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Professor Alastair Millar  
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June 16, 2009

Dear Professor Millar:

We appreciate greatly the interest of the South African Transplantation Society in initiating an Affiliation with The Transplantation Society. This formal affiliation would be of great mutual benefit. We are sending a copy of TTS bylaws to ask if TTS bylaws are consistent with the South African Transplantation Society bylaws. Please note especially membership categories. We also include our ethics statement which all members must sign.

As TTS President-Elect and Chair of the Membership Committee, I am summarizing the following thoughts with a proposal to the German Transplantation Society to become affiliated with TTS. Organ and tissue transplantation is becoming ever more global in both its activities and responsibilities. More regions than ever before are becoming involved as the public need for organ transplants increases. This growth has provided help for many people. But it has also engendered problems in distribution, quality of care, and ethics.

The Transplantation Society (TTS) is a large international organization of clinicians, scientists, and other professionals working in the field. Its mission includes education and communication, dissemination of scientific information, and attention to ethical issues.

As TTS has become broader in its scope, the leadership has initiated means to build firm, long lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with regional and national transplantation societies. We have now formulated a proposal for those desirous of affiliation with TTS (12 are currently interested and finalizing procedures in addition to the 3 already affiliated).

TTS aims at producing a consistent approach that will simplify all administrative matters both for the Affiliated Societies and for individual members wanting joint membership. While members of Affiliated Societies are under no obligation to join TTS, joint members receive benefits both of their Affiliated Society and all TTS benefits.

### TTS benefits include:

- Ease of joining on-line
- Internet access to [Transplantation](#)
- Availability of free advertisement pages in [Transplantation](#) for activities of Affiliated Society
- Access TTS website and its educational presentations
- Access to TTS bursaries, awards and fellowships
- Discounts for registration for Congresses and Section meetings
- All communication with the membership regarding Society activities
- Free access to TTS mailing list
- Free promotion of Affiliated Society activities in TTS newsletter

TTS offer is for half price TTS membership fee (\$40 US annually / emerging economies \$20 US annually) for each full member of an Affiliated Society desiring joint membership, provided he or she signs the TTS ethics statement. The fee is \$20 US (emerging economies \$10 US) annually for trainees/students.

The joint member would pay his or her joint dues to the office of the South African Transplantation Society which will then forward the extra amount to TTS International Headquarters on a monthly basis.

We would propose that after the South African Transplantation Society Council has reviewed this TTS proposal, we would ask for a copy of the mission statement of the South African Transplantation Society. We would also recommend that this new affiliation be aimed to begin with the 2010 membership (beginning January 2010) as our 2009 invoices have already been sent out and members have already paid their dues.

We look forward enthusiastically to a fruitful affiliation with the South African Transplantation Society.

Very sincerely,

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