

## ACTIVITY REPORT 2006

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### 1. FSOD – Swiss Foundation for Organ Donation

#### Vision

- to increase organ and tissue donation rates for the benefit of people needing transplants
- to provide leadership in hospital organ donation processes and protocols

#### Mission

- to improve quality of the organ donation process within Intensive Care Units, by providing the Donor Action Program, and to insure that every hospital that implements this program realizes quantifiable, sustainable improvements to its donation process
- to provide education for health care professionals on the donation process
- to collaborate with public and private organizations to create awareness for donation.

#### Goals

- to facilitate hospital's internal review of donation practices and bring about improvements in the quality of their organ donation processes on a National scale.
- to ensure that the families of potential donors are treated in a professional, supportive and caring manner that recognizes their distress and is sensitive to their doubts and anxieties.
- to inform and provide National educational programs and tools for all hospitals on the organ donation process.

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### 2. Legal Issues:

- The Foundation is a non-profit organisation, except from VAT
- There were no amendments to the status of the Foundation in 2006
- The Foundation employed 1 person at a 50% activity for a limited and determined period from 01.10.2006 to 31.12.2006; Mrs Diane Moretti from Geneva. FSOD affiliated to the Caisse de Compensation of Bern during this period.
- The Foundation had no other employees. The Foundation collaborates with hospitals that put their employees at disposition for specific activities for which the hospital is remunerated.
  - Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois: - 120%
  - University Hospital of Zurich (USZ) – 30%
  - St Gallen Kantonsspital: 20%
  - Civico – Lugano – 20%

### 3. Board Meetings:

- 4 Board meetings were held: 27.01.2006; 08.03.2006; 19.06.2006; 04.12.2006
- 1 phone conference was held: 04.09.2006
- See annexe for Board meeting reports/decisions & action points

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### 4. Composition of Board in 2006 – 10 members

R. Chioléro (President)  
Ch. Rouden (Vice President)  
C. Gachet (Secretariat /Manager)  
Ph. Eckert  
Ch. Haberthur  
M. Kiess  
A. Kiss  
S. Cottini  
R. Stocker  
P. Urech

Amendments to the FSOD Board & roles in 2006:

- R. Malacrida was replaced by S. Cottini for the Italian Area as from January 2006
- Resignation of P. Pesenti in January 2006.
- New members:
  - o Ph. Eckert; Head of ICU Sion & President of SGI in January 2006
  - o P. Urech, Transplant Coordinator in St Gallen in March 2006
  - o A. Kiss, Uni Basel as from June 2006
- Pre- announcement of resignation from C. Gachet for her Secretariat Managerial roles as from April 2007

### 5. Accounts

- See annexe; detailed report from expert accountant & approval of accounts from the Board

### 6. Activities in 2006

#### 1) Donor Action Program

The Donor Action Program (DAP) 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.

#### French Region

- 8 /12 hospitals collecting annual death audits from ICU's
- Ongoing educational on donation process – 7 hospitals

#### Italian Region

- 4/4 hospitals collecting annual death audits from ICU's
- Ongoing educational on donation process – 4 hospitals

#### German Region

- 19 hospitals – 24 ICU's - collecting annual death audits
- 18 new hospitals join the DA program
- Death audits collected retrospectively for 2005 & 2006 in all these new hospitals
- General education given to 10 hospitals

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### 2) Corneal Donation Project

The Corneal Donation Project developed in 2005 is implemented as a pilot program at the CHUV in Lausanne in April 2006. The tracking of potential corneal donors became an intuitional directive. By the end of 2006 there was an increase of procured corneas of 80%. This project will be extended to other hospitals in Switzerland in 2007.

### 3) The Swiss Donation Pathway

This project for Swiss National guidelines on the Donation process was officially recognized and supported by the Federal Office of Public Health (BAG), Swiss Society of Intensive Care (SGI/SSMI) & SwissTransplant

The following modules were developed in 2006:

- Donor Maintenance – completed and validated – approved by the Swiss Society of Intensive Care and the Federal Office of Public Health
- Family Care & Communication – working group developed, guidelines in their final stage December 2006
- Donor Identification & Donor Referral – working group determined
- Effective Communication – working group determined

Implementation of the guidelines:

- It is decided to make these guidelines available for all ICU's in Switzerland. A hard copy will be sent to all ICU's, further copies will be made available via the FSOD website as from 2007

### 4) Visibility

- **Invited lectures:**
  - **Swiss Society of Intensive Care Congress**, Basel, June 2006
    - o Donation forum – Donor Maintenance (60minutes)
- **Publications:**
  - o A National Donation Pathway for ICU's in Switzerland – C.Gachet & co.
- **Other**
  - o FSOD/TACKERS press conference with Sir Rodger Moore at Sion airport – January 2006
  - o FSOD Booth at the Swiss Society of Intensive Care Congress – June 2006
  - o Participation to Swiss National Organ Day : information stands – September 2006

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### 5) Communication & Marketing

- Development of a Charte Graphique and communication strategy for FSOD - completed June 2006
- Development of an FSOD information Brochure – developed in the three national languages – completed & printed June 2006 (see annexe)
- Development of a website – programmed to go “live” end of 2006. Server crash in October 2006 with the loss of all the development.

### 6) Collaboration with other networks involved in donation & transplantation activities:

Meetings were held with the following organisations so as to define roles & responsibilities for each organisation and in the context of the new federal law.

- Swisstransplant,
- Federal Office of Public Health
- Swiss Society of Intensive Care
- European Education Hospital Program (EDHEP)
  
- FSOD requested to participate actively in the development of Regional Donation Networks in view of the New Federal Law on Donation & Transplantation to be applied as from July 2007. Two networks accept to collaborate with FSOD; Zurich Network and Suisse Romande Network.

### 7) TACKERS (Transplant Adventure Camps for Kids)

- 1 International camp, camp was held. (55 transplanted children from 18 countries) – January 2006
- Development of a film “Gift is to Love” for the promotion of donation & transplantation. This film is used in professional education for health care professionals as well as the public.
- Participation to National Organ Donation Day