



## **The American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics**

The American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) is a not-for-profit association of clinical and research professionals including immunologists, geneticists, molecular biologists, transplant physicians and surgeons, pathologists and technologists. As a professional society involved in histocompatibility, immunogenetics and transplantation, ASHI is dedicated to advancing the science and application of histocompatibility and immunogenetics; providing a forum for the exchange of information; and advocating the highest standards of laboratory testing in the interest of optimal patient care.

### **PROFILE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

With more than 1,000 members in 33 countries, the ASHI membership includes immunologists, geneticists, molecular biologists, transplant physicians and surgeons, pathologists, and technologists. The vast majority of these individuals are active in transplantation medicine. ASHI is a member of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and has liaisons with several other scientific and medical organizations including the College of American Pathologists, American Association of Blood Banks, American Association of Tissue Banks, American Society of Human Genetics, the National Marrow Donor Program, American Board of Transplant Coordinators, North American Transplant Coordinators Organization, American Society of Transplant Physicians, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, and the American Board of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics is an international society of professionals dedicated to advancing the science, education and application of immunogenetics and transplant immunology.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

ASHI is the foremost authority and leading educational resource in immunogenetics and histocompatibility. Its vision is to improve the quality of human life and health through the translation and implementation of scientific innovations to clinical practice.

### **INITIATIVES**

Founded in 1974 as a 501(c)(3) organization, ASHI plays a pivotal role in education and exchange of scientific knowledge. As a professional society, ASHI is dedicated to improving the condition of patients by advancing the development and application of its relevant scientific disciplines, providing forums for the education of its members and the exchange of new information, and advocating the highest standards of laboratory testing in the interest of optimal patient care. ASHI is the only organization that represents the bridge between organ donors and recipients. Through organizations such as ASHI, professionals in the field of transplantation are

always learning the latest techniques and scientific advances. ASHI continuously provides educational programs that highlight its role in bridging the gap between basic science and clinical practice and the histocompatibility laboratory's evolving role as an integral member of the clinical transplant team. With this knowledge and skill, transplant surgeons, physicians, coordinators, laboratory personnel and organ procurement coordinators all act as influential players of a team to provide the highest standard of care possible for transplant patients. No transplant surgeon, physician, coordinator, laboratory technologist or organ procurement coordinator can work independently of the others.

Educational opportunities include the Annual Meeting, regional educational workshops, ASHI University, and the International Summer School on Immunogenetics.

Current membership benefits include:

- Subscription to ASHI Quarterly, the President's Newsletter, and access to the on-line Membership Directory
- Eligibility for CE credits from the ASHI Quarterly quiz free of charge
- Discounted registration fees for ASHI's Annual Meeting and regional education workshops
- Free access to ASHI University, a Web-based text and video curriculum providing comprehensive standardized information on topics relevant to the fields of histocompatibility and immunogenetics

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- *Human Immunology* accepts contributions of original work in the field of immunogenetics. The journal is published 12 times a year by Elsevier Science. Full text articles are available online for ASHI members
- The *ASHI Laboratory Procedure Manual* provides current protocols for test procedures, quality control and quality assurance practices
- *ASHI Quarterly* contains news and information of interest to the membership

In addition, ASHI publishes patient information brochures describing the role of histocompatibility testing in solid organ and bone marrow transplantation; and sponsors the publication of books detailing investigation of the Major Histocompatibility Complex and the study of immunogenetics.

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