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Subject The Transplantation Society Receives Record Abstracts

The Transplantation Society has announced a record number of Abstracts received for its XXII International Congress organised by The Meeting Planners and due to be held in Sydney 10-14 August 2008 at the Sydney Convention Centre www.transplantation2008.org.

The Call for Abstracts began over a year ago when the website submission opened on 1st March 2007. On the closing date of 10 March 2008 this figure had risen to 2,494 with still more coming in. Chair of the 2008 Committee, Dr Jeremy Chapman, was thrilled with this result stating *“2,500 abstracts signifies a strong level of interest and a 20% increase on our last meeting. This is great news for our projected final attendance”*.

The Transplantation Society Congress is held bi-annually in a different part of the world under the auspices of The Transplantation Society. The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand is the host for the 2008 Congress. The Conference Committee, led by Dr Jeremy Chapman, is planning a scientific and educational program that delivers cutting edge issues, the latest research and development in each of the major organ transplant areas as well as updates in stem cell research and other more specialised topics. The attendance of all the key opinion leaders will ensure that this is a Congress not to be missed.

“The Congress will provide a major boost to the field in this part of the world. We are looking at innovative ways of using the electronic media to make the huge volume of science more accessible and to extend the availability beyond the few days of the conference” states Congress Chair Jeremy Chapman in outlining the plans for Webcasting the whole congress including the Posters for a year after the event. *“With the 500 person Scientific Abstract Review Committee on 49 Abstract Panels located all around the world, The Meeting Planners will use their own web-enabled Abstract review system to manage this exciting level of abstracts to produce a really advanced program”* he states.

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Note to Editors

The biennial conferences of The Transplantation Society (TTS) www.transplantation-soc.org rotate around the regions. The XXI Congress was held in Boston, USA in 2006 in conjunction with the American Transplant Congress and before that was held in Vienna in 2004, Miami in 2002, Rome 2000 and Montreal in 1998. Future congresses will be held in Vancouver in 2010 and the 2012 location is yet to be decided. The Australians were successful in their bid submitted in 2002 and won against bids from Amsterdam, Geneva, Beijing and Cape Town. The XXII Congress is set to be the largest conference to be held in Sydney in 2008 and more than double the size it was when last held in Australia, also in Sydney, in 1988 with 1,300 delegates.