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4th International Conference

DONARTE 2025

Donation and Art: Nicholas And Rolly Testimonials

Scientific Conference, Art exhibition and Awards for Science, poetry, music, dance, photo, painting and much more



Vulcano & Messina, Sicily (Italy)
7 - 9 October 2025

We are pleased to invite you to the 4th International Annual Conference, DONARTE 2025, organized by the Departments of Anesthesia and Intensive Care at the University of Messina (Sicily, Italy) and the DONARTE Association for Organ Donation and Transplantation. This conference aims to promote best practices in organ donation and transplantation.

DONARTE 2025 will take place from October 7-9, 2025, at Vulcano Island, Sicily, Italy (October 7-8) and at AOU Policlinico Gaetano Martino of Messina (October 9). This year, leading experts in organ and tissue donation and transplantation from around the world will gather to deliberate and discuss challenges, as well as explore newer research options in the field.

The conference is named after two children, Nicholas Green and Rolly Prajapati, whose stories serve as powerful testimonials for organ donation. Nicholas Green, a seven-year-old American boy, was tragically shot on September 29, 1994, and died two days later in Messina. His organs and corneas were donated to seven critically ill Italians. Similarly, Rolly Prajapati, a six-year-old Indian girl, was shot on April 27, 2022, and her family consented to donate her organs after she was declared brain dead on April 30, 2022. Both countries saw a significant increase in organ donations following these events.

The essence of this innovative and unique event lies in the merging of science and art on a single scientific platform, reflecting the love for knowledge and the power of art. The conference will feature various hands-on workshops, simulations, art exhibitions, and sport events.

The third day is totally dedicated to the **University Students and Residents** to underline the **important role of University** to spread awareness on organ donation and transplantation, and the role of **Students and Residents as Ambassadors of Organ Donation**.

We chose Vulcano Island as a venue because patients awaiting transplants view a transplant as an island of hope for renewed life. However, many do not reach this island and unfortunately pass away en route. By hosting DONARTE 2025 on an island, our main goal is to increase awareness of organ donation among citizens and healthcare professionals.

The DONARTE 2025 Organ Donation Awareness Program, combined with the Scientific Program, will focus on raising awareness about organ donation and encouraging informed decisions regarding post-mortem organ donation. The program will include various events, sport activities, an art exhibition, and involve school and university students, an artistic program, and social media campaigns. These initiatives are designed to educate the public and healthcare professionals about the importance of organ donation, the donation process, and the profound difference one donor can make.

We look forward to welcoming you to Italy for DONARTE 2025.

Anna Teresa Mazzeo

University of Messina, AOU Gaetano Martino, Messina, Italy

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CONGRESS VENUE

7-8 october 2025
Les Sables Noirs Hotel a Vulcano
Porto di Ponente, 98050 Vulcano (ME)

9 october 2025
Palacongressi A.O.U. Policlinico Gaetano Martino
Via Consolare Valeria, 1, 98124 Messina

Duration of lectures is 10 minutes. Discussion at the end of the session.

Tuesday, October 7th

08.00 - 08.30	Registration
08.45 - 09.00	Welcome by the Island Schools
09.00 - 09.15	Welcome address by Institutions Moderators: Deepak Gupta (India), Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina)
09.15 - 09.30	Extraordinary cases of pediatric donation to save more lives <i>Thomas Nakagawa (USA)</i> Nicholas Special lecture
09.30 - 09.45	Pregnancy with Traumatic Brain injury: Journey from saving 2 lives to saving multiple lives <i>Deepak Gupta (India)</i> Rolly Special lecture
09.45 - 10.00	Organ allocation: how to balance equity and benefit <i>Massimo Cardillo (Milano, Italy)</i>
10.00 - 11.00	Improving Organ Survival and Outcomes Moderators: Giovanni Raimondo (Messina), Giovanni Squadrito (Messina), Amit Sharma (USA)
10.00 - 10.10	The challenges of cadaveric organ donation in North India <i>Ajay Kumar Sharma (UK)</i>
10.20 - 10.30	Governance in solid organ transplantation <i>Roberto Cacciola (Messina, Italy)</i>
10.30 - 10.40	The Cost of Excellence: Understanding and Combating Burnout in Transplant Surgery. <i>Luca Toti (Rome, Italy)</i>
10.40 - 10.50	The journey of self-realization: Scaling the learning curve. <i>Harjinder Singh Bhatoe (India)</i>

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10.50 - 11.00	Discussion
10.00 - 11.00	The Schools meet the experts. Question Time
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 13.00	Are we doing enough to improve organ donor management in ICU? Moderators: Mathew Joseph (India), Ajay Kumar Sharma (UK)
11.30 - 11.40	Can we optimize organ donor management? <i>Mathew Joseph (India)</i>
11.40 - 11.50	Can we optimize ventilatory strategies in organ donor management? <i>Luciana Mascia (Lecce), Vito Fanelli (Torino)</i>
11.50 - 12.00	Continuous renal replacement therapy after brain death in organ donors. <i>Francesco Alessandri (Rome)</i>
12.00 - 12.10	Clinical strategies to reduce kidney discards and improve transplant access <i>Federica Giambò, Domenico Santoro (Messina)</i>
12.10 - 12.20	Defining and profiling secondary insults in severe acute neurological injury. <i>Enas Abdalla (Egypt)</i>
12.20 - 12.30	Pediatric out of hospital cardiac arrest and ROSC: journey through care, prognosis and ethics. <i>Gabriella Bottari (Rome)</i>
12.30 - 12.40	Rural Transplant and awareness programmes <i>Avinash Odugoudar (India)</i>
12.40 - 12.50	Beyond Tomorrow: The Next Frontier in Transplantation <i>Luca Toti (Rome, Italy)</i>
12.50 - 13.00	Discussion

13.00 - 14.00	Light Lunch
14.00 - 16.00	International gathering to promote new achievements and Health Care Sustainability <i>Moderators: Massimo Cardillo (Milano), Thomas Nakagawa (USA), Deepak Gupta (India)</i>
14.00 - 14.10	Consent in Context: Rethinking Opt-In and Opt-Out Systems through Ethics, Culture, and Public Trust <i>Iyer Shridhar (Singapore)</i>
14.10 - 14.20	What are the consequences of working in a country without brain death criteria? <i>Francesca Rubulotta (Catania, Italy)</i>
14.20 - 14.30	Bringing Organ Donation into Focus: nationwide community engagement efforts through the Live On Festival <i>Chow Yee Ling (Singapore)</i>
14.30 - 14.40	Updates on organ donation and transplantation in West Africa <i>Samuel Kaba (Ghana)</i>
14.40 - 14.50	Early experience with clinical and decedent xenotransplantation <i>Jeffrey Stern (USA)</i>
14.50 - 15.00	Implementing Sustainable ICU: Challenges and Opportunities <i>Vincenzo Francesco Tripodi (Messina)</i>
15.10 - 15.20	Establishing the first cadaveric organ donation and transplant program in Rural North Karnataka <i>Avinash Odugoudar (India), Ajay Kumar Sharma (UK)</i>
15.20 - 15.30	Organ Donation Education in India <i>Ashish Jain (India)</i>
15.30 - 15.40	Optimized organ donation procedures, operative logistics considerations <i>Jeffrey Stern (USA)</i>
15.40 - 15.50	Hyderabad Model of cadaveric organ donation <i>Chikkam Uma Maheshwara Rao (India)</i>

15.50 - 16.10	Discussion
16.10 - 17.00	Pillars of communication <i>Moderators: Giorgio Battaglia (CRT, Sicily), Daniela Di Stefano (Catania), Francesca Rubulotta (Catania)</i>
16.10 - 16.20	How to communicate in end-of-life care <i>Francesca Leonardi (Roma)</i>
16.20 - 16.30	Pursuit of Happiness - Lifestyle management for true holistic health <i>Mahesh Karandikar (India)</i>
16.30 - 16.40	"DARte, education space for donation and culture" <i>Ernesto Duarte (Mexico)</i>
16.40 - 17.00	Awards to Best Abstract Presentations and to Art exhibition <i>Moderators: Irene Cacciola (Messina), Iolanda Russo Menna (USA), Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina)</i>
20.30 - 22.00	Welcome Dinner

Wednesday, October 8th

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06.45 - 07.45	Sunrise Yoga Session in the beach <i>Mahesh Karandikar (India)</i>
09.00 - 10.00	Artificial Intelligence in end-of-life care and transplantation <i>Moderators: Eugenio Cucinotta (Messina), Roberto Cacciola (Messina)</i>
09.00 - 09.10	Will AI ever be ready to make end-of-life care decisions for us? <i>Francesco Alessandri (Roma)</i>
09.10 - 09.20	Transforming organ transplantation with Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and challenges. <i>Iolanda Russo Menna (Richmond, USA)</i>

09.20 - 09.30	How Artificial Intelligence and Liquid Biopsy interception is helping to boost the post-transplantation care <i>Natalia Malara (Catanzaro, Italy)</i>
09.30 - 09.40	How AI can be useful in transplant pathology <i>Maria Lentini (Messina)</i>
09.40 - 10.00	Discussion
10.00 - 11.00	Challenges in pediatric organ donation <i>Moderators: Thomas Nakagawa (USA), Carmelo Romeo (Messina), Deepak Gupta (India)</i>
10.00 - 10.10	Paediatric organ donation in the UK: What have we learnt in the past decade? <i>Lindsay Ford (Edinburgh, Scotland)</i>
10.10 - 10.20	Approaching families about organ donation from children <i>Thomas Nakagawa (USA)</i>
10.20 - 10.30	Anesthesia for pediatric liver transplantation <i>Gennaro Martucci (ISMETT, Palermo)</i>
10.30 - 10.40	Ethical Challenges in Pediatric Organ Donation <i>Gabriella Bottari (Roma)</i>
10.40 - 10.50	Understanding the landscape: Qualitative study to ascertain staff knowledge and opinions in paediatric organ donation in Scotland <i>Lindsay Ford (Edinburgh, Scotland)</i>
10.50 - 11.00	Discussion
10.00 - 11.00	The Schools meet the experts. Question Time
11.00 - 11.30	Coffe Break

11.30 - 13.20	The marginal donor and the future of perfusion machines. Cardiothoracic and Abdominal organs. Cardiothoracic <i>Moderators: Filippo Benedetto (Messina), Alberto Zanella (Milano), Giuseppe Magazzu' (Messina)</i>
11.30 - 11.40	EVLP: The role of inflammatory response <i>Vito Fanelli (Torino, Italy)</i>
11.40 - 11.50	How to ventilate, perfuse and evaluate the lungs during EVLP <i>Andrea Costamagna (Torino, Italy)</i>
11.50 - 12.00	Lung transplantation outcomes: the impact of donor and recipient match <i>Domenica Giunta, Alessandro Bertani (ISMETT, Palermo)</i>
12.00 - 12.10	ECMO and transplantation <i>Giovanna Panarello (ISMETT, Palermo)</i>
12.10 - 12.20	Heart Transplantation: the Ismett experience <i>Sergio Sciacca (ISMETT, Palermo)</i>
12.20 - 12.30	Discussion
12.30 - 13.30	Abdominal <i>Moderators: Giuseppe Navarra (Messina), Amit Sharma (USA)</i>
12.30 - 12.40	Abdominal organ transplant (Kidney & Liver) from the follow up of the candidate to anesthesiologist management during transplant <i>Gaetano Burgio (ISMETT, Palermo)</i>
12.40 - 12.50	Outcomes after robotic assisted kidney donation <i>Amit Sharma (USA)</i>
12.50 - 13.00	A Hub for Innovation: Abdominal Transplant Surgery at ISMETT, Sicily <i>Duilio Pagano (ISMETT, Palermo)</i>

13.00 - 13.10	Long-term recipient outcome for Deceased donor organ transplantation: experience from a single Organ Procurement area (ZTCC Mumbai), Surendra Kumar Mathur (India)
13.10 - 13.20	Living donor liver transplant: what should the age limit be for donors/recipients. Zachary Rollins (USA)
13.20 - 13.30	Discussion
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 - 15.10	DCD Moderators: Gaetano Burgio (ISMETT, Palermo), Alberto Noto (Messina), Ettore Panascia (Catania)
14.30 - 14.40	DCD donor criteria to selection and management of regional perfusion for thoracic and abdominal organs Gaetano Burgio (ISMETT Palermo)
14.40 - 14.50	DCD heart transplantation after a prolonged 'stand off' period: the Italian experience Massimo Boffini (Torino, Italy)
14.50 - 15.00	DCD Lung Alberto Zanella (Milano, Italy)
15.00 - 15.10	The first DCD donation in AOU G Martino of Messina: how the hospital got ready for it Enza La Monaca (Messina), Giuliana Mazzeo (Messina), Antonello Neri (Messina)
15.10 - 15.20	Discussion
15.20 - 16.20	The Family behind the Transplant Moderators: Antonio Scafidi (CRT, Sicily), Carmela Mento (Messina)
15.20 - 15.30	Looking after paediatric organ donors and their families: Case-based discussion of our Scottish experience Lindsay Ford (Scotland)

15.30 - 15.40	When families disagree with the medical team. The impact on organ donation Thomas Nakagawa (USA)
15.40 - 15.50	Organ Donation Beyond Altruism Mahesh Karandikar (India)
15.50 - 16.00	Affective temperament and choice orientation Carmela Mento (Messina)
16.00 - 16.10	The Head and Heart Connection: Building on Singapore's legislative framework with a comprehensive family approach training for healthcare professionals Chow Yee Ling (Singapore)
16.10 - 16.20	Discussion
16.20 - 17.00	Round Table. The Vulcano Recommendations to Increase Global Awareness in Organ Donation All the National and International Faculty

Thursday, October 9th

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08.00 - 08.30	Registration
08.45 - 09.40	The Role of University in organ donation and Transplantation
08.45 - 09.00	Institutional Welcome address by Authorities Moderators: Antonio David (Messina), Maria De Pasquale (Messina), Deepak Gupta (India), Vincenzo Fodale (Messina), Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina), Iolanda Russo Menna (USA)
09.00 - 09.15	The future of uncontrolled DCD Martí Manyalich (Spain), Remote
09.15 - 09.30	International cooperation programs or international perspective on Organ Donation and Transplantation Chloe Ballestè (Spain), Remote

09.30 - 09.45	Donor Advocate: Living Donor Protection <i>David Paredes (Spain), Remote</i>
09.45 - 10.00	The role of university students as ambassadors for organ donation <i>Gurch Randhawa (UK)</i>
10.00 - 10.10	Donation as a form of Art. Testimonials. <i>Antonella Mollisi, moglie del Maestro Arena (Messina)</i>
10.10 - 10.20	The role of organ donation. The life with a new organ. Waiting for a new organ <i>Agostino Mallamace (Messina), Gaetano Mannana (Messina)</i>
10.20 - 10.30	Donando El Futuro <i>Ernesto Duarte (Mexico)</i>
10.30 - 10.40	Aiming at uniformity in Mediterranean and across the Ocean Universities. The Mediterranean Universities Cruise Project on Organ Donation and Transplantation. <i>Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina)</i>
10.40 - 11.00	Coffe Break
11.00 - 13.30	Workshops (30 min each) Coordinators: <i>Vincenzo Tripodi (Messina), Salvatore Micalizzi (Messina), Giuliana Mazzeo (Messina), Silvana Currò (Messina), Tiziana De Salvo (Messina), Raouf Mastan (India), Luigi Fusto (Messina)</i>
11.30 - 12.00	Room 1- ICP Monitoring in acute neurological injuries <i>Domenico d'Avella (Padova), Flavio Angileri (Messina), Deepak Gupta (India), Olivia Penna (Messina), Antonio Amato (Messina), Antonello Neri (Messina), Raffaella Mallamace (Messina), Alessia Bartolotta (Messina)</i>
11.30 - 12.00	Room 2- Vascular accesses <i>Massimiliano Giardina, Giuliana Mazzeo, Enza La Monaca, Silvana Currò, Giusto Sabrina, Foti Maria Teresa, Sorrenti Francesco, Amato Giovanni (Messina)</i>

12.00 - 12.30	Room 1- The role of Osmometry in ICU <i>Giuseppe Umana (Catania, Italy), Pasquale Capua (Messina), Alessandro Franzè (Messina)</i>
12.00 - 12.30	Room 2- Gas-analysis for organ maintenance <i>Alessandro Conti (Catania), Federica Scavonetto (Catania), Sergio Maimone (Messina)</i>
12.00 - 12.30	Room 3- Patient Blood Management <i>Vincenzo Tripodi (Messina), Federica Vita (Messina), Pasquale Vazzana (Messina), Maria Galletta (Messina), Ernesto Trimarchi (Messina)</i>
12.30 - 13.00	Room 1- Management of In-Flight Medical Emergencies <i>Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina), Deepak Gupta (India)</i>
12.30 - 13.00	Room 2-Communication <i>Valentina Botta (CEFPAS), Vincenzo Fodale (Messina), Francesco Puliatti (Messina), Luigi Cardia (Messina), Ilenia Bonanno (Catania)</i>
12.30 - 13.00	Room 3-VAD and MCS as a bridge to transplant <i>Giuseppe Arena (ISMETT), Antonio Micari (Messina), Francesco Patanè (Messina), Francesco Saporito (Messina), Antonio Amato (Messina), Giampiero Vizzari (Messina), Mariacristina Vadalà (Messina), Chiara Gaia Miliano (Palermo), Giuseppe Insalaco (Palermo), Giulia Lombardo (Palermo)</i>
13.00 - 14.00	Free Lunch
14.00 - 17.00	Satellite Event ATOD. ATTITUDE TOWARDS ORGAN DONATION. EDUCATIONAL MEETING FOR PROSPECTIVE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. Students of the 3 Schools of Medicine and Surgery and Students of School of Nursing. Event Coordinators: <i>Roberto Cacciola (Messina), Francesca Leonardis (Roma), Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina)</i> Coordinators of Schools of Medicine and School of Nursing: <i>Irene Cacciola, Daniela Caccamo, Giuseppina Rizzo, Concetta Crisafulli</i>

Testimonials
17.00 - 17.30

Cecilia De Gaetano, mamma di Martina
Awards for organ donation and transplantation and Closing Remarks
Anna Teresa Mazzeo (Messina), Deepak Gupta (India)

DONARTE 2025 Organ Donation Awareness Program is combined with the Scientific Program and is focused on increasing awareness of organ donation and encouraging people to make an informed decision about donating their organs after death. The program is marked by various events, sport activities, art exhibition, involvement of school and University Students, artistic program and social media campaigns designed to inform the public and health care professionals about the importance of organ donation, how the organ donation process works, and the powerful difference that one donor can make.

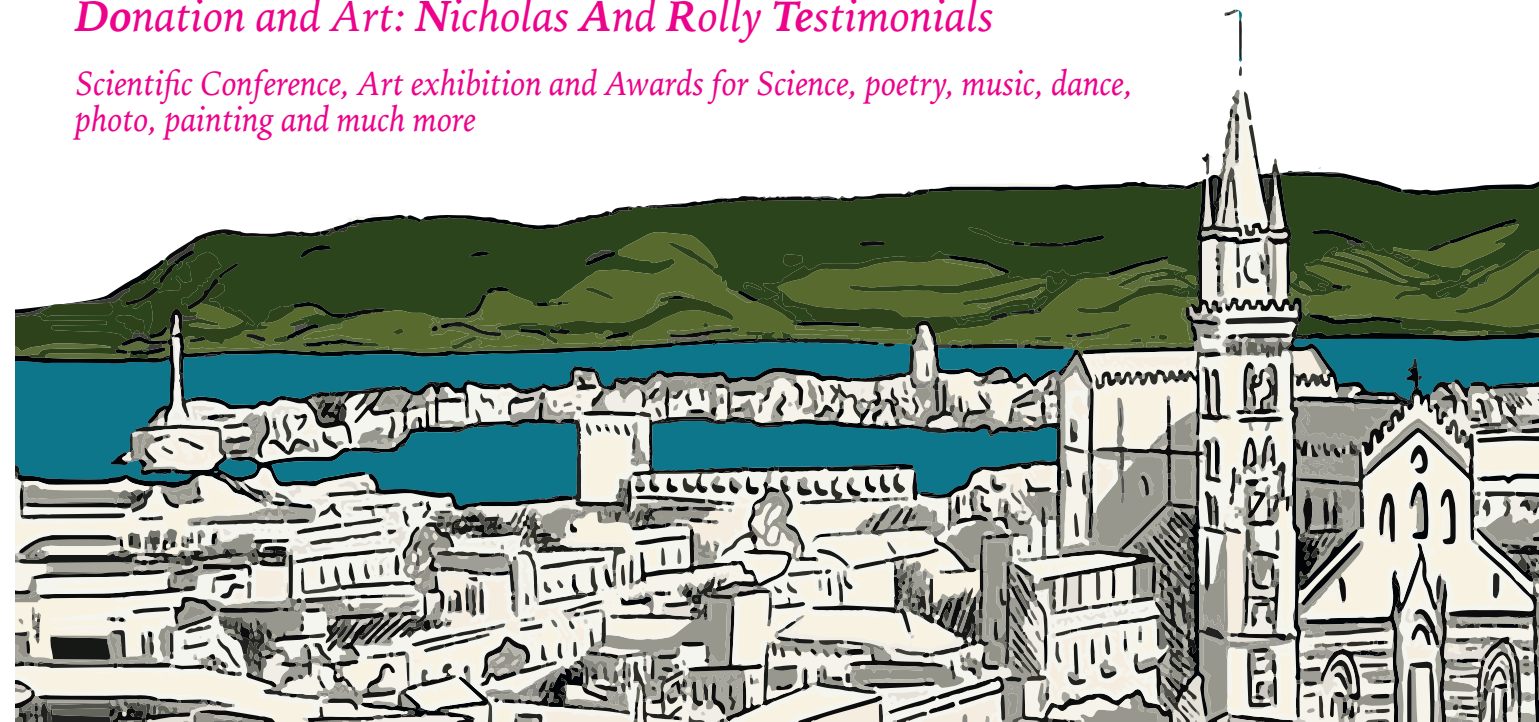


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