

Email van WTGF

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Dear Country Representatives and Team Managers

We write to provide you with an update regarding the staging of the World Transplant Games in Mar del Plata in August.

Firstly, we thank you for your patience in waiting for information regarding the Games, including the cost and registration process. The WTGF has been working extremely hard on your behalf over the past two years to help the Local Organising Committee to make the Games successful.

Originally the Agreement for these Games was between the WTGF and ADETRA, the transplant association in Argentina and the Mayor and the City of Mar del Plata. Late last year, after a period of inactivity, the Argentinean Government stepped in to run the Games.

The injection of the Government into the Games has altered the usual arrangements, in particular, the registration system which is provided by the WTGF for use by the LOC. The LOC has developed its own registration system for use for these Games. Every World Transplant Games is different and these Games will be no exception. Any questions on registration or on any other matters regarding the Games should be directed to the LOC's email address [inscripciones@trasplantados2015.gob.ar](mailto:inscripciones@trasplantados2015.gob.ar) we are confident that you will receive a timely response. As we are dealing with a national government we are quietly confident that the Games will be well organized and successful.

We also know at the grassroots level there is a team of passionate people who have been to previous World Transplant Games and have been working hard to make these Games - the first for South America - a great success. We have also recently been told by the LOC that a senior transplant physician, Dr. Pablo Barros Scheloto, medical specialist in transplantation, has been appointed by the Ministry of Health to oversee medical arrangements. This of course is not a negotiable point for the Federation.

Your safety is our number one priority, and we will continue to insist on adequate medical and security arrangements for these Games. The Federation has been striving to ensure conformity by the LOC to the agreement, but the government plans to stage these Games in their own unique Argentinean way. We will continue to be available to the LOC and to work with them to make the Games a success.

The LOC has opened their registration system and has provided information directly to teams. If you did not receive this information or if you have questions regarding it, please contact the LOC at [inscripciones@trasplantados2015.gob.ar](mailto:inscripciones@trasplantados2015.gob.ar)

We encourage everyone to review the information from the LOC and attend the Games if possible.

Sincerely,  
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WTGF President