

ISHLT Education Committee
Report to ISHLT Board of Directors
April 24, 2010

Committee Membership: Andrew Fisher (outgoing Chair)
Allen Anderson (incoming Chair) (HF/Tx Council)
Daniel Dilling (Junior Faculty and Trainee Council)
Chris Wigfield (Pulmonary Transplant Council)
Martha Mooney (Infectious Disease Council)
Sharon Beer (Nursing and Social Science Council)
Daphne Hsu (Pediatric Council)
Omar Minai (Pulmonary Hypertension Council)
Rene Rodriguez (Pathology and Basic Science Council)
Keith McNeil (Member at Large)
Andreas Zuckermann (Member at Large)
Beatriz Diaz (Member at Large)

Council Activities since January 2010 (previous report at December 2009 meeting)

The committee has had 3 conference calls and numerous email exchanges.

Database of Training Opportunities: The database is now complete and being readied for online access.

ISHLT Masters Academy: Beginning today, fully subscribed. Plans are underway for 2011 and 2012. Future planning will incorporate feedback from course participants and instructors.

The Education Committee Proposes that two concurrent, but non-competing sessions be offered in 2011, likely as an all day event Saturday following the meeting. Chris Wiggins of the Pulmonary Council has formulated an outline of core competencies which we feel is an excellent outline to begin formulating a curriculum for a Lung Transplant Academy. We feel that, provided the HF/Tx/MCS course is successful as anticipated, we would repeat that course as the second Academy Course, with minor modifications as appropriate. Alternatively, a second course could be created. Potential areas for new courses include Pediatric Transplantation and Pulmonary Hypertension. One or more of these topics, however, could be addressed in 2012. While the US HF/Tx Boards will be offered again in 2012, we felt that attendance among US members to whom the Academy was targeted might not justify repeating the HF/Tx Academy course then.

Monograph Series: The full text of the Guidelines for the Care of the Post Transplant Patient will be published in monograph form in 2011. Transplant Infectious Diseases is also planned. Future topics suggested include Immunosuppression, PAH, and Donor Management. The latter would likely evolve after further development of this area with symposia and perhaps a state of the art position paper.

Core Competencies Statement for Lung Transplantation: Currently under development in the Pulmonary Council. A draft outline was presented at our April Education Council meeting and it is actively being developed.

Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation Clinical Competence Statement: This ACCF/ACP/AHA/HFSA/ISHLT document was reviewed by selected ISHLT members and 3 writing committee members were identified *ex post facto* as ISHLT representatives. Final revisions are underway.

Annual Scientific Session: The education committee is preparing to accept additional responsibility for supporting the development of educational content for the Annual Session. We are communicating with the councils alerting them to their responsibility to propose educational content for the meeting. We plan to disseminate the proposal outline developed by Andrew Fisher and this committee to insure a transparent, non-conflicted, council-based approach. We will then organize and pass these proposals on to the Program Committee for further review and approval.

New Initiatives: The committee will seek input from membership and explore novel options to create and disseminate content electronically. We feel this would be an excellent opportunity to pair younger members with more experienced members to facilitate networking, mentorship, and develop educational projects for the society. These ideas represent an extension of ideas proposed by Dan Dilling, the Junior Faculty representative to develop collaborations with junior faculty.

Joint Initiatives: With the guidance of the Society Leadership the committee will seek opportunities to work jointly with other societies on common goals.

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ISHLT Committee Chair 2010-11