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**Frederike Ambagtsheer** is a post-doc researcher at the Kidney Transplant Unit of Erasmus MC in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. She studied Criminology (MSc) and Public International Law (LL.M) and obtained her PhD (cum laude) on the human organ trade in June 2017. She was the initiator and coordinator of the HOTT project: the first international EU-funded research project on human trafficking for the purpose of organ removal (2012-2015) Until 2014, she was the coordinator of the European Platform on Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial aspects of Transplantation (ELPAT).



**Dr Richard Baker**, Chair of the Renal Services Clinical Reference Group, he originally trained in medicine at Cambridge University and then the Royal London Hospital where he graduated in 1990. He joined the SHO rotation at Guy's Hospital and then started renal specialist training in 1993 at Hammersmith Hospital in West London. He was awarded an MRC training fellowship in 1996 and completed his PhD in 2001. After completing his CCT in nephrology and general medicine he moved to Leeds to take up a position as a consultant nephrologist in 2001. Since that time he has worked in all areas of nephrology but with a specialist interest in transplantation. His particular interests include tubulointerstitial nephritis, glomerular disease and all aspects of transplantation. He has published over 50 peer-reviewed publications and was awarded an honorary clinical associate professorship by Leeds University in 2014. He was on the British Transplantation Society executive from 2011 to 2016.



**Mr Titus Augustine** is the Clinical Director of the Manchester Transplant Unit. He graduated in medicine at St. John's National Institute of Health Sciences, Bangalore India. Following graduation, he worked for two years with a Leprosy eradication programme in rural India and then re-joined S. John's for a three-year Masters Residency programme in General Surgery. On completion, he joined the surgical faculty for three years before moving to the UK in 1992. After a brief stint in surgery at the Hammersmith Hospital in London and completing the Edinburgh FRCS, he joined the North West surgical training scheme, rotating to the Manchester Transplant Unit as a trainee in 1996. In 1999, he undertook a one year fellowship in multi-organ transplantation at St. James's University Hospital Leeds, while completing the Intercollegiate FRCS and a CCST in Transplantation.

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After appointment as Consultant Transplant and Endocrine Surgeon in Manchester in 2000, he led the reestablishment of Pancreas transplantation, introduced Laparoscopic donor nephrectomy and the development of Encapsulating Peritoneal Sclerosis surgery as a national and international service after a brief sabbatical at Minnesota. He has mentored several colleagues and trainees in the department and nationally and internationally in these techniques.

He is currently the Deputy Chair of the UK Pancreas Advisory Group, a member of the UK Kidney Advisory Group, a member of the British Transplantation Society Ethics Committee and a member of the International Pancreas and Islet Transplantation Association Advocacy Committee. He is also a Trustee of Kidneys for Life. While he maintains a strong interest in clinical transplantation, his current focus is on Endocrine Surgery, EPS Surgery, mentoring and training. He has research interests and several publications and ongoing funded research projects. His current efforts are directed at supporting and facilitating, departmental research development to match the clinical output of the department in the continuing development of the Manchester Transplant Unit as a major force in international transplantation.



**Ugo Boggi, MD, FEBS**, is Professor of Surgery at the University of Pisa (Italy) and Adjunct Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh (USA). In the year 2014 Dr. Boggi was Visiting Professor in Surgery in Robotic hepatobiliary surgery at the the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA). At the University of Pisa, Dr. Boggi heads the Division of the General and Transplant Surgery. Dr. Boggi is a world-renowned, gastrointestinal and transplant surgeon with a strong expertise in the surgical treatment of hepato-biliary and pancreatic cancers as well as in pancreas and renal transplantation. Dr. Boggi practices state-of-the-art robotic surgery having performed the first world robotic pancreas

transplant and the first world robotic distal selective spleno-renal shunt for the treatment of severe portal hypertension. Dr. Boggi also performed the first robotic renal transplant in Europe. Dr. Boggi has one of the world's largest experiences in robotic pancreatic surgery, including robotic pancreatoduodenectomy, and in robotic liver resections. Dr. Boggi published over 260 peer-reviewed articles, 50 book chapters, and two books. He is member of the Editorial Board of six international scientific journals and serves as a reviewer for twenty-six international scientific journals. Dr. Boggi is member of National and International Surgical Societies and was member of the organizing committee of the IHPBA State of the Art Conference on Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Resection held in São Paulo (Brazil) on April 20, 2016.

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**Lisa Burnapp, Consultant Nurse RN, MA** has a background in nephrology and transplantation and was appointed as a Consultant Nurse in Living Donor Kidney Transplantation at Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, following completion of her MA in Medical Law and Ethics in 2002. She retains a clinical attachment there with a special interest in altruistic organ donation. As Lead Nurse for Living Donation at NHS Blood & Transplant (NHSBT), she facilitates the development and implementation of UK Strategy for Living Donor Kidney Transplantation. She completed her tenure as General Secretary of the British Transplantation Society (BTS) in March 2018, having established and Co-Chaired the Living Donor Transplantation Forum from 2004 to 2014 and been a past member of the

Ethics Committee. Within the BTS Standards Committee, she has co-edited and published best practice guidelines in areas of donation and transplantation practice. She is a member of the living organ donation working group within the Ethical, Legal and Psychological Aspects of Transplantation (ELPAT) sections of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT) and previous chair of the European Donation and Transplant Co-ordination Organisation (EDTCO). She is a member of the Human Tissue Authority Transplantation Advisory Group and supports the training and development of healthcare professionals in organ donation and transplantation in a variety of national and international settings. She was awarded a fellowship of the British Renal Society (BRS) in May 2012 and the BRS Jane Macdonald MDT Leadership Lecture Award in 2014.



**Pierpaolo Di Cocco, MD, PhD** is currently a Clinical Fellow in Abdominal Organ Transplant Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He received his Medical Degree (2005) and his Surgical Residency (2011) at the University of L'Aquila in Italy. He earned his PhD in Solid Organ Transplantation at the University of L'Aquila (2014) and worked as Clinical Fellow in London (UK), Barts Health NHS Trust and Imperial College NHS Trust until 2017, where his clinical activities have been focused in solid organ transplantation, particularly in kidney and pancreas transplantation.

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**Frank J.M.F. Dor, MD PhD FEBS FRCS**, is Consultant Transplant Surgeon and Head of Transplantation at Imperial College Renal and Transplant Centre, London, UK. Before moving to the UK 2 years ago, he worked at Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, as Consultant Transplant Surgeon and Surgical Director of the kidney transplant programme. He attended medical school in Antwerp and Rotterdam, and conducted his PhD research in Transplant Immunology at Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA (PhD 2006, cum laude). He is an active clinical and translational scientist, and a passionate educationalist. He has been involved in ESOT since 2010 as ELPAT Board Member and co-chair of the Living Organ Donation Working Group. He has been the driving force

behind the effort to re-shape the ESOT educational landscape, as chair of the Hesperis Course and founder/chair of the LIDO Course (Living Donor Nephrectomy Course, 2009). In 2012, he became Vice-Chair of the ESOT Education Committee, and Chair in 2015 and has since then served as Council Member. He was an active contributor to the organization of the 2015 ESOT Congress, and Scientific Programme Committee Member of the 2017 ESOT Congress. Frank has been Board Member and former president-elect of the Dutch Transplant Society, and Secretary General of the European Society for Surgical Research, and is currently Senior Secretary of the UEMS Division of Transplantation. He serves as Associate Editor and Social Media editor of Transplantation, Associate Editor of European Surgical Research, Advisor to the Peter Morris Centre of Evidence in Transplantation, and Member of the European Surgical Association. He is Chair of the European Chapter of the Peritoneal Dialysis University for Surgeons. He has published and lectured widely on live kidney donation and transplantation.



**Burcin Ekser, MD, PhD** is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine where he completed his clinical fellowship in Abdominal Organ Transplant Surgery. He completed his residency in General Surgery with *magna cum laude* at the University of Padua, Italy. He spent several years in Xenotransplantation Research under the supervision of Dr. Emanuele Cozzi (Italy), and of Dr. David K.C. Cooper at the Thomas Starzl Transplantation Institute, University of Pittsburgh. He is currently the Director of Xenotransplantation Research Laboratory at Indiana University School of Medicine. His lab is involved in xenotransplantation research, genetic engineering, and scaffold-free 3D-bioprinting. He is a member of many societies including, AST, ASTS, ESOT, ILTS, SITO, AASLD. He published

>100 peer-reviewed scientific articles and book chapters and won several young investigator awards (ATC, ILTS, IXA, TTS).



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**John Forsythe** is Professor and Consultant Transplant Surgeon at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, UK, and Medical Director of the Organ Donation and Transplantation section of NHSBT for the whole of the UK. Prior to this, he was a Consultant Surgeon with special interest in Kidney transplantation at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne. A prolific speaker, he has presented at numerous national and international meetings and chaired many sessions. His career has been marked by a number of awards and distinctions, including Moynihan Prize and Medal (Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, 1989), Honeyman Gillespie Lecture (1998) and Rutherford Morison Lecture 2010. He has published over 100 peer reviewed papers or

editorials. He has held many professional committee appointments, among them Lead Clinician for Organ Donation and Transplantation in Scotland and Chairman of the Scottish Transplant Group. In the past he was Chair of the Kidney/Pancreas Advisory group for the UK that designed a new allocation policy for kidney transplants, introduced in 2006. He was Non-Executive director of NHSBT when the Blood and Transplant sections of this organization came together, serving two terms for a total of 8 years. At that time he was also Chair of the UK Committee on the Safety of Blood Tissues and Organs (SaBTO), an advisory committee to all four Departments of Health in the UK. He served as General Secretary of the British Transplantation Society prior to being elected as president in 2005. His first position within ESOT was as Chair of the Education committee. He is now Past President of European Society for Organ Transplantation having served as Secretary and President of ESOT for a number of years.



**Mr Giuseppe Giuffrida** is a consultant transplant and general surgeon at Manchester Royal Infirmary, United Kingdom. He received his medical degree in 2004 and completed his General Surgery training with subspecialist interest in transplantation in 2010 at the University of Catania (Italy). He earned his Ph.D. in “Advanced Multidisciplinary Research in Transplantation” at the University of Catania in 2014. Before becoming a consultant, Mr Giuseppe Giuffrida was a senior transplant fellow at Barts Health NHS Trust and at Central Manchester NHS Foundation Trust. He is currently specialized in cadaveric and live donor kidney transplant and pancreas transplantation, organ retrieval as well as peritoneal dialysis and vascular access surgery.

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**Ethan Gutmann**, a London-based China analyst and human-rights investigator, is co-founder of The International Coalition to End Organ Pillaging in China (EOP), a coalition of lawyers, academics, ethicists, medical professionals, researchers and human rights advocates dedicated to ending forced organ harvesting in China. As the author of *Losing the New China* (Encounter Books, 2004) and *The Slaughter* (Prometheus, 2014), Gutmann has written for publications such as the *Wall Street Journal Asia*, *The Weekly Standard*, *National Review*, and *Investor's Business Daily*, while briefing the United States Congress, the Central Intelligence Agency, the European Parliament, and the United Nations. He has also testified in London, Ottawa, Canberra, Dublin, Edinburgh, Prague, and Jerusalem. Most recently, Gutmann co-authored the 2016 investigative report "Update to Bloody Harvest and The Slaughter" which examined the transplant programs of hundreds of hospitals in China, drawing on media reports, official propaganda, medical journals, hospital websites and a vast amount of deleted websites found in archives. A former foreign-policy analyst at the Brookings Institution, Gutmann has appeared on PBS, CNN, BBC, and CNBC and was recently nominated for the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.



**Hallvard Holdaas, M.D., Ph.D.** is Consultant in Nephrology at the National Hospital of Oslo, Norway. He has published more than 300 papers in the field of renal physiology, the effect of antihypertensive agents on renal function/albuminuria, lipid lowering effects of statins, and trials with different immunosuppressive regimes. His current research interests include long-term graft function in renal transplant recipients, anti-hypertensive therapy, dyslipidemia, immunosuppressive drugs in renal transplant recipients. He has for many years had a special focus of living donor in renal transplantation.



**David S. Jacobs** is a consummate technology professional who has held an increasingly responsible positions in Fortune 500 technology companies Microsoft, Macromedia (now Adobe) Marimba (now BMC) ) After a personal health challenge 2004 he founded Silverstone Solutions (required by BiologicTx, llc in 2013 ) focused on Digital health innovations with his first product focused on a Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) software application. Currently he is the Chief Technology Officer at Biologictx where he is building innovating digital health solutions for Hemophilia, Fertility, Neurology and Transplant immunology. He has been honored with numerous Healthcare and Technology awards including a Healthcare Hero 2012, National Kidney Foundation innovator 2013, Demogod Demo 2009, Top 100 Multimedia Producer and a Macintosh product of the year.

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**Rachel Johnson** leads the Statistics and Clinical Studies department in NHS Blood and Transplant. This covers all NHSBT statisticians and the NHSBT Clinical Trials Unit. Rachel is on the NHSBT ODT and Clinical Senior Management Teams and a number of NHSBT's Advisory Groups. Rachel gained a Masters degree in Medical Statistics and joined NHSBT as a statistician in 1992. Rachel specialised in the area of renal transplantation until 2009 when she was appointed Head of Organ Donation and Transplantation Studies and was involved with statistical support of all areas of organ donation, retrieval and transplantation in the UK, representing the registry nationally and internationally. Her role now includes statistical support across NHSBT and management of the

NHSBT Clinical Trials Unit which runs trials primarily in blood transfusion and organ transplantation.



**Mr. Hussein Khambalia** PhD FRCS, is a Surgical Registrar in the North West Deanery. He is a transplant trainee, having trained at The Manchester Royal Infirmary and Guy's Hospital, London. His clinical interests include kidney and pancreas transplantation, paediatric transplantation, multi-organ retrieval and vascular access surgery. He studied medicine at The University of Nottingham Medical School, and completed his Ph.D at The University of Manchester. He is currently also an Honorary Lecturer at The University of Manchester. His research interests include peri-operative optimisation and risk prediction in pancreas transplantation, pre-operative pancreas allograft assessment and DCD donor assessment.



**Dr. Diederik Kimenai, MD, FEBS**, is a consultant transplant and hepatopancreatobiliary surgeon at the Erasmus University Medical Center Rotterdam, the Netherlands. He received his undergraduate degree from the Catholic University Leuven in 1997 and his medical degree from the Erasmus University Rotterdam in 2003 with honors. His residency training was in the Maastad Hospital in Rotterdam, as well as the Erasmus University Medical Center in Rotterdam. Before becoming a consultant, Diederik Kimenai was a transplant surgery fellow at the Erasmus University Medical Center in Rotterdam. Currently he specializes in live donor nephrectomies, post mortem organ retrieval as well as kidney transplantations, peritoneal dialysis surgery. He is principal in resident and

fellow training, and is a member of the European Society for Organ Transplantation, and the Dutch surgical society (NVVH). Also he is a board member for the European Kidney Transplant association (EKITA)



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**Geir MjØen** works as a transplant nephrology resident at Oslo University Hospital. He completed his Ph.D. on living kidney donation in 2012. He is currently involved in several research projects concerning potential risks in relation to kidney donation.



**Mijntje Nijboer** is a consultant transplant and hepatopancreaticobiliary surgeon at Leiden University Medical Centre, The Netherlands. She received her medical degree from Groningen University, where she combined her surgical training with a PhD on brain death and kidney donation under the supervision of prof Ploeg. Afterwards, she took a fellowship in Transplant Surgery at the Erasmus Medical Center in Rotterdam, focussing on laparoscopic kidney donation, kidney transplantation and organ retrieval procedures, followed by a fellowship in HPB Surgery & Liver Transplantation at the University Medical Center Groningen. After a locum consultant position in Groningen, she was appointed consultant surgeon in Leiden in 2016. She took the UEMS examination in Transplant Surgery (Modules Multi-Organ Retrieval, Kidney Transplantation and Liver Transplantation). Apart from her clinical and research activities, she is very interested in teaching and (surgical) education, training younger colleagues in laparoscopic kidney donation among other things.



**Professor John New** is a Consultant Diabetologist at Salford Royal Foundation Trust, the Chief Clinical Officer for NorthWest EHealth (NWEH) and the NWEH Clinical Director of the Salford Lung Study (SLS). He is also Professor at the University of Manchester. Within Salford Royal John is involved in the insulin pump clinic and was appointed by the National Technology Appraisal Centre as one of two national specialists in insulin pump therapy; these guidelines were published in July 2010. John provides preoperative assessment for people considering bariatric surgery as well as managing their postoperative care ensuring that conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol are successfully managed. A founding member of NWEH, John has had a long interest in medical informatics. Within Salford he helped develop the Salford Integrated Record (SIR) which routinely joins primary and secondary care data to facilitate better healthcare. John has also worked with several pharmaceutical companies as a member of their advisory board. His role with GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) involved research on the data held within electronic medical records, both in primary and secondary care,



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and its use in the development of a game changing electronic 'real-time' safety monitoring for a phase 3 clinical trial (Salford Lung Study). With Diabetes UK he was involved in the early diabetes benchmarking programmes which was then further developed into the national diabetes service. John is co-author on the Royal College of Physicians guidance for the treatment of obesity and has presented at numerous national meetings about the effective treatments for weight loss in people with and without diabetes. He has published more than 50 peer reviewed journals.



**Dr Michael Picton** MBChB BSc FRCP PhD, Consultant Nephrologist at Manchester Royal Infirmary whose specialist interests are: Kidney Transplantation, in particular living kidney donation. Qualified from University of Manchester in 1990. Registrar in Renal Medicine at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Royal Preston Hospital and Salford Royal Hospital. PhD Thesis awarded 2000. Appointed as Consultant Nephrologist at Manchester Royal Infirmary in 2002. Clinical Director in Renal Medicine from 2009 to 2016. Member of The Renal association and British Transplantation Society. Contributor to British Transplantation Society Guidelines for Living Donor Kidney Transplantation.



**Mr Stephen Pollard** joined the Leeds Liver Unit in 1993 having previously trained in Cambridge and in the USA. Mr Pollard was Clinical Director of the liver transplant programme between 1995 and 2007 and working with Peter Lodge oversaw the unit's expansion from just 4 beds to a stand alone service with its own ward, operating theatre, clinics and dedicated staff. He was also involved in developing the small bowel transplant programme and the living related liver transplant programme. He actively participates in general surgery and in the living related kidney transplant programme. He has recently retired from clinical private practice, and uses the time working for the Royal College of Surgeons, and undertaking medicolegal work. He has been happily married for 34 years and has three grown up children and two grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys travel, cycling, running, scuba diving and classic car restoration.

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**Dr Kay Poulton PhD FRCPath**, is the Director of the Transplantation Laboratory in Manchester Royal Infirmary, where she has been a Consultant Clinical Scientist since 2000. The laboratory is one of the largest in the UK, supporting a full range of haematopoietic progenitor cell and solid organ transplants. Kay has a longstanding interest in raising standards in H&I laboratories worldwide, and the Manchester laboratory is recognised internationally as a centre of excellence for training, with the most highly qualified workforce in the country. Kay is a member of the Living Kidney Donor 2020 Strategic Implementation group and is keen to support programmes which facilitate transplantation. In the three years since taking on Directorship of the laboratory, Kay has established research

projects supporting both stem cell and solid organ transplantation, working closely with Manchester University, where she completed 6 years as a Postdoctoral Fellow before joining the NHS in 1998. Kay has held several prestigious professional appointments, including Chair of the British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, Chair of the H&I Subcommittee at the Royal College of Pathologists, Councillor of the European Federation for Immunogenetics and Chair of the EFI Standards Committee. Having completed all these terms of office, she is now concentrating on raising Manchester's profile as a prestigious Transplant Centre.



**Dr Adnan Sharif** graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 2002 and underwent his medical and nephrology training in Cardiff and Birmingham respectively, while also achieving his research MD in the field of post-transplantation diabetes. He took up his Consultant Nephrologist post at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham in 2011 with a special interest in renal transplantation. He retains an active research focus and is currently Chief Investigator on a number of prospective cohort and randomized clinical trials. He has recently been appointed to the Board of Trustees for Kidney Research UK. In addition to his clinical and research interests, he is the secretary of the non-Government Organization Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH) which campaigns against illegal and unethical organ procurement around the globe

and was nominated for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize. He also sits on the steering committee for Give A Kidney, a registered charity that promotes non-directed altruistic kidney donation. Finally, he is a member of the National BAME Transplantation Alliance that seeks to promote blood, stem cell and organ donation from minority ethnic groups in the UK.

**Iain Simkin** – Renal Transplant Patient

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**Dr William Stephens** qualified from Westminster Hospital Medical School, University of London, in 1972. He moved to Manchester Royal Infirmary in 1978 as senior registrar in the Department of Medicine under Professor Bill Stanbury where he completed his MD thesis on Vitamin D Deficiency among the Asian immigrant population of the United Kingdom. He was appointed consultant physician in 1985 to Trafford General Hospital, the hospital where Aneurin Bevan famously inaugurated the NHS on 5th July 1948 by shaking hands with its first patient - a 13-year old girl. During his 28 years at Trafford he held many regional and national roles in General Medical training and education, he is still on the international panel of examiners for the MRCP (PACES). He was the driving force behind the fund-raising, design, building and opening of a new custom-built Diabetes Centre in 2008 when he was also finalist in the 'Diabetes Team of the Year' Award. Whilst in clinical practice he was investigator in a great many cardiovascular/diabetes studies. He was Principal Medical Officer for Friends Life until 2015. He ceased his medico-legal practice in 2017. He is a specialist advisor for the Care Quality Commission. In 2015 he was invited to act as independent external chair for the transplantation MDT and M&M meetings at Manchester Royal Infirmary by the then Medical Director, Professor Robert Pearson, work that he undertakes Pro Bono.



**Professor Dr Dirk Ludger Stippel** Professor for Hepatobiliary and Transplantation Surgery at the University of Cologne. **Academic Degrees:** Master of Health Business Administration (2011), Professor of Surgery, University of Cologne (2009), Acceptance of the „Habilitation thesis“ “Efficacy and safety of intraoperative radiofrequency induced thermoablation of liver malignancies“ (2004) and Acceptance of the thesis with the title: “Auswirkungen einer präoperativen Dexamethasontherapie auf die PGE2- und PGF2a-Spiegel in Hirntumoren und im peritumorösen Hirngewebe“ (1991). Qualifications: Fellow of the European Board of Surgery, UEMS Transplant Surgery, Certified surgical subspeciality: Visceral surgery, Certified surgical subspeciality: “Operative intensive care medicine“, Degree in Medical Informatics and Certified Surgeon.

**Professional Positions:** Professor of Hepatobiliary and Transplantation Surgery at the University of Cologne (2013), Head of the transplant surgery section within the Department of Visceral and Vascular Surgery, Vice-chairman of the Department of Visceral and Vascular Surgery, Head of the *liver metastases group of the “Center of integrated Oncology” (CIO), National Cancer Center Cologne (all since 2006\_ and* Attending at the Department of Visceral and Vascular Surgery; University of Cologne, Director: Prof. Dr. A. H. Hölscher (1998-2006). **Awards:** Guest professorship at 2<sup>nd</sup> Military University of China, Shanghai (2007), German guest scholar at the „American College of Surgeons“ (2006) and “Hochhaus-Preis“ award of the Medical Faculty of the University of Cologne for research achievement in 2004 (2005). **Membership in Scientific Societies:** German Transplantation Society (since 1992), German Surgical Society (since 1996), German Society of Visceral Surgery (since 2001), European Society of Surgical Research (since



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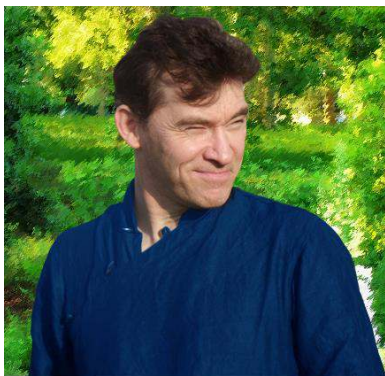
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2003), European Society of Organ Transplantation (since 2010) and The Transplant Society (since 2014).  
**Editorial Board:** BioMed Research International.



**Lauren Sutherland QC** called to the bar in 1996. Since being called to the bar she has specialised in clinical negligence, and human rights issues in medical law. She is ranked in both Chambers UK and the Legal 500 for clinical negligence (Band 1). She has written and lectured extensively in the area of personal injury and clinical negligence. She has prepared the Chapter on Medical Law and Human Rights in the Scottish Human Rights Loosleaf and is contributing editor on Medical Law to Greens Reparation Bulletin. She has a particular interest in consent to medical treatment and for many years has taught principles of 'consent' to dental and medical students. Lauren is a busy court practitioner and was part of the legal team in the land- mark case of *Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board* [2015]

UKSC 11 and has just published a book on consent post Montgomery analysing all of the arguments advanced in the Supreme Court and the effect of the decision.



**Steve Taylor** is a senior lecturer in psychology at Leeds Beckett University, and the author of several best-selling books on psychology and spirituality. For the last four years he has been included (this year at no. 62) in Mind, Body, Spirit magazine's list of the '100 most spiritually influential living people.' His books include *Waking From Sleep*, *The Fall*, *Out of the Darkness*, *Back to Sanity*, and *The Calm Center*. His latest book is *The Leap: The Psychology of Spiritual Awakening*. His books have been published in 19 languages, while his articles and essays have been published in over 40 academic journals, magazines and newspapers, including *Philosophy Now*, *Tikkun*, *The Daily Express*, *The Journal of Humanistic Psychology* and others. Eckhart Tolle has

described his work as 'an important contribution to the shift in consciousness which is happening on our planet at present.' Steve's book 'The Calm Center' was published through Eckhart's own publishing imprint. This is also the case with his new book, *The Leap: The Psychology of Spiritual Awakening*, which was published in March 2017. Steve lives in Manchester, England, with his wife and three young children.

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**Ivo G. Tzvetanov, MD, FACS** is the Carl H. and Billie M. Frese & Gerald S. Moss Professor in Transplant Surgery and Associate Professor and Chief, Division of Transplant Surgery and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Tzvetanov received his Medical Degree at Medical University of Sofia in Bulgaria (1992) and completed his surgical residency at Fifth City Multiprophyle Hospital & Medical University of Sofia in Bulgaria in 1997 where he worked as an attending surgeon until 2002. He repeated his surgical residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago Metropolitan Group Hospitals (2002-2007) and completed a Fellowship in Abdominal Organ Transplant Surgery in 2009 from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is board certified in General Surgery

and accredited by the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS). Dr. Tzvetanov's interests include liver, kidney, pancreas, bowel and multi-visceral transplantation as well as hepatobiliary surgery. He is also very active in clinical research, teaching and has an extensive list of original scientific publications on the topic of abdominal organ transplantation.



**David van Dellen** pursued higher surgical training in both General Surgery and Transplantation in the West Midlands and Manchester. His MD thesis examined the role of apoptosis in the molecular development of Barrett's metaplasia. His transplant training incorporated Renal and Pancreatic Transplantation as well as training in Encapsulating Peritoneal Sclerosis (EPS) surgery. He undertook a post-CCT fellowship in live donation and EPS surgery in Manchester and was appointed as a Consultant Transplant and General Surgeon at the Manchester Royal Infirmary in January 2012, the largest unit in the country. He has active roles in the renal and pancreas transplantation and is the academic lead for the department, supervising MRC funded fellows. He is also one of 2

consultants providing the national EPS service from Manchester, the largest service in Europe accepting worldwide referrals, and is the surgical lead for islet transplantation. He serves on the British Transplant Society Training and Education Committee and has sat on the BTS Council in this capacity. He is currently training programme director for General Surgery in the Northwest. He has a number of peer-reviewed publications and active research interests in organ donor management, pancreatic transplantation, risk assessment in transplantation, the pathogenesis and surgical management of EPS, and abdominal wall reconstruction.