



**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

SETIA SPICE CONVENTION CENTRE, PENANG, MALAYSIA

# 17<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF THE ASIAN SOCIETY OF TRANSPLANTATION

25<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

*in conjunction with*

**THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF TRANSPLANTATION**

*and*

**37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESS OF MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY**  
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## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, CAST 2021

It gives me a great pleasure to greet a traditional Selamat Datang in Malay (Welcome) to everyone of you who are directly or indirectly involved in the field of Transplantation to the charming Island of Penang in the north west of Peninsula Malaysia, which will be the venue of the 17th Congress of the Asian Society of Transplantation in July 2021.

Malaysian Society of Transplantation had previously hosted the 8th CAST in 2003 in Kuala Lumpur. The meeting was highly successful and graced by more than 50 international experts from Asia Pacific, Europe and North America who shared their expertise in numerous areas varying from molecular diagnostics to newer therapeutics to deal with allograft rejections and other post-transplant complications including infections, metabolic abnormalities and malignancies. Since then, the field of clinical transplantation had advanced tremendously in several fronts but the basic challenges faced by many Asia Pacific countries then, remain very much so to date with most countries except Korea, New Zealand and Australia, recording low organ donation and transplantation rates.

We hope to gather as many experts and practitioners in transplantation to participate in CAST 2021, hence bring more expertise, interest and success to the national transplant program not only in Malaysia but also to the Asia Pacific region and beyond. Penang was previously described as the Pearl of the Orient, a bustling trading port populated by a mixture of ethnic Chinese, Indian and Malays which had influenced not just the local architecture and lingua franca but also bring with them the colorful aromatic mixture of local and fusion dishes to spoil the appetite of both locals and visitors. The state capital, George Town, is a UNESCO listed World Heritage Site since 2008. Penang Island is easily accessible from the mainland by road and commercial flights from Kuala Lumpur International Airport or direct flights from Bangkok, Singapore, Hong Kong and several airports in the region.

Please mark your calendar, write to us to register your interest and do join us in July 2021 in Penang in what is promised to be an exciting, educational and memorable visit to beautiful Malaysia.

Sincerely,

**Dr Ghazali Ahmad**

*Organising Committee Chairman*

# PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

## PRE-CONGRESS TOPICS

- Immunopathology
- Organ Donation & Procurement
- Workup of potential transplant recipients

## PLENARY TOPICS

- Management of Transplantation in Digital Era
- Updates on Tregs + Tolerance
- Chimerism, Transplant Tolerance and Beyond
- Prolonging Kidney Allograft Survival: What Works Best?
- Liver transplantation in metastatic liver disease
- 50 donors p.m.p is not a dream anymore. How did Spain do it?
- The role of B cells in transplantation
- Experimental xenotransplantation

## BREAK OUT SESSION TOPICS

- Biomarkers in transplantation
- Donation & Ethics
- Donor & Procurement
- Heart & Lung
- Innovation in transplantation
- Kidney Transplant
- Liver Transplant
- Post-transplant complications
- Surgical aspects of kidney transplantation
- Surgical aspects of liver transplantation
- Transplant Immunology
- Transplant infectious disease
- Transplantation in Asia – challenges & way forward
- Women in transplantation



## ABOUT CAST 2021

The 17th Congress of The Asian Society of Transplantation (CAST) will be held from 25th July to 28th July 2021 at the Setia SPICE Convention Centre in Penang, a gem of an island in the north west of Malaysia. This congress will be hosted by the Malaysian Society of Transplantation and jointly organized with the Malaysian Society of Nephrology. The latter will hold its 37th Annual Congress in the same venue from 24th - 25th July 2021.

CAST is the premier biannual scientific event in Asia which specifically focuses on various aspects of transplantation ranging from clinical and technical issues, to diagnostics, socio-economics, bioethics and organizational issues.

Renowned speakers and international experts from the Americas, Europe and the Asia Pacific region will join delegates to share and discuss current technical and clinical advances in the form of plenary and mini lectures, workshops, postgraduate courses and seminars while others, including the scientists, transplant surgeons or physicians and professional fellows will have the opportunity to present their scientific research in the oral and poster sessions.

The scientific programs will cater for specific solid organ transplant program with concurrent tracts for the Kidneys, Liver, Heart and Lung.

There will also be an exciting and educational Trade Exhibition where technical, laboratory and pharmaceutical innovations and products will be displayed by industry.

Do join us in Penang and join our drive to make organ transplantation more successful and the preferred therapeutic option for organ failure states and other indications in the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

### Authentic Asian Experiences

The potpourri of Asian cultures and world religions make Penang a successful multicultural and multi-religious experiment that has thrived for generations.



### Prized Heritage Experiences

The vitality of George Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



### Modern Cosmopolitan Experiences

Penang's prosperity has launched the state into the future with modern conveniences for an unmistakable urban charm.



### Lustrous Nature Experiences

Escape to nature in Penang's gardens, nature parks and ancient forest reserves.



### Tantalising Gastro Experiences

Penang cuisine is famous the world over for its incredible variety, cultural influences and quality.



## ABOUT PENANG

**Penang** is a vibrant State with its capital, George Town, having the rare distinction of being a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a true melting pot of cultures with its blend of Eastern and Western influences. Retaining many of the values adopted during its era of British rule, Penang bears a charm that is unique to itself.

For more information, please visit our website: [www.cast2021.my](http://www.cast2021.my)

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