



INTERNATIONAL LIVER TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

ILTS 21st Annual International Congress

JULY 8-11, 2015 • CHICAGO, IL • USA

WELCOME TO CHICAGO!

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Chicago, Illinois, USA to the 2015 ILTS 21st Annual International Congress; an excellent scientific Congress supported by internationally renowned faculty. The scientific program is divided into Featured Symposia, Oral Abstract Sessions, 2 Plenary Abstract Sessions, 2 State-of-the-Art Lectures, Rising Star Symposium, Vanguard Grand Rounds and Debate Sessions, Surgical Video Session, and Poster Sessions.

We are happy to have received **829 abstracts**, from a total of **43 countries** worldwide. We've chosen 18 outstanding abstracts for presentation in plenary sessions and 6 outstanding abstracts for young investigator/mentor team presentation in the Rising Star Symposium. A total of 147 oral abstract presentations and 9 surgical video presentations will also be given. We are confident that this scientific program will provide the basis for a very successful Congress.

This is the first time the Congress visits Chicago, Illinois, United States of America and we hope you will attend our Congress Closing Reception, *Amazing Aquarium Adventure at the Shedd Aquarium!* Shedd Aquarium combines the best of early 20th century "age of aquariums" characteristics - a diverse, global animal collection surrounded by eye-popping architecture with 21st century advances in animal care, environments and interpretation. Shedd Aquarium is the largest indoor aquarium in the world. The *Amphibian* exhibit opened just prior to this event and there will be 40 species of frogs, salamanders and rarely seen caecilians.

Chicago (the Windy City) is the largest city in the Midwest and has 29 miles of lakefront. The Field Museum has the largest collection of impressionist paintings outside of the Louvre and the Lincoln Park Zoo is one of the last free zoos. While here, we hope you will have an opportunity to discover the many wonderful sights. Thank you for attending and please enjoy your stay.

Jan Lerut, MD, PhD
Congress Program Chair

Josh Levitsky, MD
ILTS Local Program Chair

CONGRESS LOCATION

All scientific sessions will take place in the **Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers** unless otherwise noted.

The Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers
301 East North Water Street
Chicago, IL, USA, 60611

Located in the heart of downtown Chicago, the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, one of the finest hotels in Chicago, is ideally situated on the Chicago River, within walking distance of Navy Pier, Magnificent Mile shopping, Millennium Park, the Loop business district and all of the other local favorites that make Chicago a one of a kind destination

REGISTRATION HOURS

Registration is located in the Ballroom Promenade, 4th Floor

Tuesday, July 7
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, July 8
6:30 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 9
6:30 am – 7:00 pm

Friday, July 10
6:30 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 11
7:30 am – 1:00 pm

All badges must be picked up when you arrive and worn the entire meeting.

MEMBER SERVICES

ILTS has a membership counter in the Ballroom Promenade, 4th Floor of the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers. Members and non-members are encouraged to stop by to find out about the many benefits of society membership. The booth is open during open registration hours.

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SPEAKER READY ROOM

The Speaker Ready Room for all presenters is located in the Sheraton Ballroom 3, 4th Floor. Please be sure to check in your slides 24 hours before your presentation.

Open Hours:

Tuesday, July 7	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, July 8	6:30 AM – 7:00 PM
Thursday, July 9	6:30 AM – 7:00 PM
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EXHIBITS & POSTER SESSIONS

The exhibits are located at the Riverwalk Exhibit Hall A&B, 1st Floor. Attendees are encouraged to attend during the open hours below to interact with exhibitors as well as view poster abstracts:

Wednesday, July 8 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
(Opening Reception, Opening of Exhibits)

Thursday, July 9 10:15 am – 11:00 am
Morning Coffee Break, Poster Session II, Presenters in Attendance

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm
Afternoon Coffee Break, Poster Session II, Presenters in Attendance

Friday, July 10 10:15 am – 11:00 am
Morning Coffee Break, Poster Session II, Presenters in Attendance

4:15 pm – 4:45 pm
Afternoon Coffee Break, Poster Session II, Presenters in Attendance

FREE MOBILE APPLICATION

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Opening Reception, Wednesday, July 8, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

The Opening Reception will take place during the Opening of Exhibits, in the Riverwalk Exhibit Hall A&B, 1st Floor.

Vanguard Reception, Thursday, July 9, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Vanguard Committee aims to engage younger surgeons, physicians and scientists with an interest in liver transplantation to become involved in ILTS. Attendees age 42 and under are invited to attend the Vanguard Reception in the Mayfair Room, 2nd Floor.

Amazing Aquarium Adventure! (Congress Closing Reception*)

Friday, July 10, 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Guests will enjoy superb food, wine, and fabulous entertainment provided by the Katherine Davis Duo and the band Hey Jimmy, in a unique venue. Guests will also be able to wander around the Aquarium and see the exhibits including the new Amphibian exhibit. **Tickets available at registration!**

**Ticketed event with separate registration fee. No entry permitted without ticket. Roundtrip transportation is included with the purchase of each ticket.*

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

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Accreditation Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior (IAHB) and the International Liver Transplant Society (ILTS). The IAHB is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

[Credit Designation Statement](#)

The IAHB designates this live activity for a maximum of 24.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

[CME Certificates/Evaluations](#)

Your opinion is important to the program committee. CME certificates and evaluations can be submitted online.

This information can be found by visiting www.ilts.org after the meeting.

[Certificates of Attendance \(International Attendees\)](#)

Certificates of attendance will be available in attendee bags at the meeting for international attendees.