First Announcement

38th Annual Meeting of the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation

38th Meeting of the Physicians
28th Meeting of the EBMT Nurses Group
11th Meeting of the EBMT Data Management Group
4th Meeting of the Quality Management Group
1st Meeting of the Cell Processing Group
6th EBMT Patient & Family Day • Saturday, 31 March 2012

Geneva, Switzerland • 1 – 4 April 2012

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Welcome Address

Dear friends,

On behalf of the EBMT and the Swiss Blood Stem Cell Transplantation (SBST) Group, it is our pleasure to invite you to the 38th Annual Meeting of the EBMT, the 28th Meeting of the EBMT Nurses Group, the 11th Meeting of the EBMT Data Management Group, the 4th Meeting of the Quality Management Group and the 6th EBMT Patient & Family Day.

For the first time, we will also invite biologists and technicians working in cell processing laboratories to participate in this meeting and establish a programme of their own. We are therefore adding the 1st Meeting of the Cell Processing Group to the 38th Annual Meeting of the EBMT.

In addition, we will be introducing a special day for paediatric stem cell transplantation on Tuesday, 3 April 2012. In order for all, or at least, almost all of the paediatric activities to take place on the same day we have decided to regroup the educational, working party, scientific and poster sessions. We hope that by having this special paediatrics day, we will be able to attract more paediatric hemato-oncologists to the conference.

The EBMT has grown and developed from the working parties which are the backbone of our organization. This is reflected in our objectives to promote excellence in research and in clinical care. As a result, the annual meetings have grown ever more important to ensure and encourage exchange, education and scientific productivity in order to improve upon what has been built over the years.

The Scientific Programme will include educational and scientific sessions covering key issues in stem cell transplantation and we hope that you will find the mix appealing.

The EBMT family has grown bigger and bigger over the years and includes physicians, nurses, data managers, quality managers and now processing laboratory personnel. This shows that the meeting is also an important place for professionals to meet and exchange ideas, a place from which one can return home with more ideas to put into action.

The EBMT family is also about friendship and having fun, over the years many of us have established lasting friendships with colleagues from abroad, highlighting the international and truly European character of our organization.

The Patient and Family Day has become a tradition symbolising the outreach of our organization towards patients and their family and highlights our belief that the educated patient is the best partner in a difficult treatment process such as stem cell transplantation.

Geneva is a truly international city. It was the home of the League of Nations after World War I and many international organizations continue to have their home in Geneva. One of the most important is the WHO. Geneva is located at a beautiful lake, the Alps are just one hour away and the city is known for banking but also a bustling old city with a rich cultural life.

We hope you will enjoy the meeting.

Jakob R Passweg
Congress President

André Tichelli
Scientific Committee Chair

Yves Chalandon
Local Organizing Committee Chair

Véronique Chapuis
Chair Local Nurses Committee

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Scientific Programme

General Topics
1. Cellular, Gene therapies and Cytokines
2. Stem cell research, Regenerative medicine and Non-haematopoietic stem cells
3. Stem cell mobilization and Graft engineering

Transplant-specific topics
4. Stem cell sources
5. Stem cell donor
6. Graft-versus-host disease – preclinical and animal models
7. Graft-versus-host disease – clinical
8. Infectious complications
9. Early complications / Late effects & quality of life
10. Reduced-intensity conditioning
11. Minimal residual disease, Tolerance, Chimerism and Immune reconstitution
12. Paediatric issues
13. Experimental stem cell transplantation and Tumour stem cells
14. Regulatory issues

Disease-specific topics
15. Acute leukaemia
16. Aplastic anaemia
17. Autoimmune diseases
18. Chronic leukaemia
19. Haemoglobinopathy and Inborn errors of metabolism
20. Lymphoma
21. Multiple myeloma
22. Myelodysplasia
23. Solid tumours

Care-specific topics
24. Care of the care-giver
25. Complementary therapies
26. Donor issues
27. Ethical issues
28. Impact of new therapies on patient care
29. Outpatient developments
30. Palliative care
31. Patient information and education
32. Protective care
33. Psycho-social issues
34. Sexuality
35. Standards of care
36. Symptoms management
37. Education and support of nurses
38. Management
39. Survivorship
40. Quality of life
41. Data management
42. Statistics

Second Announcement
The Second Announcement and call for abstracts will be available online in September 2011.

Call for Abstracts
The Abstract submission deadline for Nurses is set for: 23 November 2011.
The Abstract submission deadline for Physicians is set for: 15 December 2011.
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- President Nurses Group
- Executive Director

**Working Party Topics**

- Acute Leukaemia
- Aplastic Anaemia
- Autoimmune Diseases
- Chronic Leukaemias
- Immunobiology
- Inborn Errors
- Infectious Diseases
- Late Effects
- Lymphoma
- Paediatric Diseases
- Solid Tumours
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**General Information**

**Date**  
Sunday, 1 April - Wednesday, 4 April 2012

**Venue**  
Geneva Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland (www.geneva-palexpo.ch)

**Congress Language**  
English

**Industrial Exhibition**  
Pharmaceutical companies, manufacturers of technical equipment and publishers are invited to display their products at the industrial exhibition which will form part of the congress.

**Satellite Symposia**  
As in previous years, a full programme of symposia will be organized within the framework of the meeting in partnership with EBMT Corporate Patrons and other Industry partners. The Satellite Symposia programme will be focused on Sunday, 1 April 2012.

**Second Announcement**  
The Second Announcement which will be available online in September 2011 will include abstract, registration and hotel information.

**Accommodation**  
All details concerning hotel bookings, low-cost accommodation for students etc. will be stated in the Second Announcement

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**Geneva**  
Beauty and elegance go hand in hand in Geneva, a city steeped in history that plays host to international organizations and get-togethers. It never ceases to amaze and enchant its visitors. The city’s landmark fountain, the „jet d’eau“, is world renowned, while its other characteristics make it a place well worth discovering. Situated in an exceptionally beautiful natural environment, tucked away between Lake Geneva and the Alps, the city boasts prestigious hotels, some of the country’s most prized restaurants, a cultural life to rival the world’s metropolises, as well as parks and gardens of stunning beauty.

Sports, shopping, nightlife can all be enjoyed – the offer is limitless!

But Geneva is also a centre of excellence in a number of areas, known for its watch-making expertise and its discrete banking services. Last but not least, the city’s vineyards are the third largest in Switzerland, something to be kept in mind by all wine lovers.

Thanks to its international airport, located five kilometres from the city centre, and excellent rail connections that link the city to all European capitals, Geneva is an ideal destination for a city break or a family vacation, as well as conferences and events.

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