

ANNUAL REPORT 2008

FSOD

swiss foundation for organ donation



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The Swiss Foundation for Organ Donation Summary (lines and figures)

Some lines

The Swiss Foundation for Organ Donation (FSOD) was created from the international program "Donor Action", introduced into Switzerland in 1997.

In parallel, from 2001 to 2008, the foundation developed an educational program on the organ donation process for healthcare professionals, then projects on the Swiss Donation Pathway and Cornea donation, and at least collaborate to the creation of the network "Programme Latin du Don d'Organes".

In 2008, the foundation FSOD has experienced a significant shift in its policy and organisation. Indeed, the implementation of the new federal law on transplantation led the foundations FSOD and Swisstransplant to develop a project to combine in Swisstransplant their main activities in the field of organs and tissues donation, as well as the training of doctors and the nursing staff.

A convention, signed by both in December 2008, planned the transfer of the FSOD main activities in the new National Committee for Organ & Tissue Donation inside Swisstransplant.

The goal is to group in this Committee the educational activities, the project "The Swiss Donation Pathway", the program Donor Action with the quality control and the management of the national database, the coordination of the various regional networks, and any coordination between the different partners.

This committee is composed by representatives from the SSMI-SGI, the Swiss networks, the working groups Swiss tissue and education.

The agreement was negotiated by members delegated from Swisstransplant (PD Dr F. Immer, Director and Prof. Dr. med. H.-P. Marti, vice medical Director) and FSOD (Prof. Dr Med R. Chioléro, President and Dr Ph. Eckert, member).

The President of the CDS-GDK, Mr le Conseiller d'Etat P.-Y. Maillard gave the mandate to the representatives named above, during a work meeting held on the 30th of May 2008.

Some figures

From 1997 to 2008, the foundation has analysed more than 11'500 files (cases and surveys : Medical Record Review & Hospital Attitude Survey) and constituted a rich database.

In 2008, the Swiss Foundation for Organ Donation is ...

- 5 collaborators
- a budget of approx. 250'000 CHF (figures rounded).

FSOD BOARD

Legal Issues

- The Foundation is a non-profit organisation, except from VAT.
- There were no amendments to the status of the Foundation in 2008, but the CNDO project will lead to major changes in the FSOD's mission and statutes.
- The Foundation collaborates with hospitals that put their employees at its disposal for specific activities for which the hospital is remunerated.

Board Meetings

- 3 Board meetings were held: 25th January 2008; 22nd May 2008; 21st August 2008
- See annexe for Board meeting reports/decisions & action points.

Composition of Board in 2008 – 16 members

Chioléro R. (President)
Rouden C. (Vice President)
Eschenmoser G. (Secretariat)

Cottini S. Eckert P. Gasche Y.	Haberthür C. Kiss A. Marti H.-P.	Marsch S. Regli B. Spaight-Gachet C.	Stocker R. Urech P.
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Amendments to the FSOD Board & roles in 2008:

- Replacement of JC Chevrolet by Y Gasche since August 2008
- Announcement of resignation from
 - o M. le Conseiller d'Etat P.-Y. Maillard as from May 2008
- Resignation of
 - o Ph Jacques as from February 2008

FSOD ACTIVITIES 2008

Donor Action Program (DAP): functionality in 2008

The program Donor Action is an international initiative to improve organ and tissue donation rates through quality management. It works by analyzing existing processes to pinpoint problem areas and so provide the basis for managed change.

Data collection Medical Record Review (MRR) & Hospital Attitude Survey (HAS) + entry

Data is entered to the system database by FSOD staff. Each region has his/her Donor Action Manager.

- N. Böhmer for the German area with the exception that the USZ Transplant Coordinators entered data for their hospital.
- L. Imperatori for the French area with the exception that the HUG M. Perruchoud, transplant coordinator and D. Moretti, PLDO general coordinator, entered data for this hospital.
- A. Bocchi for the Italian region.

Data analysis / Quality control

- Donor Action expert, C. Spaight, checks all data entries to the database monthly since April 2007, controlling the correct number of records which have been entered into the correct hospital, and ICU as well as the content of data. In the event that an error is identified, she can identify the inconsistent records and contacts the person who entered the data for correction.

- C. Spaight checks all analysis reports, and presentations before they are given to the hospitals.

- Checklists, protocols & templates have been developed in the three languages so that all Regional Managers are using the same methods and tools and that hospitals are receiving the same information.

Staff (as a % of a full time activity)

Year	German	French	Italian	Quality control	Total
2008	60%	30%	10%	20%	120%

A readjustment of the activity rates was undertaken in early 2008 : decreasing of 10% in Ticino and increasing of 10% in the German part.

Diagnostic Review Status Summary by Region 2008

Italian		French		German	
Number of hospitals	Number of ICU's	Number of hospitals	Number of ICU's	Number of hospitals	Number of ICU's
4	4	6	6	23	30

The Swiss Donation Pathway

This project was initiated in 2005 and has been managed by FSOD for 3 years, in collaboration with The Swiss Society of Intensive Care Medicine and Swisstransplant, with the support of The Swiss Federal Office of Public Health.

The pathway is based on the donation process, which consists of :

- Donor Identification, Referral, Maintenance & Retrieval
- Family care & communication
- Effective communication for hospital staff

The following modules were completed in 2008 :

- **Donor Identification & Donor Referral** – The document “Recommendations for the identification of organs donors” should be available in 2009, first for the use of the PLDO and then, at a national scale.
- **Donor retrieval**
 - i. A document called “Recommendations for organs and tissues procurement for adults’ heart beating donors” has been written for surgeons and transplant coordinators describing the successive steps in the intensive care unit, in the operation theatre and after the procurement. This document will be finalized by April 2009 at a national scale, and available in German and in French version.
 - ii. A second document called « Recommendations for the Anaesthesiology part during the organs procurement for an adult heart beating donor” was developed by a team from the HUG and CHUV, and coordinated by the PLDO and FSOD. The document should be available in French during Spring 2009.
- **Donor Maintenance** – Document translated in Italian in 2008 & diffused via the Swiss Society of Intensive Care Medicine & FSOD’s websites. The German and French versions have been also available for 2 years.
- **Family Care & Communication**
 - i. An information leaflet for relatives about “Organ and Tissues donation for transplantation” was finalized and translated in German, French and Italian. It is now used in the intensive care units as an information support for the relatives after the request of organs and tissues donation.
 - ii. Recommendations “Care for and communication with the relatives of potential organ and tissue donors” : the document will be finalized by Spring 2009 after having found a national consensus.
- **Effective Communication for hospital staff** – 2’000 questionnaires were distributed in the French area in 2007 and analysed in 2008 by a Statistical Institute. Answers confirm the necessity to create a debriefing tool for healthcare professionals. The leader decided to renounce during autumn 2008 and proposed to transfer this big task to someone else who waits now for an official mandate from the new CNDO.

The cornea donation project

The CHUV in Lausanne is a pilot hospital in Switzerland where all the potential corneal donors have been tracking for 2 ½ years.

In 2008, correctives actions were negotiated with FSOD, the Medical Direction of the CHUV and the Director of the cornea bank of Lausanne, to improve the procurement :

- Updating of the exclusion criteria list for cornea donation in relation with the following texts : Swiss Federal Law about Transplantation with the Ordonnances, the “Guide sur la sécurité et l’assurance de qualité de la transplantation d’organes, de tissus et de cellules” from the Council of Europe and the EEBA (European Eye Bank Association).
- Training of a new team of physicians from the Pathology Institute (CHUV) to procure the eyes to the Cornea Bank of Lausanne.

These 2 main points should be finalized by Spring 2009.

FSOD and the Lausanne’s ophthalmic hospital received the approval of the Geneva hospital (HUG) in order to introduce this concept in 2009.

The Swiss organs & tissues donation networks

FSOD has actively collaborated to the PLDO (Programme Latin du Don d’Organes), which started officially in July 2008.

Training course for local coordinators, ICU physicians and nurses

Collaboration between Swisstransplant, FSOD, SGI/SSMI, and EDHEP (European Donor Hospital Education Programme)

Common training programme.

Regional courses: German and French
2 courses in March 2008 (2 days course each).



Organ & tissue donation : information for “le centre suisse romand de recrutement de l’armée Suisse”

10 educational courses for 150 group leaders who trained about 4’500 futures soldiers.



TACKERS (Transplant Adventure Camps for Kids)

One international camp held in January since 2002.

Participation at the National Organ Donation Day.
Participation at several transplantation congresses as a guest speaker.

Visibility : different newspapers, TV (Canal 9, TSR), and videos. Website : <http://www.tackers.org>



VISIBILITY

Website

Accessible since April 2007 in the three national languages.



Sponsoring file

A sponsoring file is available in French and in English to present FSOD status and activities to the donators.

Tackers

Patches with FSOD logo sew on Winter anoraks for kids.



The Swiss national organ day

Information stands + posters about organ donation and transplantation in the CHUV (Lausanne) in September.