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### The EBMT launches the first International Transplant Course

**Barcelona, 09 June 2016 - The 1<sup>st</sup> International Transplant Course (ITC) organised by the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT) will take place from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 in Barcelona, Spain. This three-day course is meant to target mainly young stem cell transplant physicians.**

This event is being carefully organised by a team of the EBMT and a panel of specialists in the field of Bone Marrow Transplant. This original cutting-edge program includes sessions that will cover blood diseases-related topics such as: acute myeloid leukaemia; Myelodysplastic–myeloproliferative diseases, acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, myeloma, hemoglobinopathies, severe aplastic anaemia and bone marrow failures, rare complications. The programme also tackles topics such as immune biology and graft engineering (cellular therapy, CAR T-Cells, donor lymphocyte infusion, immunomodulation; HLA principles; haematopoietic stem cell transplantation; infection management; graft-versus-host disease.

Professor Mohamad Mohty, President of the EBMT and head of the Haematology department at the Saint-Antoine hospital in Paris highlights that: "The objective of this course fulfills the EBMT's mission that is to disseminate knowledge and advance the field of stem cell transplantation and cellular therapy. The ITC represents a great addition to our educational courses portfolio and a new opportunity for exchanging experiences and learning from each other."

Young physicians will have the opportunity to feature their work by presenting clinical case reports. Sixteen reports will be presented in total to illustrate the seminal lectures. The EBMT-ITC is part of a broader initiative, which will encompass the launch of a specific high level "EBMT stem cell transplant physician curriculum" (ESCTC). Professor Mohty explains: "This project is currently under construction. Our goal is to prepare the next generation of leaders and experts in the field. This EBMT curriculum will rapidly become a key feature of EBMT achievements as part of our commitment towards delivering state of the art care for our patients."

For more information about this event, please visit the website:

<https://ebmt.stagehq.com/events/3683>

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#### **About the European society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT)**

The EBMT is a not-for-profit medical and scientific organisation established in 1974. It is dedicated to fighting life-threatening blood cancers and diseases and improving patients' lives. The EBMT Members - more than 4,000 physicians, nurses, scientists and other healthcare professionals - participate in a unique collaborative network of peers involved in haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) and cellular therapy research. The membership encompasses at least 600 centres who are performing or are involved in HSCT in more than 60 countries. The EBMT holds a central role in performing co-operative studies and disseminating state-of-the-art knowledge aimed at increasing survival rates and enhancing the quality of life of patients with life-threatening blood cancers and diseases.

For further information about the EBMT, please visit the website: [www.ebmt.org](http://www.ebmt.org) and follow us on Twitter: @TheEBMT

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