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Preface

THE National Congress of the Spanish Society of Transplantation (SET), held in a virtual environment because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, was the sixth congress of our society. Held over 3 days, the congress addressed the most relevant current issues in the field of transplantation. Multiple national and international speakers gathered to explain and discuss the most innovative issues in the world of solid organ transplants. In the opening conference, Beatriz Domínguez-Gil, director of the Spanish National Transplant Organization (ONT), gave an amazing talk on Spain's strategic donation and transplant plan for the next few years. Likewise, Enrique Moreno González (Madrid, Spain), leader and pioneer in liver transplantation in Spain and winner of the Prince of Asturias Award for Research, was named an honorary member of the SET and gave a thorough review of crucial aspects of abdominal organ transplantation performed at the Hospital Universitario 12 De Octubre, Madrid, Spain. Finally, Juan Carlos Izpisua (La Jolla, San Diego, USA), who has great expertise in the field of developmental biology, closed the SET conference as an invited speaker and gave a state-of-the-art lecture on pluripotent stem cells and organ regeneration.

One of the main topics addressed during the congress was related to controlled and uncontrolled donation after circulatory death; both donation types are increasing exponentially in Spain, especially in cases of controlled asystole with normothermic regional perfusion. Other topics discussed in a plenary session were humoral response in solid organ transplantation and emerging therapeutic strategies, which were addressed by important experts in the field such as Peter Nickerson (Canada),

Marta Crespo (Spain), Dany Anglicheau (France), and Maarten Naesens (Belgium). Lastly, a plenary session on optimizing survival in solid organ transplantation was held with the participation of prestigious infectious and transplant physicians.

Once again attendees and delegates enjoyed an outstanding opportunity to network with colleagues, joined forums where ideas were exchanged, and benefited from unique educational opportunities, presentations of worldwide research, and innovative highlights emerging in the field of solid organ transplantation. As expected, the congress was paper-free under a virtual environment, helping our aim of establishing a real scientific network.

Based on our institutional guidelines, the goal of the SET is to address the common educational needs and improve the professional practice of health care professionals in the field of solid organ transplantation. Our ultimate goal is to be transverse, with specific organ transplant topics reserved for the oral communication section. Thus, manuscripts included in the present volume address most of the relevant aspects in solid organ transplantation that were discussed in plenary sessions and oral communication sessions during the congress.

As always, the SET is honored that *Transplantation Proceedings* is the official publication of its congress.

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