



**Preliminary Program**  
**V International Conference DONARTE 2026**  
*Donation and Art: Nicholas and Rolly Testimonials*  
**Theme: A Transplant Renaissance: Ethics, Equity, and Evolution**

**Venue**  
**University of Messina, Aula Magna Rectorate**  
**Messina, Sicily 4-6 October 2026**

**Presidents:** Anna Teresa Mazzeo (University of Messina, Italy), Deepak Gupta (AIIMS, New Delhi, India)  
**Honorary Presidents:** Reginald and Maggie Green

|           | <b>Preconference Students and Public Awareness event<br/>Sunday, 4 October</b>                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 0900-1200 | <b>Canoe Transplant Games with Rowing Club Peloro and UNIME Games (Rowing and Running for organ donation awareness)</b><br><br><i>The Director of Italian Transplant Center, Presidents of AIDO and Associations meet the UNIME Students</i> | Giovanna Spatari, Rettrice Università di Messina, Giuseppe Feltrin (CNT Director), Giorgio Battaglia (CRT Director), Flavia Petrin (AIDO President), Salvatrice Feccia (AIDO Regional President), Associations, Authorities and Faculty present |
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|           | <b>Visit to Regional Museum (free entrance during the entire day on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, first Sunday of October)</b>                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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|           | <b>Day 1 — Sunday, 4 October</b><br><b>Aula Magna Università di Messina</b><br><br><b>Family, society, ethics and international collaboration</b>                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1430-1500 | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|           | <b>INAUGURAL CEREMONY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1500-1505 | <b>Welcome Message from Rettrice of University of Messina</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | Giovanna Spatari, Rettrice Università di Messina                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1505-1530 | <b>Institutional Greetings</b><br>Sindaco Messina, Arcivescovo Messina, Director AOU G Martino, Director CRT Sicilia, Medical Director                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                     | ISMETT, AIDO National and Regional Presidents, Associations, other Authorities present                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                     | <b>Special Lectures</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Moderators:</b> Giuseppe Navarra (Messina), Pasquale Aragona (Messina), Deepak Gupta (India), Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Italy)                                                                                                  |
| 1530-1550           | Organ donation and transplantation: Landmarks reached and vision for the future                                                                                                                                                                                | Giuseppe Feltrin (Director CNT, Italy)                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1550-1610           | The surgeon's gaze is one that sees more than skin. Sculpting a head                                                                                                                                                                                           | Nadey Hakim (London, UK), President TTS<br><b>Nicholas Special Lecture</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1610-1630           | Early post liver transplantation changes in immunometabolic profile                                                                                                                                                                                            | Didier Payen, Emeritus Professor Université Paris Cité Sorbonne (Paris)<br><b>Rolly Special Lecture</b>                                                                                                                      |
| 1630-1645           | The DCD Best Practices Today                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Marti Manyalich (Spain, President DTI)<br><b>Iacopo Special Lecture (remote)</b>                                                                                                                                             |
| 1645-1700           | Art and Healing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Richard Woodward (Director at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, USA)<br><b>All Donors Special Lecture (remote)</b>                                                                                                     |
| 1700-1730           | <b>Testimonials</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Moderators:</b> Elvira Amata (Dir Gen AOU G Martino), Maria Felicita Crupi (Dir Amm IRCCS Bonino Pulejo), Catena Di Blasi (Dir Gen AOU Papardo), Massimo Cardillo (Dir NIT, Milano), Giorgio Battaglia (Dir CRT, Catania) |
| <i>(5 min each)</i> | Testimonial from the Mom of a Donor: "La Stanza di Iacopo" project<br><br>Testimonial from the "Recipient of an Emergency Gift", two weeks after becoming Mom<br><br>Testimonial from the girl who became Grandmother, Thirty years after receiving the "Gift" | Fausta Tocchio,<br><i>Donating Mom</i><br><br>Miriam La Spada,<br><i>Recipient Mom</i><br><br>Maria Pia Pedala'<br><i>The recipient girl who became Grandmother</i>                                                          |
| 1730-1745           | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1745-1945           | <b>International Collaboration among Transplant Centres: From Goodwill to Measurable Outcomes</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Moderators:</b> Harjinder Singh Bhatoe (India), Iolanda Russo Menna (VCU), Mathew Joseph                                                                                                                                  |

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| (12 min each, including discussion)                  |                                                                                                                                                  | (India), Giovanni Raimondo (Messina)                                                 |
|                                                      | From Knowledge to Impact: How DTI strengthens donation systems, connects communities and expands opportunity                                     | Sergi Padilla (Spain)                                                                |
|                                                      | From death to donation: the physiology of organ donation                                                                                         | Alberto Zanella (Milano)                                                             |
|                                                      | Access to Kidney Transplantation. Is it Fair?                                                                                                    | Roberto Cacciola (Messina)                                                           |
|                                                      | Ethical principles of human organ allocation and equity of access                                                                                | Lucia Craxì (Palermo)                                                                |
|                                                      | New programs to improve transplantation odds for high sensitized kidney recipients                                                               | Massimo Cardillo (Milano)                                                            |
|                                                      | Liver Transplantation: Evolution and outcomes from a Mediterranean center                                                                        | Salvatore Gruttadauria (ISMETT, Palermo)                                             |
|                                                      | Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Liquid Biopsy for Enhanced Post-Transplant Monitoring                                                    | Natalia Malara (Catanzaro)                                                           |
|                                                      | DARte: Museum Educational project to increase awareness on organ donation. Preliminary results                                                   | Ernesto Duarte Buzon (Mexico)                                                        |
|                                                      | Health Diplomacy and Organ Donation: Building Bridges Across Cultures to Save Lives                                                              | Bassam Darwish (UAE)                                                                 |
| 2000-2100                                            | <b>Faculty Walking Welcome Buffet</b>                                                                                                            |                                                                                      |
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| 2100-2300                                            | <b>Gran Gala' DONARTE 2026 Public Awareness Event: Artistic performances and AWARD Ceremony at "Cortile del Rettorato" University of Messina</b> |                                                                                      |
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|                                                      | <b>Day 2 — Monday, 5 October<br/>Aula Magna, Università di Messina</b>                                                                           |                                                                                      |
| 0830-0930<br><br>(12 min each, including discussion) | <b>End of life care</b><br><i>In presence of Sicilian Anesthesia and Intensive care Directors</i>                                                | <b>Moderators:</b> Gaetano Burgio (ISMETT, Palermo), Antonino Scafidi (CRT, Palermo) |
|                                                      | End of life care                                                                                                                                 | Lucia Craxì (Palermo)                                                                |
|                                                      | Will AI ever be ready to make end-of-life care decisions for us?                                                                                 | Francesco Alessandri (Rome)                                                          |
|                                                      | Life, death and grief in Neurosurgery                                                                                                            | Alfredo Conti (Bologna, Italy)                                                       |
|                                                      | Brain death certification. A trip back to History & Literature                                                                                   | Harjinder Singh Bhatoe (India)                                                       |
|                                                      | Sex inequalities in solid organ transplantation                                                                                                  | Jordi Rello (Spain)                                                                  |
| 0945-1000                                            | <b>Special Lecture:</b> Liver cancer-liver transplantation: the perception of an academic patient!                                               | Didier Payen (Paris)                                                                 |
| 1000-1100<br><br>(12 min each, including discussion) | <b>The Lung: still the most difficult organ to retrieve</b>                                                                                      | <b>Moderators:</b> Giorgio Battaglia (CRT Sicily), Cristina Lucanto (Messina)        |
|                                                      | Lung donor management: challenges and opportunities                                                                                              | Alberto Zanella (Milano)                                                             |

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|                                                         | Lung transplantation: can we improve outcome?                                                                                                                    | Alessandro Bertani (ISMETT, Palermo)                                                              |
|                                                         | Beyond Infectious risk: Rethinking lung transplant candidacy in patients colonized with difficult pathogens: The French Experience about mycobacterium abscessus | Adrien Tissot (France)                                                                            |
|                                                         | Perioperative ECLS                                                                                                                                               | Andrea Costamagna (Torino, Italy)                                                                 |
|                                                         | <b>Open Coffee Break</b>                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                   |
| 1100-1200<br><i>(12 min each, including discussion)</i> | <b>Pediatric organ donation and Transplantation</b>                                                                                                              | <b>Moderators:</b> Carmelo Romeo (Messina), Eloisa Gitto (Messina), Deepak Gupta (India)          |
|                                                         | Declaration of brain death in children                                                                                                                           | Mathew Joseph (India)                                                                             |
|                                                         | Missed Opportunities in the Pediatric Organ Donation Process: A Multicenter Experience from Argentina                                                            | Mariana Cyunel (Argentina)                                                                        |
|                                                         | Challenges with pediatric organ donation and pediatric donor management                                                                                          | Gabriella Bottari (Roma)                                                                          |
|                                                         | Barriers to Pediatric Organ Donation in Southeast Europe: System, Communication, and the Albanian Experience                                                     | Ilijana Bakalli (Albania)                                                                         |
|                                                         | Anesthesia for pediatric liver transplantation                                                                                                                   | Gennaro Martucci (ISMETT, Palermo)                                                                |
| 1200-1330<br><i>(12 min each, including discussion)</i> | <b>Public engagement, artificial intelligence, and community trust</b>                                                                                           | <b>Moderators:</b> Vincenzo Mazzaresse (Palermo), Antonio Scafidi (Palermo)                       |
|                                                         | Beyond Awareness: The Role of Health Communication and Storytelling in Transforming Organ Donation Culture                                                       | Bassam Darwish MD (UAE)                                                                           |
|                                                         | Beyond Prediction: Operationalizing AI with Physician across the Transplant pathway                                                                              | Iolanda Russo Menna (Richmond, USA)                                                               |
|                                                         | Challenges and Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine. The Italian legal framework                                                                 | Marco Mazzeo (Rome)                                                                               |
|                                                         | Innovative strategies for organ donation advocacy: moving beyond traditional awareness                                                                           | Chiara De Panfilis (Rome)                                                                         |
|                                                         | Turning trust into Awareness: The role of Ambassadors in Organ Donation                                                                                          | Raouf Mastan (India)                                                                              |
|                                                         | Human trafficking for Organ removal and illicit transplantation                                                                                                  | Iolanda Russo Menna (Richmond, USA)                                                               |
|                                                         | Organ trafficking and transplant tourism – the dark side of transplantation                                                                                      | Thomas Muller (Switzerland)                                                                       |
|                                                         | The whole body: grief education, emotional and educational aspects that influence the willingness to donate                                                      | Melania Mento (Messina)                                                                           |
|                                                         | Cornea Donation and Transplantation in Switzerland: Closing the Gap Between Supply and Demand                                                                    | Nicola Franscini (Switzerland)                                                                    |
| 1330-1400                                               | <b>Light lunch</b>                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                   |
| 1400-1550<br><i>(12 min each, including discussion)</i> | <b>DCD, normothermic regional perfusion and machine perfusion</b>                                                                                                | <b>Moderators:</b> Francesco Patane' (Messina), Ettore Panascia (Catania), Alberto Noto (Messina) |

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|                                                         | DCD as a Strategy to Expand the Donor Pool: Experience and Perspectives in a Region with Donor Shortage                      | Gaetano Burgio (ISMETT Palermo)                                            |
|                                                         | Surgical Approach to advanced heart failure                                                                                  | Sergio Sciacca (ISMETT, Palermo)                                           |
|                                                         | Left Ventricular assist devices as a bridge to transplant                                                                    | Antonio Micari (Messina)                                                   |
|                                                         | Near-Zero Ischemia DCD Heart transplantation                                                                                 | Massimo Boffini (Torino, Italy)                                            |
|                                                         | ECMO                                                                                                                         | Giovanna Panarello (ISMETT, Palermo)                                       |
|                                                         | Normothermic machine perfusion in liver transplant                                                                           | Zachary Rollins (USA)                                                      |
|                                                         | Controlled Donation after Circulatory Death in Latin America: Current Experience and Future Directions                       | Mariana Cyunel (Argentina)                                                 |
|                                                         | Pediatric DCD in Italy: Ethical and Organizational Implications and Current Status                                           | Gabriella Bottari (Roma)                                                   |
|                                                         | Cardiac arrest: the new guidance and implications related to gender                                                          | Francesca Rubulotta (London, UK)                                           |
| 1550-1625<br><i>(12 min each, including discussion)</i> | <b>Update on Kidney transplantation</b>                                                                                      | <b>Moderators:</b> Roberto Cacciola (Messina), Domenico Santoro (Messina)  |
|                                                         | Kidney transplantation                                                                                                       | Duilio Pagano (ISMETT, Palermo)                                            |
|                                                         | Kidney graft preservation beyond cold ischemia: from organ storage to dynamic organ assessment                               | Luca Toti (Rome)                                                           |
|                                                         | Listing before dialysis: how soon, and for whom?                                                                             | Guido Gembillo, Domenico Santoro (Messina)                                 |
| 1630-1820<br><i>(12 min each, including discussion)</i> | <b>The global care of the recipient: Quality, safety, sustainability, workforce resilience and patient-reported outcomes</b> | <b>Moderators:</b> Francesco Puliatti (Messina), Vincenzo Fodale (Messina) |
|                                                         | Defining and profiling secondary insults in severe acute neurological injury.                                                | Ian Piper (Edinburgh, Scotland)                                            |
|                                                         | Artificial intelligence methods for ICU secondary insults analysis and brain death: from data management to predictions      | Andrea lo Sasso (Sassari)                                                  |
|                                                         | Balancing under- and over-immunosuppression in modern transplant follow-up                                                   | Luca Toti (Rome)                                                           |
|                                                         | Donor Derived Infection: mitigation risk systems                                                                             | Alessandra Mularoni (ISMETT, Palermo)                                      |
|                                                         | The anatomic-pathologist and the transplant                                                                                  | Maria Lentini (Messina)                                                    |
|                                                         | Shifting the Focus: why the future of organ allocation starts with the Donor. The missing link in organ eligibility          | Vincenzo Francesco Tripodi (Messina)                                       |
|                                                         | Postoperative analgesia in the recipient                                                                                     | Paolo Capuano (ISMETT, Palermo)                                            |
|                                                         | The pupil as a neurological biomarker: quantitative pupillometry from acute brain injury to organ donation                   | Laura Pistidda (Sassari)                                                   |
|                                                         | Management of the recipient from admission to transplant. The importance of multidisciplinary collaboration                  | Giuseppe Arena (ISMETT, Palermo)                                           |

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|           | Challenges and experience on setting up a DCD program                                                                                                                          | Enza la Monaca,<br>Antonello Neri,<br>Pasquale Capua<br>(Messina)                                                                                                                    |
|           | Transplantation of organs from deceased donors with brain malignancies                                                                                                         | Anna Teresa Mazzeo<br>(Messina)                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1820-1900 | Development of the: <b>Messina Declaration for Organ Donor Management 2026</b>                                                                                                 | All Faculty (coordinated by Jordi Rello, Deepak Gupta, Anna Teresa Mazzeo)                                                                                                           |
| 1900-1910 | Incentives to donors and/or their families to impact organ shortage                                                                                                            | Thomas Muller<br>(Switzerland)                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1910-1920 | Financial Neutrality in Organ donation. Results of Indian survey                                                                                                               | Deepak Gupta (India)                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1920-1940 | <b>Best Abstract DONARTE 2026 AWARD</b><br><br><b>Three presentations (5 min each)</b>                                                                                         | <b>Moderators:</b> Vincenzo Tripodi (Messina), Luigi Cardia(Messina)                                                                                                                 |
| 2100-2300 | <b>Faculty Dinner</b>                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 0800-1300 | <b>Day 3 — Tuesday, 6 October</b><br><b>The University as educator, research engine and community partner.</b><br><b>Educational event dedicated to Students and Residents</b> | <b>Moderators:</b><br>Irene Cacciola, Daniela Caccamo, Giusy Rizzo (Messina), Maria De Pasquale (Messina), Vincenzo Fodale (Messina)                                                 |
| 0800-0830 | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 0830-0900 | <b>DAT (Disposizioni anticipate di trattamento). Advance Healthcare Directive</b>                                                                                              | Rosa Torre (Notaio in Messina)                                                                                                                                                       |
| 0900-0930 | <b>Il Dolore da' la misura dell'Amore</b>                                                                                                                                      | Giacomo Scalzo<br>(Dirigente Generale - Dipartimento per le Attività Sanitarie e Osservatorio Epidemiologico, Regione Siciliana)                                                     |
| 0930-1330 | <b>Workshops</b><br>(60 min each)                                                                                                                                              | <b>Coordinators:</b><br>Vincenzo Tripodi (Messina), Salvatore Micalizzi (Messina), Silvana Curro' (Messina), Raouf Mastan (India)                                                    |
|           | <b>Room 1- ICP Monitoring in acute neurological injuries</b>                                                                                                                   | Harjinder Singh Bhatoe (India), Deepak Gupta (India), Antonino Germano' (Messina), Olivia Penna (Messina), Antonio Amato (Messina), Sophia Sorrenti (Messina), Luigi Fusto (Messina) |
|           | <b>Room 2- Airway management</b>                                                                                                                                               | Massimiliano Sorbello (Ragusa), Gianluigi Morello (Militello)                                                                                                                        |

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|  | <b>Room 3- Doctors and Nurses for Donor Optimization. Aggressive organ donor management. Hemodynamic monitoring. Protective mechanical ventilation. Ultrasonography. Temperature management. Arterial Blood gases, Osmometry</b> | Ilenia Bonanno (Catania), Giuseppe Umana (Catania), Alessandro Conti (Catania), Pasquale Vazzana (Messina), Vincenzo Marando (Messina), Karin D'Angelo (Messina), Tiziana De Salvo (Messina), Ivan Alonge (Messina) |
|  | <b>Room 4-Brain Death Determination in adults and pediatrics</b>                                                                                                                                                                 | Mathew Joseph (India), Francesco Puliatti (Messina), Giuliana Mazzeo (Messina), Pasquale Capua (Messina), Sabrina Giusto (Messina), Alessandro Franze' (Messina), Giorgio Aprile (Messina)                          |
|  | <b>Room 5. Corneal damage prevention and tissue harvesting (reserved to 20 participant)</b>                                                                                                                                      | Organized by Alessandro Meduri and Antonio Salsa, UOC Ophthalmology. AOU G. Martino (Messina). Moderators; Nicola Frascini (Switzerland), Salvatore Leonardi, Lorenza Mazzeo (Messina)                              |
|  | <b>Walking Coffee Break during workshops</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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