News from Scandiatransplant office

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Introduction

You have here the fourth newsletter in 2013 with information from the Scandiatransplant office. This time the main theme is the implementation of the converted liver, heart and lung rotation lists. The YASWA versions of the rotation lists will become active from 2nd of December 2013 and at the same date access from the 'old system' to the rotation lists will be closed down.

All previous newsletters can be found on the Scandiatransplant web page
http://www.scandiatransplant.org/news/newsletters

Purpose
By this information letter we wish to communicate to you about the office status and progress within the system, collaboration with groups related to Scandiatransplant and on-going working projects.
We hope that you will read it and share the information with whom it might concern.
As always don't hesitate to contact us for further information, ideas, problems and help.

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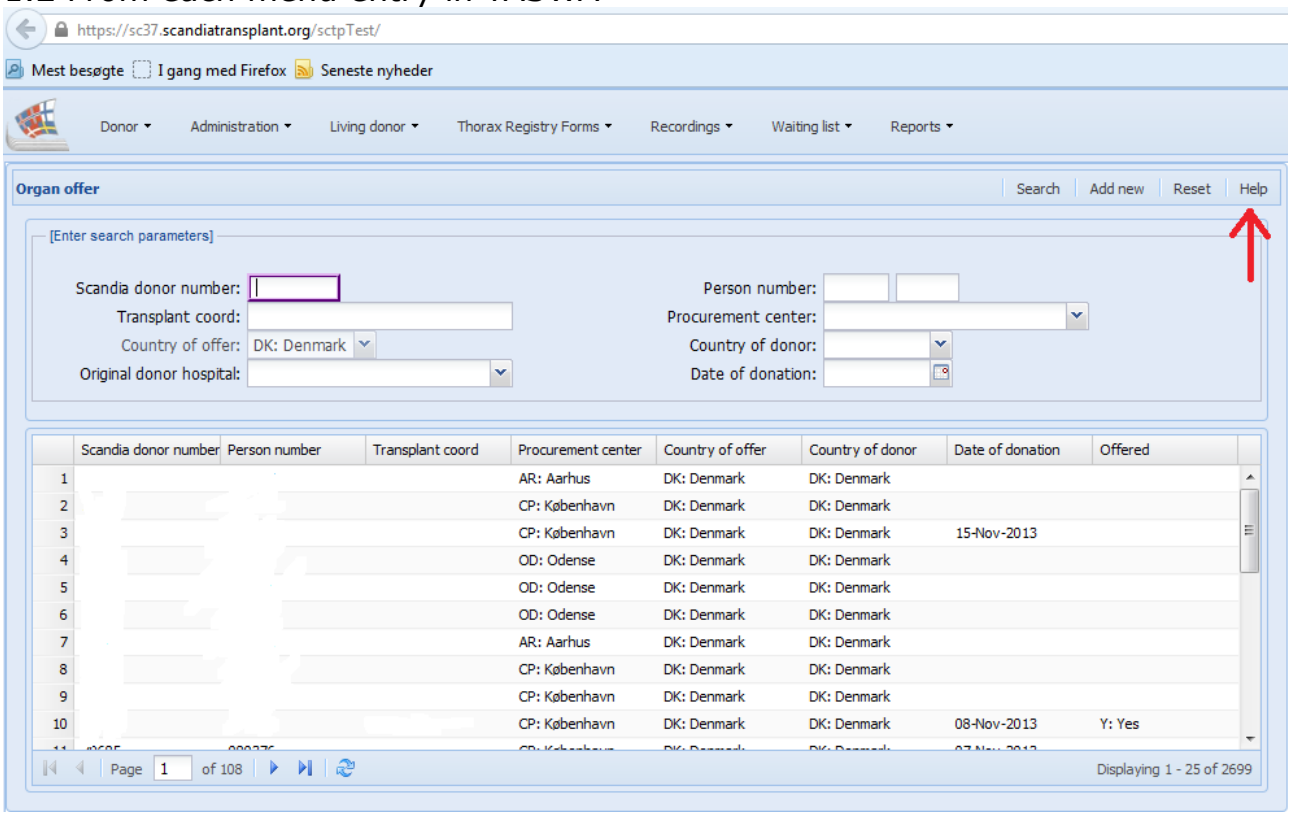
1. YASWA manuals

As we move forward with the conversion process to the YASWA user interface new manuals will be created one by one.

The manuals are accessible from two places
1.1 From the homepage: http://www.scandiatransplant.org/organ-allocation/yaswa-manuals

1.2 From each menu entry in YASWA



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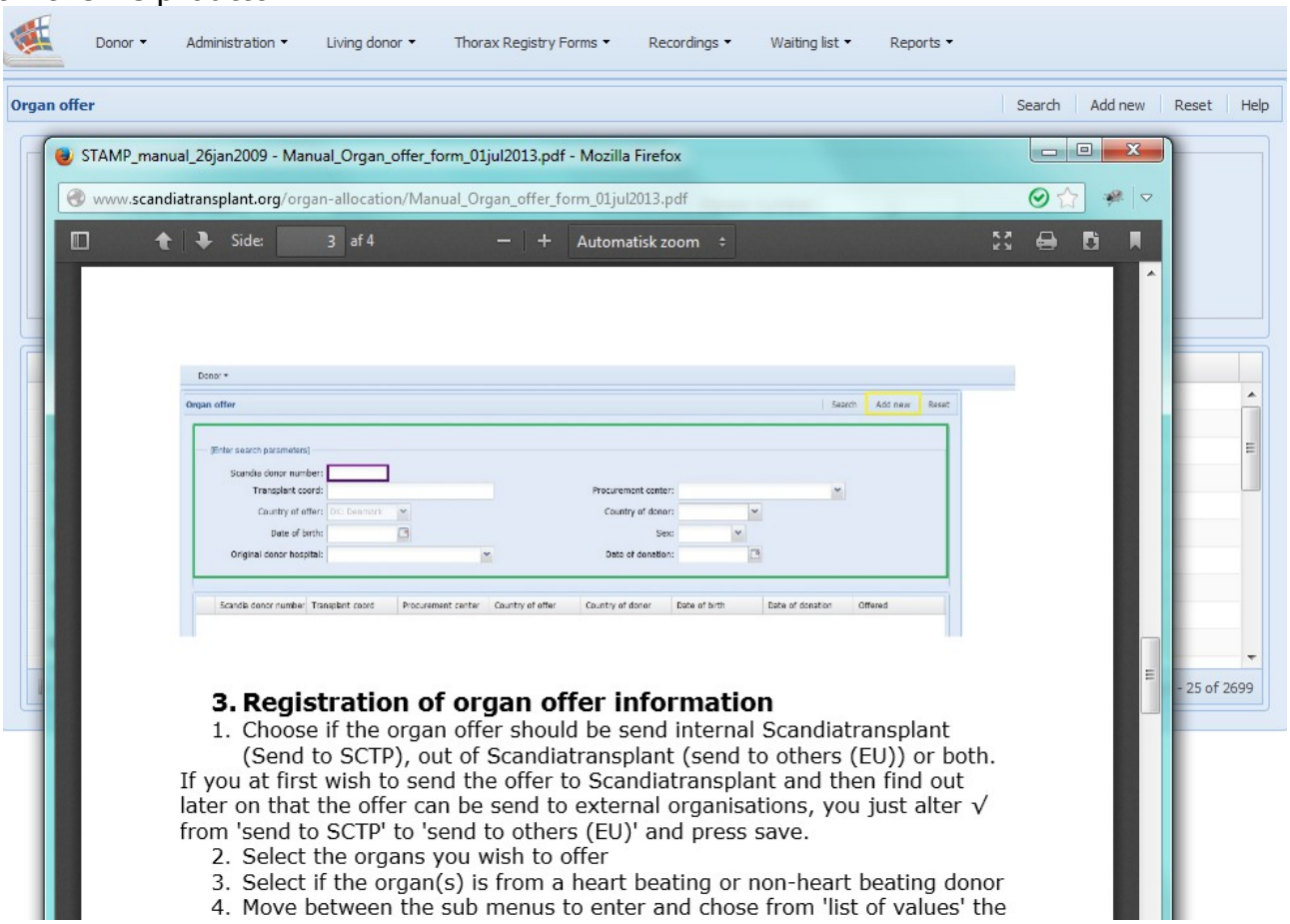

The relevant manual will open as a pdf file in a new window.

2. Liver, heart and lung rotation list converted to YASWA

The converted rotation lists have now passed the testing phase and will be implemented **2nd of December 2013.**

From this day **rotations** can only be done **by accessing YASWA** https://sc37.scandiatransplant.org/.
When you have logged on you will find the rotations list in the 'Donor' menu.

Manuals on how to do an actual rotation is found here (point 2.1+2.2+2.3):
http://www.scandiatransplant.org/organ-allocation/yaswa-manuals

If you wish to take a closer look and need to investigate rotation history further, the rotation logs are accessible from the YASWA menu 'Reports'. A manual is also available at (point 4.1)
http://www.scandiatransplant.org/organ-allocation/yaswa-manuals

If you have any questions or find any irregularities when using the rotation lists please do not hesitate to contact us.

3. Usage of Liver rotation list when livers are offered from Estonia

At the Nordic Transplantation Coordinator Group (NTCG) meeting 24th of October, 2013 it was discussed how the Scandiatransplant liver rota list in practice can be used when livers are offered from Estonia.
This due to the fact that it was reported from the last Nordic Liver Transplantation Group (NLTG) meeting that it is advisable to use the rota list to give all centers a chance to evaluate the offers properly and to have a fair distribution between the centers in Scandiatransplant.

The below described solution will become effective from **December 1st, 2013**. At the next NTCG meeting (March 27th, 2014) the outcome will be evaluated.

A phone chain between the Scandiatransplant liver transplantation centers forms the basis of this solution, where the order of the centers in the phone chain is defined by the current liver rotation list.

When a liver is offer from Estonia the center with the highest position on the Scandiatransplant liver rotation list evaluates if they can use the liver for one of their recipients

- *If the center accepts the liver, they must inform all other centers in Scandiatransplant that they have accepted the offer, furthermore only the accepting center will phone the Estonia coordinator.*
  The accepting center must be rotated and the accepting center itself is responsible for the rotation a.s.a.p. Cause of rotation is 'OE: Organ accepted from Estonia'.

- *If the center does not accept the liver, they must inform the next center on the rotation list. Then this center will have to decide if the can use the liver. This procedure continues until a center accepts or all centers have declined the offer.*

4. News tickers

4.1 November 12, 2013: New STAMP QC implemented

November 12, 2013 a new quality control in STAMP was introduced. This new quality check retrieves all serological HLA types not found among the recipients own HLA, acceptable mismatches or identified antibodies. This new STAMP check is an additional quality control and is meant as a help and it does not inflict with the activation of patients to STAMP

Read more at: http://www.scandiatransplant.org/news/News_ticker_8.pdf

4.2 August 21, 2013: New QC – missing organ usage registration

August 21, 2013 a new quality control was introduced. This new quality check is meant to disclose harvested organs where usage has not been registered in the Scandiatransplant database.

Read more at: http://www.scandiatransplant.org/news/news-ticker-7.pdf

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