



ESOT Congress 2023

Patients at the heart of the congress

It is a huge honour and pleasure for me to have been invited to be Honorary Co-Chair of the ESOT Congress 2023, the most prestigious medical event in Europe in the field of transplantation.

The decision to invite a patient representative to take on this very important role testifies to ESOT's commitment to foster cooperation and dialogue between patients and healthcare professionals and to ensure patient representation and participation in ESOT activities. I commend ESOT for what has been achieved so far in this respect, starting with the very first meeting with patient representatives at the ESOT Congress in Copenhagen in 2019. Since then, many ESOT initiatives have included patients, in different capacities - as speakers, moderators, panellists and working group members - for webinars, the TLJ event, Twitter chats, Symposia, HESPERIS and ACADEMIA courses, the ESOT Hackathon, and the ESOT Congress 2021 in Milan.

The setting up of the ESOT-ETPO Alliance is a further very important step in bringing together patients and transplant professionals and in promoting the principles of realistic medicine in organ donation and transplant. As a patient myself I am delighted to see that there is an increasing recognition, in all fields of medicine, of the important contribution that patients can give in terms of knowledge and experience.

I very much look forward to working with my esteemed colleagues from the Scientific Programme Committee in preparing for the ESOT Congress 2023 in Athens.

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Honorary Congress Co-Chair