

CTSE DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT GLOBAL FORUM IN SEOUL



Kevin A. Myer, M.S.H.A., business director of UNOS' Center for Transplant System Excellence (CTSE), was invited by the Korea Organ Donation Agency (KODA) to speak at its 2011 Global Forum.

KODA is the agency that coordinates organ donation in all hospitals across South Korea. Operating like a large OPO in the United States, KODA has numerous regional offices across the country.

Held this year May 20 in Seoul, the forum is held annually to focus on opportunities for improving donation and transplantation in South Korea.

One of Myer's presentations focused on the development of the OPO system over time in the United States, and how OPOs interact with the larger U.S. organ procurement and transplantation system.

In the other, Myer explored the various approaches used in the United States to help increase public awareness about donation through donor memorials.

The visit to South Korea was perfectly aligned with CTSE's mission of providing international assistance to improve donation and transplantation through systems-science approaches. Over recent months, CTSE directors also have visited London, Cardiff (Wales) and Doha (Qatar).

The host for Myer's trip was KODA president Jongwon Ha, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. Ha is chief of the Division of Transplantation and Vascular Surgery, Seoul National University College of Medicine, Seoul National University Hospital. [U](#)

BELOW: CTSE director Kevin A. Myer, M.S.H.A. (front row, fourth from right) with KODA president Jongwon Ha, M.D., Ph.D. (sixth from right).



FOCUSING ON SYSTEMS SCIENCE



CTSE scientific director, Karl J. McCleary, Ph.D., M.P.H., was accepted into two training institutes, both of which had competitive selection criteria and limited enrollment.

The first was the Institute on Systems Science and Health (ISSH), held May 22-27 at the University of Pittsburgh. The weeklong immersive institute introduces

general principles of systems science and fosters a deeper understanding of methodologies to explore behavioral and social drivers of population health. Dr. McCleary was accepted into the system-dynamics track.

ISSH is sponsored by National Institutes of Health's (NIH's) Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. McCleary also was accepted into the second annual Health Equity Leadership Institute (HELI), held this year June 19-24 at the University of Wisconsin (UW) in Madison.

HELI is sponsored by the Collaborative Center for Health Equity (CCHE) at UW's School of Medicine and Public Health; CCHE is a division of UW-Madison's NIH-funded Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. A HELI co-sponsor is the University of Maryland School of Public Health and Center for Health Equity in Baltimore. [U](#)

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