



CHENG HOUYING

TRAVEL GLOBAL GRANT RECIPIENT



I am a general surgeon from Taiwan interested in liver transplantation and would like to enhance my knowledge in transplant immunology. It is a great honour to receive the ESOT Travel Global Grant. It facilitates me to be able to visit Professor Olivier Thaumat's laboratory in Lyon 1 University, one of the top research teams in transplant immunology, in order to incorporate surgical skills with basic science research.





SANJU SOBNACH

TRAVEL GLOBAL GRANT RECIPIENT



I am very grateful to ESOT for awarding me the 2023 Travel Global Grant. I am a trained multiorgan transplant surgeon currently residing in South Africa, with interests in paediatric liver transplantation and transplant oncology. This grant will allow me to further my skills in split liver transplantation (ex- and in-situ) at a high-volume European Centre where there is an intention-to-split policy. Upon my return to South Africa, I wish to use these skills to expand the donor pool with a view to increasing liver transplantation availability in paediatric recipients and adults with hepatocellular cancer awaiting transplantation.





GVANTSA METSKHVARISHVILI

SEVDA HASSAN STUDY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Since my country is in the process of implementing a cadaveric transplant programme, my training in transplant coordination and cadaveric transplantation was crucial. I'm appointed as a transplant coordinator and an educator when the programme starts. Thank you ESOT for this invaluable experience.





SANDICA BUCURICA

SEVDA HASSAN STUDY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



I am a gastroenterologist and deeply passionate about my work. I value life, and I believe that everyone should have access to the best possible health to fulfil their purpose in this world. Through the ESOT Sevda Hassan Study Scholarship, I had the privilege to meet an exceptional transplant team at the Edinburgh Transplant Centre. The team welcomed me warmly and generously shared their vast experience of 30 years in organ transplantation. I am very grateful for the support and am thrilled to have had this great experience.





OLEG GODIK

SEVDA HASSAN STUDY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Ukrainian paediatric patients with end-stage liver diseases desperately require transplant procedures, but previously, their access to this kind of treatment was limited for many reasons. In recent years, the legislation on transplantation and donation have improved; all transplant-connected health services are performed under a statutory procedure, which I consider a new era in Ukrainian transplantation.

Achieving the Sevda Hassan Study Scholarship is a big honour for me, as I see it as an invaluable input into transplant programme development. I appreciate the possibility to visit experienced transplant centres. Communication also matters; taking part in the ESOT TLJ 3.0 in Prague inspired me significantly. It is important for any medical specialty, but for transplant surgeons it is especially crucial. Providing transplant-connected services in a country caught in war is challenging; therefore, the Sevda Hassan Study Scholarship adds to the feeling that life goes on. So, I want to thank you again for this opportunity.



DARIA DIEHTIAROVA

SEVDA HASSAN STUDY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



What is the Sevda Hassan Study Scholarship for me? I know one million words is not enough to express my huge gratitude for being a part of this programme. My excitement about the new knowledge and skills I could acquire; my stress about our potential ability to apply best practice into our reality and our strength to move on - as our programme was so young, small and vulnerable when the war struck; my hope that it would be useful to all children, our patients, to whom my own life belongs. I would like to thank you for this possibility.





OLEKSII VORONIAK

SEVDA HASSAN STUDY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



I am very grateful to ESOT for the ability to receive a Sevda Hassan Study Scholarship 2023. Thank you so much for the great opportunity to study with professional transplant surgeons at the University Hospital of Padova in this programme. It is a great honour for me. New knowledge will develop transplantations in our institute and our country. There is reformation of the healthcare system in our country now. When Ukraine wins the war against Russia, we will continue to make our medicine better. Therefore, we need additional experience to introduce European methods and treatment protocols before and after solid organ transplantation. It is very important for me to know new methods of prevention and treatment for chronic allograft rejection, to get international experience in transplant surgery – organ donation, kidney and pancreatic transplantation. I hope this education will be very useful for me.





MYKHAILO KOZHANOV

SEVDA HASSAN STUDY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



It is an incredible honour for me to receive a grant from ESOT; a unique opportunity to obtain highly qualified European standards of treatment. I can't wait to begin implementing new techniques and knowledge in my country and share this priceless experience among my colleagues.





MAKSYM RZHANIY

SEVDA HASSAN STUDY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Following my heart, I have devoted my life to cardiac surgery, and, despite all hardship, I always try to find new possibilities to improve my knowledge. It is a great pleasure for me to have this incredible opportunity from the ESOT Sevda Hassan Study Scholarship 2023 because it's safe to say it will allow me to obtain high-quality surgical skills and study contemporary practical approaches. I strongly believe that this programme is helping to open new horizons in the treatment of patients with end-stage heart failure in Ukraine.





IGOR GUMENNIY

SEVDA HASSAN STUDY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



I am infinitely grateful for the scholarship and for the opportunity to go on an internship at a clinic that performs 80 lung transplants a year. This trip will allow me to learn from the experience of my colleagues from the UZ LEUVEN clinic and apply it in our clinic. First of all, I am interested in learning about the use of immunosuppression in lung transplants. Peculiarities of postoperative patient management, bronchoscopy, lung biopsy. The important information I want to learn is the bronchial anastomosis during transplantation. Only 4 lung transplants have been performed in Ukraine, 3 in our clinic. Therefore, this experience is extremely important for me.





MADITA BUCH

TRANSPLANT FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



I am a trainee transplant surgeon at the Surgical Department of Professor Schneeberger at the Medical University of Innsbruck. I am honoured to receive the support of ESOT through this highly respected grant. The fellowship will give me the unique opportunity to join the Forbes Group of the Centre for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Edinburgh. The Forbes Group has already identified a biosignature that occurs exclusively in livers that develop biliary complications after liver transplantation. With the help of the ESOT grant, we want to verify this signature and, in further steps, test a prototype that will assess the viability of the bile duct system. Our goal is to provide this assessment during organ procurement as a point-of-care-test and, therefore, help surgeons to an informed decision, thereby improving the selection process and reducing biliary complication rates. I am very grateful for all the support that I have received from Innsbruck and Edinburgh, who made this fellowship possible. Thank you.





SAMUEL KENNEDY

TRANSPLANT FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



I am extremely grateful to have been awarded an ESOT Fellowship, and this presents an incredible opportunity to develop my career in the field of organ transplantation. My PhD research has allowed me to apply my background in computer science to identify the key challenges of lung allocation in the UK, using a range of simulation, statistical and mathematical techniques. This fellowship will allow me to expand the scope of my research, which aims to develop an organ allocation framework that will help design allocation policies that are fair, transparent and, most importantly, align with the goals and values of transplant patients.

