COUNCIL

Top 5 reasons to attend the Pediatric Council Meeting in Paris:

- #1 Have a chance to remember a colleague: Dr. Mark Boucek
- #2 Be a part of influencing the direction of pediatrics within ISHLT
- #3 Be at the heart of policy making in pediatric transplant
- #4 Prove to your chief that you did work in Paris
- #5 Dinner with friends (new and old!) in Paris

Quick reminder of the Committee updates which will be presented at the Council Meeting:

**Communications Workforce:** Anne Dipchand (chair), Robert Vincent, Susan Daneman, Michael Koerner, Luca Vricella

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**Registries and Databases Workforce:** Richard Chinnock (chair), TP Singh, David Rosenthal, Dausna Daneman, Elfi Pahl, Paul Aurora, Richard Kirk

See you on Friday April 24 from 7:45 -8:45 am in Room 241!

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### PULMONARY HYPERTENSION COUNCIL

The Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) Council is proud to announce the development of several exciting new projects. Ray Benza (Council Chair) and Myung Park (Vice-Chair) discussed the formulation of four innovative writing projects at our last council meeting. The first three projects will be assembled out of the guidelines workforce under Evelyn Horn (Standards and Guidelines Workforce Leader). Evelyn Horn will be leading a group who will write a set of international guidelines on the Management of PH.

Robert Frantz will organize and oversee a state of the art paper on PH and the Right Ventricle. James Fang will supervise a working group on writing a paper on PH and Left Heart Disease. The fourth project will be led by Adaani Frost (Registry and Database workforce), who will formulate a writing group which will focus on evaluating the potential pretransplant factors predictive of post transplant survival in PH patients. Each of these working groups will meet to discuss the initiation of these projects at the meeting in Paris. If you are interested in being a part of any of these writing groups, please contact the leaders of each of these projects. If you will be in Paris, please check the final program's calendar of events for dates and times of the individual meetings.

PH is a major focus of the annual meeting in Paris. First and foremost, there will be an entire half-day symposium dedicated solely to different aspects of PH. This stimulating program includes updates on several issues as well as new concepts in the world of PH and transplantation. A world-class international faculty with panel discussions will make for exciting discussions and debates. There will be a number of other stimulating sessions dedicated to PH and transplantation throughout the meeting offering a broad range of educational topics. Make sure to check the final program for times, so as not to miss these sessions.

Aside from these stimulating conferences, the PH Council is proud to reveal that there will be a record number of original scientific abstracts on PH which will be presented in oral sessions. Here, new studies regarding PH from all over the world will be presented and discussed. Last, but definitely not least, we will also hold our annual PH Council meeting where we will discuss all of our on-going projects and plans for the coming year. Please come update your PH knowledge base while supporting the PH/transplant effort in Paris 2009! We look forward to seeing you in Paris!

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**Want to get involved in an ISHLT Committee?** The best way to do so is to get involved in your Council Workforces. Each Council has Workforces that correspond to the ISHLT Committees. Committee membership consists of the leaders of those workforces. The Workforce leaders are also part of each Council's leadership structure. Ultimately, Council Chairs and Committee Chairs are selected from among individuals who have demonstrated leadership potential at the Council Workforce Level. And in the future, more and more Board members will be selected on the basis of their leadership skills within Committees and Councils. Get Involved and Make a Difference !

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**Not sure whom to speak to within your Council** about questions you have or ideas you want to propose, or just to see how you can get more involved? The below leadership roster should help. Members are encouraged to get involved in the Council workforces – many of them have only one or two members, some have none. Be sure to attend your Council meeting in Paris – many of them will be appointing new workforce leaders or establishing their workforce memberships. You can make a difference and help plan the direction of ISHLT's future – Get Involved Today!

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