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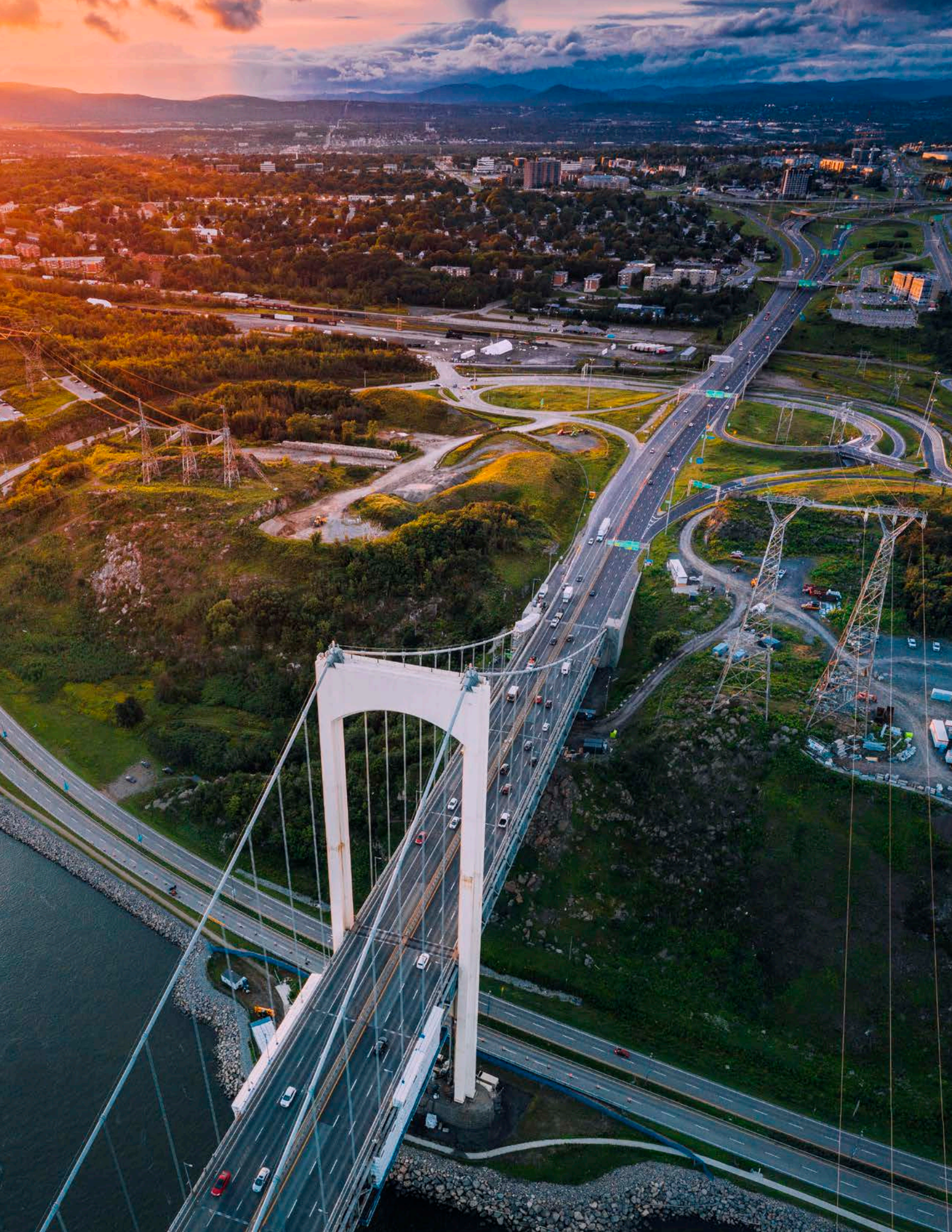
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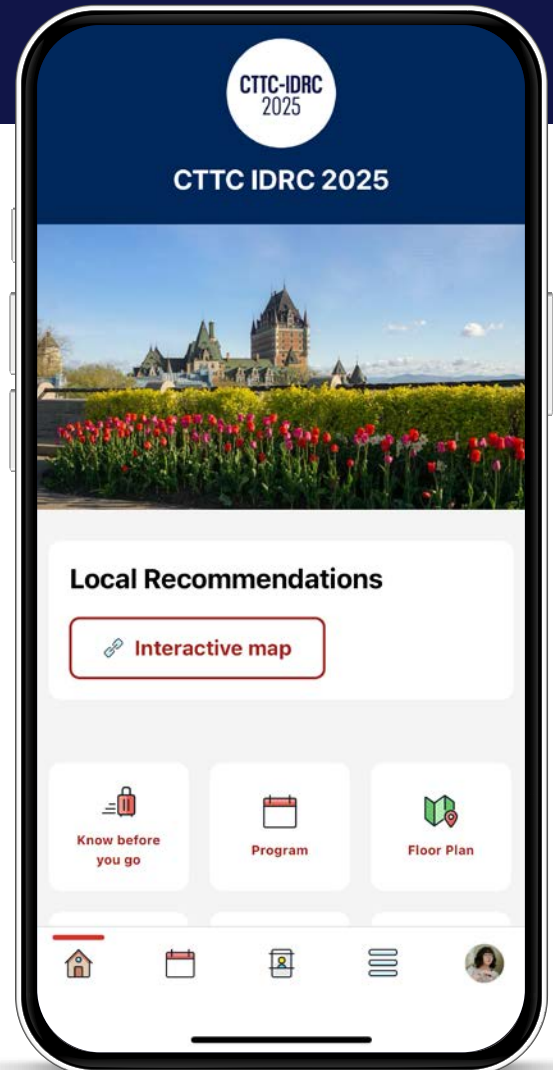
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GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Registration is located in **Foyer 2**.

REGISTRATION HOURS:

Sunday, May 18: 15:00 – 17:00

Monday, May 19: 7:00 – 16:00

Tuesday, May 20: 7:00 – 16:30

Wednesday, May 21: 6:30 – 16:00

Thursday, May 22: 6:30 – 15:30

SPEAKER SERVICES

Speaker Services is located in **201A**.

All speakers are asked to visit **Speaker Services** to review their slides and upload their presentation via USB. Please visit Speaker Services at least 24 hours before your presentation time (or as soon as you arrive on-site), to ensure your presentation is loaded onto the system and ready for your session start time.

SPEAKER SERVICES HOURS:

Monday, May 19: 7:00 – 16:00

Tuesday, May 20: 7:00 – 16:30

Wednesday, May 21: 6:30 – 16:00

Thursday, May 22: 6:30 – 15:30

EXHIBIT HALL

The Exhibit Hall is located in **200C**.

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS:

Tuesday, May 20: 13:00 – 16:30

Wednesday, May 21: 9:00 – 18:45

Thursday, May 22: 9:00 – 15:30

POSTER ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

The poster presentation hour is taking place Wednesday, May 21, from 17:30 to 18:45 in the Exhibit Hall (Room 200C), as a part of the Networking and Poster Reception.

Delegates are invited to network with poster presenters during this hour.

Poster Installation: Tuesday May 20: 13:00 – 16:30

Poster Take-Down: Thursday May 22: 15:00 – 16:00

Poster presenters are asked to ensure their poster is put up during the installation time and taken down during the tear-down times. Posters not taken down during tear-down times will be removed and disposed of by staff.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

SOCIAL EVENTS INFORMATION

Sugar Shack Experience at l'Île d'Orléans

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 18:30 onwards
(shuttle at 18:00, dinner at 18:30)

Relais des pins

2013, chemin Royal, Sainte-Famille (Québec) GOA 3P0

IDRC only. Free event (spaces are full).

Dress code: Casual.

Transportation: Shuttles will leave the Convention Centre at 18:00 and begin returning to the Convention Centre after dinner (21:30 – 22:00 – 23:00). Delegates are asked to meet at the Convention Centre main entrance (1000, boulevard René Lévesque Est) for shuttle service.

Gala Dinner at the Museum

Thursday, May 22, 2025 – 18:00 onwards
(shuttle at 17:30, cocktail at 18:00, dinner at 19:00)

Musée de la civilisation

85, rue Dalhousie, Québec (Québec) G1K 8R2

Registration: Preregistration is required as space is limited.

Dress code: Semi-formal attire.

Transportation: Transportation is available to bring delegates to and from the social event venue. Delegates are welcome to take the shuttle or make their own transportation arrangements. The venue is within 25 minutes walking distance from the Convention Centre. Shuttles will begin at 17:30 and begin returning to the Convention Centre after dinner. Delegates are asked to meet at the Convention Centre main entrance (1000, boulevard René Lévesque Est) for shuttle service.

ACCREDITATION

This activity is accredited by the Office for Continuing Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, McGill University, which is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Education (CACME) of which the Collège des médecins du Québec (CMQ) is a partner.

This Group Learning program meets the accreditation criteria as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and has been approved for up to 9.75 MOC Section 1 credits/hours.

Through an agreement between the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American Medical Association, physicians may convert Royal College MOC credits to AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Information on the process to convert Royal College MOC credit to AMA credit can be found at www.ama-assn.org/go/internationalcme

PRE-CONFERENCE DAY 1 – MONDAY, 19 MAY 2025



TIME	SESSION	ROOM	REGISTRATION	DESCRIPTION
08:00 – 11:00	Match-Connect Implementation Workshop	205C	Open to all	This interactive workshop promises to bring the abstract concepts of API communication to life through clear visualisation of the registry-to-registry communication solution.
	Donor Selection Workshop	205A	Pre-registration required*	Enhance your expertise in selecting the best donors for transplantation.
08:00 – 12:00	Medical Committee Meeting: Advancing Donor Well-Being	203	Open to all	At this meeting we will review donor mental health survey outcomes, explore a new project on the use of plerixafor in healthy donors and begin work on developing an updated statement on subsequent donations. These discussions contribute to ongoing efforts to provide international guidance on the medical and ethical aspects of HPC, marrow, and blood cell donation.
	FACT – WMDA Quality Standards & Regulatory Workshop (all day)	202	Pre-registration Required*	This workshop focuses on driving excellence in Cellular Therapy Programs and will include information on accreditation, certification, audits, deviation management, transport incidents and traceability, deficiency correction, and maintaining compliance.
09:00 – 12:00	Donor Recruitment & Retention Committee Workshop	205B	Open to all	Passionate about expanding the donor pool and keeping donors engaged? Our committee focuses on innovative strategies to recruit new donors and ensure long-term commitment. Collaborate with experts and share best practices.
10:00 – 10:30	HEALTH BREAK			CORRIDOR 204

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PRE-CONFERENCE DAY 1 – MONDAY, 19 MAY 2025

TIME	SESSION	ROOM	REGISTRATION	DESCRIPTION
9:30 – 14:30	Patient, Family and Caregiver Session – Stem Cell Donation, Transplantation and CAR-T	204	Open to all Pre-registration requested*	An educational session for patients, caregivers and healthcare providers, on donor considerations, CAR-T therapy, non-cancer indications for transplant, and graft-versus-host disease (GvHD).
11:00 – 12:00	Match-Connect Steering Committee Meeting	205C	By invitation only	Closed committee meeting to review member feedback and align on next steps.
	Donor Work-up Coordination Workshop	205A	Open to all	Join this session and collaborate with other members towards a standardised donor work-up process for future automation opportunities through Match-Connect.
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH BREAK			FOYER 2
13:00 – 14:00	Match-Connect Security Compliance Panel Discussion	205C	Open to all	Join this session to learn how WMDA and its members intend to secure your data in transit based on international standards such as ISO and GDPR.
13:00 – 14:30	Data Dictionary and Data Quality Committee Meeting	205B	Open to all	Accurate and standardised data is key to successful donor searches and transplants. Join our Data Dictionary & Data Quality initiatives to improve consistency.
13:00 – 15:00	Donor Work-up Coordination Workshop – Continued	205A	Open to all	Join this session and collaborate with other members towards a standardised donor work-up process for future automation opportunities through Match-Connect.
13:00 – 17:00	Cell & Gene Therapy Committee Round Table	203	Open to all	The WMDA Cell & Gene Therapy Committee is shaping the next era of innovative treatments, and we want YOU to be part of the conversation!
	FACT-WMDA Quality Standards & Regulatory Workshop – Continued	202	Pre-registration required*	Workshop on driving excellence in Cellular Therapy Programs.
14:00 – 15:00	Security & Privacy Committee Meeting	205C	Closed session	Closed committee meeting to plan the implementation and long-term sustainability of the compliance programme.
14:30 – 15:00	HEALTH BREAK			CORRIDOR 204
15:00 – 17:00	Nursing Professional Development Session	204	Open to all	This Hematology Nursing session will discuss: – Malignant Hematology Nursing: How to keep loving what you are doing! – Hand in hand: HSC Coordination and the HSCT Donor Journey
	Registry Operations & Regulation Committee Meeting	205A	Open to all	This committee focuses on optimizing operational processes, ensuring regulatory compliance, and enhancing global collaboration.
15:30 – 17:00	Asia-Pacific Registries Meeting	205C	Open to all	All WMDA Asian-Pacific Registries are invited to join this get-together.

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PRE-CONFERENCE DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025

TIME	SESSION	ROOM	REGISTRATION	DESCRIPTION
08:00 – 10:00	WMDA Standards Committee	203	Closed session	Committee meeting to work towards the development of the new WMDA Standards.
08:00 – 10:30	WMDA SPEAR Committee Meeting	205C	Closed session	Closed committee meeting to discuss adverse events and reactions reported to WMDA.
08:00 – 12:00	Gene Therapy for Hemoglobinopathies Collaboration Meeting	201C	By invitation only	Closed collaboration meeting to plan the implementation and long-term sustainability of gene therapies in Canada.
	Bio-Informatics & Innovation Committee Meeting	205B	Open to all	Data drives better matches! Join our Bio-Informatics & Innovation Committee to enhance data analysis, improve donor matching algorithms, and develop the most relevant haplotype frequencies.
08:00 – 15:30	Laboratory Workshop (offsite at Hema-Quebec)	Offsite	Pre-registration required*	Discussion will focus on preparing the laboratory for more than minimal manipulation processing. Bus departs at 07:30 from QCCC.
08:30 – 10:30	Discussion on Inclusive Practices for Safe and Equitable Donor Assessment	205A	Open to all	Join the conversation on optimizing the recruitment, verification typing and workup of donors from vulnerable populations and to overcome structural barriers to donation. Aimed at harmonizing global practices for donor assessments, and concurrently advance health equity and donation safety for patients and donors, we will use this meeting to discuss the development of WMDA recommendations on inclusive practices for safe and equitable donor assessments.
09:00 – 12:00	Workshop for CEOs of WMDA Member Registries	202	By invitation only	What should we be preparing for now, to ensure the success and resilience of the global transplant registry community over the next 30 years?
	Pharmacy & Advanced Practitioners Session	204	Open to all	A session including: a pharmacy-focused talk, joint talks on outpatient care and off-label medication use, and an AP-focused GvHD talk.
10:15 – 12:00	Ask Your Questions to the WMDA Certification Body	203	Open to all	Interactive session where you can directly connect with representatives from the WMDA Certification Body. Get answers to all your questions regarding certification processes, requirements, and best practices. Whether your organisation is new to certification, already certified, or a WMDA reviewer or aspiring to become one, this session will offer valuable insight and clarity on the certification journey.
10:30 – 11:00	HEALTH BREAK			FOYER 2
11:00 – 12:00	Open Discussion: Serious Events in Stem Cell Donation – Insights, Best Practices & Lessons from WMDA's Biovigilance Service: SPEAR	205C	Open to all	Join our open session to explore serious incidents in stem cell donation. Gain insight into 2024 reported cases, discuss notable case studies, and continue conversations on tools to improve reporting quality and ease.
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH BREAK			FOYER 2

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PRE-CONFERENCE DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025

TIME	SESSION	ROOM	REGISTRATION	DESCRIPTION
13:00 – 14:45	WMDA Reviewers Training	203	Open to all	Ready to play a key role in WMDA Certification Programme? The WMDA Reviewers Training will enhance your skills and knowledge. Engage with experts, learn from each other, and work together to make an impact on patients and donors.
13:00 – 16:00	101 Educational Session for Healthcare Professionals	204	Open to all Pre-registration required*	This session will cover: Donor-focused case studies – Dr. Tommy Alfaro-Moya, Dr. Joerg Krueger CAR T-Cell Therapy for Multiple Myeloma – Dr. Sita Bhella, Steve and Suzanne Romanowitch Making the Match: Understanding Search Algorithms and Optimising Donor Search Report – Dr. Valerie Stewart, Alicia Venter Hematopoietic Stem Cell Mobilization in Donors: Safety and Efficacy Considerations – Dr. Matthew Seftel
	Cord Blood Operations Committee Meeting	205A	Open to all	Efficient cord blood banking saves lives! Join our Cord Blood Operations discussions to streamline logistics and explore innovative concepts.
13:00 – 16:30	Workshop for CEOs of WMDA Member Registries – Continued	202	By invitation only	What should we be preparing for now, to ensure the success and resilience of the global transplant registry community over the next 30 years?
	Donor Medical Suitability Committee Meeting	205C	Open to all	Join us for an important discussion aimed at refining the criteria for donor suitability. As physicians, your insights are crucial in establishing guidelines.
	Bio-Informatics & Innovation Committee Meeting – Continued	205B	Open to all	Data drives better matches! Join our Bio-Informatics & Innovation Committee to enhance data analysis, improve donor matching algorithms, and develop the most relevant haplotype frequencies.
14:30 – 15:00	HEALTH BREAK			EXHIBIT HALL 200C
14:45 – 16:15	CTTC Board of Directors Meeting	201C	Closed meeting	
14:45 – 16:30	Match-Connect User Group Meeting	203	Open to all	Join this session to learn about the most recent developments in Match-Connect and get the opportunity to voice your opinion on future changes.
16:30 – 17:30	Welcome Symposium 1: The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Strategy, Efficiency, Communication CME credit: 0.75	200A	Open to all Start of the main conference	Welcome message from the Conference Planning Committee Co-chairs AI/ML Applications for Donor Registries and Transplant Research: NMDP/CIBMTR – Dr. Yung-tsi Bolon Investigating the Role of Genetic and Environmental Factors on the T-cell Receptor Repertoire Composition in the Context of Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant – Dr. Assya Trofimov Moderator: Dr. Maude Dumont-Lagacé
18:00 – 23:00	OFF-SITE SOCIAL EVENT – SUGAR SHACK (WMDA DELEGATES ONLY) Pre-Registration required*			

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CONFERENCE DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025

TIME	SESSION	ROOM	DESCRIPTION
7:00 – 8:30	BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM		ROOM 200B
8:30 – 9:30	Symposium 2: Hans Messner Lectureship CME credit: 0.75	200A	Welcome presentations by the leaders of CTTC, Héma-Québec, and WMDA Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation for Children with ALL: The FORUM Concept – Dr. Christina Peters Moderator: Dr. Wilson Lam
9:30 – 10:30 Concurrent Session	Symposium 3A: Prevention and Treatment of Acute GvHD CME credit: 1.00	200A	Treg Engineered Donor Products in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation to Prevent GvHD and Improve Immune Tolerance – Dr. Everett Meyer Acute GvHD: Hope, Achievement, and Challenges – Dr. Sylvie Lachance Moderator: Dr. Imran Ahmad
	Symposium 3B: Donor Registry Developments CME credit: 1.00	200B	Cell and Gene Therapies: Development Opportunities for Registries – Nicola Alderson Challenges Facing Registries: Long-Term Stability and Strategies for the Future – Dr. Sergi Querol Moderators: Dr. Oliver Kürsteiner, Dr. Sigal Manor
10:30 – 11:00	HEALTH BREAK		EXHIBIT HALL 200C
11:00 – 12:15	Symposium 4: Till & McCulloch Lectureship & CTTC Research Award Reports CME credit: 1.25	200A	Cellular Therapy Strategies to Increase Anti-Leukemia Activity and Overcome GvHD – Dr. Denis-Claude Roy Utility of Circulating Tumour DNA in Lymphoma Patients Treated with CD19 CAR-T Cells – Dr. Kevin Hay Quality of Life and Comorbidities of Adult Survivors of Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplant versus their Siblings – Dr. Kareem Jamani Moderator: Dr. Kylie Lepic
12:15 – 13:45	LUNCH SYMPOSIUM		ROOM 200B
13:45 – 15:15	Symposium 5: Health Equity, Ethical Considerations, and Patient Access in Cell Therapy CME credit: 1.50	200A	Considering Patient and Donor Intersectionality in Allogeneic Transplantation – Dr. Warren Fingrut Sustaining Access to Promising Academic Cell and Gene Therapy Products – Dr. Rebecca Gardner Removing Barriers to Transplantation Using Mismatched Unrelated Donors – Dr. Steve Devine Moderator: Dr. Mélanie Dieudé
15:15 – 15:45	HEALTH BREAK		EXHIBIT HALL 200C
15:45 – 17:15 Concurrent Session	Symposium 6A: Novel Immune Effector Cell Therapies CME credit: 1.50	200A	CAR T-Cells for the Treatment of T Cells Leukemias – Dr. Waseem Qasim CD3 ⁺ CD4 ⁻ CD8 ⁻ Double-Negative T Cells: A Novel Adjuvant Therapy for the Holy Grail of Allo-HSCT – Dr. Jongbok Lee Moderator: Dr. Mona Shafey
	Symposium 6B: Innovation in Cell Therapy Products and Services CME credit: 1.50	200B	Epigenetic Rejuvenation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells for Better Transplants – Dr. Elisa Tomellini The Expanding Role of the Blood Services in the Provision of ATMP – Dr. Allison Waters Moderators: Dr. David Allan, Dr. Sergi Querol
17:15 – 18:45	NETWORKING RECEPTION & POSTER PRESENTATIONS		EXHIBIT HALL 200C

CONFERENCE DAY 2 – THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2025

TIME	SESSION	ROOM	DESCRIPTION
7:00 – 8:30	BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM		ROOM 200B
8:30 – 9:30	Symposium 7: Shirley Nolan Lecture	200A	An Important ABC for HSC Donor Registries – Dr. Carlheinz Müller Moderator: Henny Braund
9:30 – 10:45 Concurrent Session	WMDA General Membership Meeting	200A	Restricted to WMDA members
	CTTC Annual General Meeting	200B	All are welcome to observe; only registered CTTC members can participate in official business
10:45 – 11:15	HEALTH BREAK		EXHIBIT HALL 200C
11:15 – 12:15 Concurrent Session	Oral Abstract Presentations	200A	CME credit: 1.00
	Development and implementation of an awareness campaign to attract young donors for the Swiss registry – Franziska Kellenberger Spanish bone marrow donor registry: How big is enough? – Dr. Sergi Querol Acceleration of VTs by automating the processes of donor verification typing at DKMS laboratory – Carolin Schwarz Inclusive Practices for Safe and Equitable Donor Assessment – Dr. Warren Fingrut		
	Oral Abstract Presentations	200B	CME credit: 1.00
	Collaborative development of structured support pathways for patient partners in cellular therapy – Dr. Karine Bilodeau Re-envisioning the autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplant as an immunotherapeutic tool – Cora Geiger Matched Unrelated Donor Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation: Increased Usage and Improvements in Clinical Outcomes in Canada – Dr. Matthew Seftel Results of a Phase I/II Study of EBV-Specific T Cells for the Treatment of EBV Reactivation and EBV-Related Lymphoproliferative Disorders – Dr. Lorne Schweitzer		
12:15 – 13:45	LUNCH SYMPOSIUM		ROOM 200B
14:00 – 15:00 Concurrent Session	Symposium 8A: Gene Therapy for Hemoglobinopathies – Understanding and Addressing Barriers CME credit: 1.00	200A	Implementation of First CRISPR Gene Therapy for Hemoglobinopathies in Canada – Dr. Rajat Kumar Summary from 2024 National Hemoglobinopathy and Stem Cell Transplant Experts Meeting – Dr. Tanya Petraszko CTTC Hemoglobinopathies Working Committee and CanHaem Partnerships – Dr. Gregory Guilcher Moderator: Dr. Nancy Robitaille
	Symposium 8B: Innovative Donor Outreach and Engagement Strategies CME credit: 1.00	200B	Using New Technologies and Digital Media to Attract New Donors – Patrice Lavoie Ghosted by Gen Z? Wins & Fails in Donor Recruitment – Mai Duong Moderators: Catherine Viau, Dr. Marti Freund
15:00 – 15:30	HEALTH BREAK		EXHIBIT HALL 200C
15:30 – 16:30	Symposium 9: Debate: Choosing the Optimal Donor CME credit: 1.00	200A	Cord Blood: The Untold Advantage – Because the Youngest Donor is Better – Dr. Sandra Cohen Haplo and Related: Choosing the Best Donor – Dr. Joerg Krueger Moderator: Dr. Christopher Lemieux
17:30 – 18:00	SHUTTLE SERVICE		
18:00 – 23:00	OFF-SITE SOCIAL EVENT – GALA DINNER, MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION Pre-Registration required*		

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