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## Editorial 1

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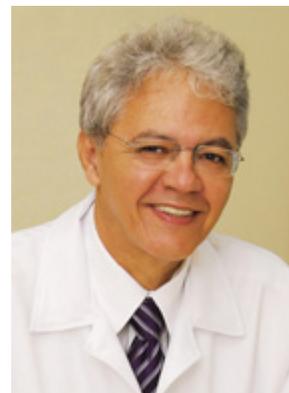
**I**t is important to point out that we believe in the fundamental role of this meeting as an additional space next to ABTO, since it promotes contact between transplantation specialists from all over Brazil and permits the discussion of the most timely topics in our field.

It is with satisfaction that we present the VII Brazilian Congress of Liver, Pancreas and Small Bowel Transplantation and the First Meeting of the Academic Transplantation Leagues, which will be held here in the city of Ribeirão Preto, October 17-20.

It is a privilege for us to host in our city the most important event related to this topic on the national scene, which clearly proposes an ample review of the

scientific advances related to the transplantation of solid organs, especially the liver, pancreas and small bowel, and which permits the update of the professionals involved, promoting discussions about the peculiarities of the topic on the national scene.

As was the case in Porto de Galinhas in 2011, in this edition of the event we shall count with the presentation of a large number of scientific papers dealing with the major concepts related to the current situation of transplantation, with emphasis on: the search



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for reliable prognostic indices, new directives regarding the question of organ allocation in the country, and the solution of intraoperative transplant problems discussed in important case reports. In addition, the reports will deal with the question of transplant interiorization and justice in organ distribution and the new surgical strategies and techniques employed or developed by the transplanting teams.

The 15 best exposed papers can be published in a supplement of the journal *Acta Cirúrgica Brasileira* exclusively devoted to our event. In addition, we will grant three awards: Silvano Raia Prize for the best clinical-surgical study carried out by specialists, Silvano Raia Innovation Prize to the best study carried out by medical students, and Sérgio Zucoloto Prize to the best study on experimental surgery.

To optimize the acquisition and exchange of knowledge, the event will count with the presence of four international invited guests, two from the US, one from Spain and one from Sweden, in addition to the habitual participation of some of the most important transplant surgeons in the country, promoting the exchange of information and experience related to their daily practice.

Since we can state that all the transplant teams of our country will be represented in our Ribeirão Preto event, we will organize two meetings of the Technical-scientific Chamber of Liver Transplantation, the National one and the São Paulo State one, which will be open to all attendees interested in observing their activities and strategies for the solution of the most important questions regarding the problems faced in daily transplant practice in Brazil.

Another high and important point of the Congress will be the First Meeting of the Academic Transplant Leagues, which will count with the participation of students from some of the most respected universities in

Brazil, all of them exchanging experience about their work and perspectives in the area. We are aware of the great importance of stimulating the Academic Leagues and we consider this meeting as a look at the future since, within a few years, many of these young undergraduates will be responsible for the management of the transplant services of our country. It would be extremely important to maintain and appreciate the active participation of the transplant leagues in the next events, in which I already include the VIII Congress of Liver, Pancreas and Small Bowel Transplantation, as a stimulus for the academic participation in transplant things.

We could not fail to mention the participation of the pharmaceutical and equipment industry, which understand the greater significance of our meeting and which will be actively participating in the dissemination of novelties such as new immunosuppressive and immunomodulating agents, media for the preservation of solid organs, and recently launched machines and instruments necessary for the good development of transplants as a whole. We should also emphasize the support of FAPESP to our congress, with the appreciation of its magnitude and importance on the national scene. Also important was the unconditional support we received from ABTO in the persons of its current president and of its board of directors.

As a final comment about the importance of the Congress for all of us, we would like to emphasize that we believe in the fundamental role of this meeting as an additional space next to ABTO, by promoting the contact of transplant specialists from all over Brazil and permitting a discussion of the most timely topics in our field. We know that meetings like this permit the greatest interchange among us, as professionals, and allow us to seek a level of excellence in teaching, research, and care for our patients.