



Travel Grant Report Form

Name and origin of applicants

[State name and origin of applicants]

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Purpose granted

[State purpose of the study granted in the application]

The possibility to visit Tartu "Estonia" University Hospital Transplant Centre for 3 to 4 days – just to see and take part in the daily work (coordination, organ retrieval and allocations). The visit's main goal is to study the similarities and differences in order to increase understanding for future collaborations.

Amount granted

[Amount granted in DKK]

7000 DKK

Time and place of visit

[State time and place of visit]

From the 4–7 of September 2017, Tartu University Hospital.

Report

[Report of the visit/study – 300 words]

I was warmly welcomed by Virge Pall, the director of transplantation and her Transplant Coordinator team "Aire, Janika, Jecika and Jana". We started my visit with a general presentation of Tartu University Hospital, and after the mandatory "Swedish Fika" we went on a tour of the principal activities connected to Organ donation and transplantation such as surgery, laboratories, intensive care and the kidney- liver ward for the post transplantation care of recipients.

I looked closely into the laboratories sections, such as HLA typing and virology section. Both are very modern laboratories with 24/7 manned activity.

Virology section can assist with screening and further investigation including quantification / PCR also 24/7.

The Tartu Unit of Organ-tissues Coordination coordinates about 26 organ donors per year.

I participated in a kidney board. Participants from several parts of the country participate through video link discussing the patient in his/her presence.

Evaluation

[Personal evaluation and "lesson learned"]

The visit's main goal was to study the similarities and differences in order to increase understanding for future collaboration. The Estonian coordinators work quite similar to the Gothenburg coordinators and to my knowledge the Scandinavian coordinators' way of coordinating a donation process. My Estonian coordinator colleagues are helpful and work for a donation process that is as positive and rewarding as possible. Unfortunately there are some problems such as Tartu Airport is closed at night (22–08) (09-2017), but Tartu University Hospital is working for a change.

I did have the opportunity to visit several departments at the hospital such as ICU, the operation theatre inclusive the special ward for "donor" organ harvesting operation.

Now with Tartu as member of Scandiatransplant family, we will all be enriched by embracing the Estonian hospitality and friendliness.
