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**Sandoz ESOT Study Grants: Transplantation
Call for Applications**

Sandoz Pharma Ltd. offers annual study grants totaling SFr. 40 000.- to individuals involved in the clinical or experimental fields of transplantation. Each study has to be performed in a country situated in Europe that is not the country in which the applicant is currently working. There will have to be a specific purpose with a clear study goal. The period for which an applicant may apply for financial support can vary from one to several weeks or months. Congress visits will be excluded from any study grant. The Council of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (E.S.O.T.) will administer the Sandoz ESOT Study Grants. The selection and final decision will be made by the Council. Applications must be in English, should specify the purpose of the study, and should be supported with relevant documentation, including a full curriculum vitae. The application must be signed by the head of the department/program where the applicant works and the head of the department/program where the study will take place. Neither the heads of the departments nor the applicant necessarily has to be a member of E.S.O.T.

Applications should be sent to: Professor G. Kootstra, Secretary ESOT, Department of Surgery, University Hospital, P. Debyelaan 25, P.O. Box 5800, NL-6202 AZ Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Envelopes should be clearly marked "Sandoz ESOT Study Grant."

**The Second "Hands On" Training Course
in the Practical Treatment of Renal Failure
2-4 October 1991, Portsmouth, UK**

Following the success of the first meeting in October 1990, a similar event is being held which is aimed at both physicians and surgeons who are committed to the treatment of end-stage renal failure and who are either in training or would like a practical update of currently available methods. The course will take place at "The Pyramids" in Portsmouth, and the course fee is £ 100. Topics include: organ and multi-organ procurement, transplantation, peritoneal access, vascular access, surgery of end-stage renal failure, haemodialysis, CAPD, CAVH, plasma exchange, and specific immune adsorption. Course organisers are Mr. Maurice Slapak and Professor Harry A. Lee.

For further information, please contact: Secretariat, Transplant Office, East Wing, St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, Hants, UK. Tel.: (44) 705-670320; Fax: (44) 705-821231.

**5th Congress of the
European Society for Organ Transplantation
7-10 October 1991, Maastricht, The Netherlands**

The 5th E. S. O. T. Congress will be held from Sunday through Thursday, 6-10 October 1991, in Maastricht, The Netherlands. The scientific committee will consist of the E. S. O. T. Council, the local orga-

nizing committee, and a large number of referees. Proceedings of the congress will be published as a supplement to *Transplant International*.

For further information, please contact: E. S. O. T. Congress Secretariat, Conference Agency Limburg, University Hospital Maastricht, P.O. Box 1918, NL-6201 BX Maastricht, The Netherlands. Tel.: (43) 258344; Fax: (43) 258355.

**First European Conference on Tissue Banking
and Clinical Application
12-14 November 1991, Berlin**

This conference will be held at the Medical Faculty (Charité) of Humboldt-University Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany. The main aim of the conference will be to consider basic and applied research and the clinical aspects of tissue banking with emphasis on: the legal and ethical aspects of organ and tissue transplantation; international standardization and quality control; the methodology of bone, skin, eye, heart valve and tissue banking; experimental investigations on the biological, biochemical and biomechanical properties of tissue grafts; developments regarding new tissue grafts and biological tissue substitutes; experience in clinical application of tissue grafts. Abstracts must be received by 12 April 1991.

For further information and the abstract form, please contact: R. Von Versen, German Central Tissue Bank, ITT, Medical Faculty (Charité), Humboldt-University Berlin, Schumannstrasse 20/21, W-1040 Berlin, FRG. Tel.: (37-2) 286-6274; Fax: (37-2) 286-6161.

**First International Congress on Transplantation
in Developing Countries
29 April-3 May 1992, Singapore**

This congress will provide an opportunity for people from both industrialized and developing countries to get together and discuss relevant topics in a relaxed atmosphere. The topics discussed will be: developments in transplantation biology and practice; features of special interest in developing countries, including: ethics, law and religion; methods to increase cadaver donations; cutting immunosuppression costs; special infections (malaria, HIV, schistosomiasis); training and research; the role of the transplantation society. Participation costs will be low and financial assistance is available upon request.

For further information, please contact: The Secretariat, First International Congress on Transplantation, in Developing Countries, National Kidney Foundation, 705 Serangoon Road, Singapore 1232.