

## TransScribe Newsletter - No 2 - October 2007



**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS NEWSLETTER TO ALL TRANSPLANTED ATHLETES IN YOUR COUNTRY.**

Hopefully we are all now recovered from the Games in Bangkok and looking forward to next year's activities - always thinking about the Winter World Transplant Games in Rovaniemi in March 2008 and looking further ahead to Australia 2009.

We have enjoyed a very memorable 2007 - celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Bangkok in August - a big birthday cake was produced at the Gala dinner which was addressed by our President Olivier Coustere who invited the Founder of WTGF, Maurice Slapak to speak. The next TransWorld Journal will show photographs and a full report of the 16<sup>th</sup> World Transplant Games and the birthday celebrations.

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### **Affiliated organisations**

WTGF is delighted to announce the formal signing of Agreements with European Heart and Lung Transplant Federation (EHLTF) and also with Tackers - ski camps for transplanted kids - we all work with the same goals and objectives and we pledge to support each other in our continued efforts to promote organ donation worldwide. <http://www.tackers.org> <http://www.ehltf.info>

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### **16<sup>th</sup> World Transplant Games 2007**

Results and photos are on their Games website - link from [www.wtgf.org](http://www.wtgf.org) - we hope they will circulate the DVD of the Games very soon. Team photos are all on the Games website also.

WTGF would be happy to receive any really good photos from Bangkok for the next edition of TransWorld Journal - deadline 10<sup>th</sup> November - email to [wtgf@wtgf.org](mailto:wtgf@wtgf.org)

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### **6<sup>th</sup> Winter World Transplant Games 2008 with Nicholas Cup**

Rovaniemi, Finland, 25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> March -Website: [www.rovaniemi2008.com](http://www.rovaniemi2008.com) - registration information now available - deadline for Team Managers to enter 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007 - this is going to be a great event, not only because we will have the Nicholas Cup children with us for the week of the Games but also, the venue itself is spectacular.

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### **Events 2007 - 2008 - Around the World**

Details of all National events can be put on the WTGF website and in the TransWorld Journal - please send all information to [wtgf@wtgf.org](mailto:wtgf@wtgf.org) - visit [www.wtgf.org](http://www.wtgf.org) for links.

13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2007	Ireland	<b>9<sup>th</sup> European Day for Organ Donation and Transplantation</b> The Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, Ireland Under the patronage of the Council of Europe and hosted by the Irish Kidney Association
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2007	Tunisia	<b>Tunisian National Day for Organ Donation</b> Tunis, Tunisia Hosted by the Tunisian Society of Nephrology

29th Oct 2007      Kuwait      Second Middle East Transplant Games



29th Nov 2007      Monaco      XXVIIème Congrès de la Société Française de Médecine du Sport

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18/19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008      Iran      Seminar - Physical activities, sports and transplantation  
with collaboration of Iranian Charity Foundation for Special Diseases, World Transplant Games Federation and Special Diseases Sport Federation of Islamic Republic of Iran. More information will be announced as soon as we receive it.

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### New Website

Launched in Bangkok in August 2007 - [www.wtgf.org](http://www.wtgf.org) offers a whole new look and image for WTGF - full of information, reports, photos and member country news - it is completely current and always up to date. Each member country has its own page - currently 16 countries have taken advantage of this and have put their news and photos on our site. Training and support are available from WTGF office if you are not confident - please contact [wtgf@wtgf.org](mailto:wtgf@wtgf.org) for instructions on how to get started. We would like all our members to have at least a link to their own sites on their country pages.

Forum discussion - for those countries who have already their codes to enter our website, please go to the Forum page - please ask your national membership to help us to find a new slogan for WTGF - details are on the forum page. We will use this page in future for discussion of any relevant topics on which we may ask your opinion.

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### New Marketing Materials

We have placed some material on the new website which will help our members to approach sponsors in their own countries - go to [www.wtgf.org](http://www.wtgf.org) - Publications and Resources (left hand side) - Marketing Materials - you will find fact sheets to download and a power point presentation for use when making speeches, presenting to sponsors, talking to medical clinics etc. We are trying to help you to help yourselves.

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### ESOT 2007

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors Astellas and the kind support of our volunteers WTGF was represented at the 2007 European Society of Transplantation Congress in Prague recently. Thanks to our Treasurer Nico Zonneveld for his work, Liz Schick from Tackers (our affiliated organisation), Tomas Drevikovsky - Country Representative Czech Republic - all worked so hard on our behalf to spread the message about World Transplant Games and the benefits of organ donation and transplantation.

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### World Transplant Games 2009

All plans going ahead for Gold Coast 2009 - full details on their website [www.worldtransplantgames09.com](http://www.worldtransplantgames09.com)

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### Bids for Future Games

2010 - We are keen to have bidders for winter 2010. Contact [wtgf@wtgf.org](mailto:wtgf@wtgf.org)

**2011** - 3 Bids in the pipeline currently for summer 2011 - Belfast (Northern Ireland), Aarhus, Denmark, Gothenburg, Sweden. Each venue will be visited early 2008 by the Executive of WTGF and the successful candidate will be informed after the 1<sup>st</sup> Inter Games Council meeting of 2008.

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### **Elections 2007**

Results - New Councillors appointed for a 4 year term - Anders Olsson (Sweden), Mark Murphy (Ireland), Lynne Holt (UK), KF Chau (Hong Kong), Willie Uys (S Africa). Re-elected for another 4 year term, Heather Fisher (Canada) and President Olivier Coustere (France). -Existing Councillors, Gary Green (USA) Nico Zonneveld (Netherlands), Jukka Nurmi (Finland), Judit Berente (Hungary), Peter Griffin (UK) Daryl Wall (Australia)

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### **President's diary 2007- 2008**

**Tunisia - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2007** - Olivier Coustere will be a guest speaker at the Tunisian National Day for organ donation

**Monaco - 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007** - Olivier Coustere will be a guest speaker at the xxvii Congres de la Societe Francaise de Medecine du Sport.

**KDIGO** - Olivier Coustere will attend a meeting as a member of the Board of Directors of Kidney Disease - Improving Global Outcomes in Frankfurt, Germany on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007 - [www.kdigo.org](http://www.kdigo.org)

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