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**Invitation to Press Conference in Berlin on Oct. 5, 2009:  
Transplant physicians from all over the world have their first meeting in  
Germany**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Although transplant medicine is making dramatic progress worldwide, there is only slow progress for patients on the waiting lists for a new organ. Many of them hope in vain or wait for years before they get a donor organ. No country has yet succeeded in closing the gap between the demand for transplant organs and the supply of donor organs.

The effects of the worldwide shortage of donor organs and the promotion of organ donation will be key topics at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Organ Donation Congress of the International Society for Organ Donation and Procurement (ISODP) to be held in Berlin from October 5 to 7, 2009. Participants will also discuss critical issues such as organ trafficking and transplant tourism.

The congress is hosted by the Deutsche Stiftung Organtransplantation (DSO) in cooperation with the Transplantation Society (TTS), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the European Transplant Coordinators Organization (ETCO).

If you are interested in information about the congress and its main topics or organ donation in general, come to our press conference on

**Monday, October 5, 2009 at 1:00 pm  
Berliner Congress Center (BCC)  
Room A 04  
Alexanderstraße 11, 10178 Berlin, Germany**

The following persons will be available for discussion: **Prof. Dr. Günter Kirste**, DSO Chief Medical Officer; **Howard M. Nathan**, President of ISODP; **Dr. Luc Noel**, WHO Clinical Procedure Coordinator; **Prof. Dr. Jeremy Chapman**, President of TTS; **Prof. Dr. Francis L. Delmonico**, TTS Director of Medical Affairs; **Prof. Dr. Rui Maio**, President of ETCO; and **Liz Schick**, who is living with a donated liver.

Afterwards, you can attend the press conference of the Transplantation Tree of Life Academy (2:00 pm).

We also cordially invite you to celebrate with us "25 Years of DSO Commitment to Organ Donation" on October 7, 2009 at 4:00 pm (also at BCC).

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our press conference. Please return the attached fax form by October 2, 2009 if you accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,

DEUTSCHE STIFTUNG  
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Handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Birgit Blome & Nadine Körner".

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