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## Third Time's a Charm for International Congress of The Transplantation Society 2026

The International Congress of The Transplantation Society (TTS) is set to return to Sydney in 2026 for the third time.

This biennial meeting is the peak international transplant congress bringing together the world's leaders in transplantation including researchers, clinicians, service providers and industry to collaborate on cutting-edge science, latest clinical developments, ethics and public policy. The congress is worth an estimated \$10.3M to the NSW economy and will see 3,000 global delegates in Sydney over four days at the International Convention Centre, Sydney.

Sydney is home to several research centres and groups, including the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute and The Charles Perkins Centre at The University of Sydney. NSW hosts national centres for paediatric liver transplantation, islet cell transplantation and pancreas transplantation and there were 320 organ transplant recipients in NSW in 2021.

The local host association, The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) brings together transplantation professionals in medicine and science that share common ideals and principles. Aiming to promote research, best clinical practice and advocacy to improve access to and outcomes from solid organ transplantation in Australia and New Zealand.

TSANZ President, Helen Pilmore said, "TSANZ are delighted to co-host the TTS meeting in Sydney in 2026. We look forward to wonderful event in Sydney celebrating transplantation in Oceania and are thrilled to welcome many international visitors to what we are sure will be a fantastic event".

The Transplantation Society (TTS) is a Non-Governmental Organisation which serves as an international focus for leadership in transplantation science, clinical care and ethics. With official relations with the World Health Organization, TTS is composed of some 6000 professionals including but not limited to, physicians, surgeons, scientists and allied health professionals across 105 countries.

BESydney's CEO Lyn Lewis Smith said, "Sydney and NSW are recognised for their expertise and high standard of care in transplantation – a vital component for the provision of modern, quality health care and we can't wait to showcase our burgeoning health precincts and the transplanters who are true global talents in their field".

Tourism Australia Managing Director Phillipa Harrison said the bid to secure the International Congress of The Transplantation Society (TTS) 2026 was supported by the Business Events Bid Fund Program.

"There is no doubt that the financial support offered through the Bid Fund Program is ensuring we have a strong pipeline of international business events in Australia," Ms Harrison said.

"These events generate global attention for Australia's world-class business events offering and deliver significant benefits to the economy."

For more information go <u>tts2026.org</u>



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