

TMF Celebrates 20 Years

This year marks the 20th anniversary of UNOS' Transplant Management Forum (TMF). With its numerous educational sessions and copious opportunities for networking, the TMF—to be held April 25–27 in Puerto Rico—provides a surefire boost for transplant professionals.

Each year the conference organizes breakout sessions according to professional tracks—clinical, operations, regulatory/compliance, and strategy/planning and finance—with a variety of sessions within each track.

The TMF's variety allows attendees—transplant administrators as well as physicians, surgeons, social workers, clinical and financial coordinators, and others—to choose sessions most pertinent for them. (Reminder: You can find the finalized agenda on the UNOS website.)

One of the speakers is Atul Grover, M.D., Ph.D., FACP, FCCP, chief advisory officer, Association of American Medical Colleges, who will speak on academic medicine after health-care reform.

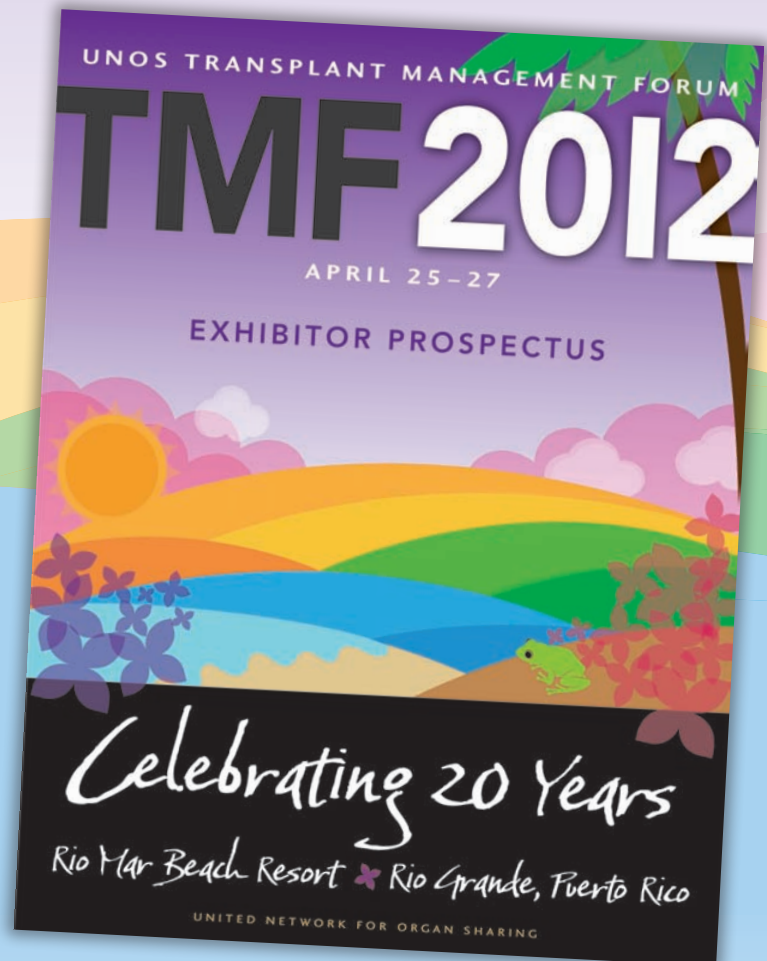
And, just to hit a few of the other educational opportunities, some of the plenary session topics are as follows (presenters' names in parentheses):

- the future of transplant administration (Ian Jamieson, M.B.A., M.H.A.)
- sharing donor and recipient information in the 21st century (Charlie Alexander, RN, M.S.N., M.B.A.)
- program-specific reports: controversies and consensus (Bertram Kasiske, M.D., FACP) and
- bylaws rewrite project (Rebecca D. Anderson, Ph.D., M.B.A.).


In addition, in honor and memory of a person who made significant contributions to transplantation, the inaugural “Deedle Heckenkemper award” will be presented. The transplant career of Frank “Deedle” Heckenkemper, who passed away in April, spanned nearly 40 years. He was a leading authority in transplant cost analysis and Medicare rules and regulations. He also was a co-founder of the OPTN/UNOS transplant administrators committee.

It's not too late to submit an abstract; the UNOS website provides the abstract categories, submission information, author guidelines and a sample abstract. Although deadlines have passed for consideration for full plenary, concurrent or mini-oral presentation, abstracts can be submitted until Jan. 20 for an award or poster presentation.

It's also not too late to become a sponsor or exhibitor at UNOS' 20th anniversary TMF, which presents a multitude of benefits, including exposure to transplant professionals from across the country.



Rooms at the Wyndham Rio Mar Beach Resort in Puerto Rico are \$198, which includes taxes and maid, bellman and resort fees. A passport isn't needed for travel to Puerto Rico; the commonwealth is a U.S. unincorporated territory in OPTN/UNOS Region 3. Hotel reservations must be made by April 3. [U](#)

 Visit the UNOS website, unos.org, for more information about the 20th anniversary TMF, including the agenda and abstract, exhibitor and sponsor information. Visit the Wyndham Rio Mar Beach Resort website, wyndhamriomar.com, for more information about the accommodations and to make your reservation.