

## Announcement of the winner of the Henk Schippers Young Investigators award

Henk Schippers became the first Eurotransplant Director in 1970. After 5 years, he was appointed secretary/treasurer of the Board until his death in 2003. Henk laid the foundations for the administration of Eurotransplant. He successfully completed negotiations with the insurance companies and initiated the international network, which is now a hallmark of Eurotransplant. To commemorate his pioneering work for Eurotransplant a young investigator award in his name was established in 2003.

The purpose of this award is to encourage young clinical and/or scientific investigators to pursue a career in the field of organ and tissue transplantation. The Henk Schippers Young Investigator Award – consisting of an amount of € 2.500,00 and a certificate – is especially meant to enable the investigator to present his/her results of clinical and/or scientific organ transplantation related investigations at well recognized and respected international transplantation congresses or symposia, e.g. European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT).

The Assembly chairman invites Eurotransplant's president, Prof. Bruno Meiser to announce the 2013 winner. Prof. Meiser together with Mrs. Hanneke Siebers, the widow of the late secretary/treasurer, Henk Schippers, present

**Dr. Manuel Maglione from the  
Department of Visceral, Transplant and Thoracic Surgery  
Innsbruck, Medical University, Austria**

with the 2013 Henk Schippers Young Investigators award. Dr. Maglione is congratulated with this prize and is invited to present his data during the Eurotransplant winter meeting in Alpbach (Austria), January 2013.

Prof. Laufer closes the meeting at 15:00 hrs by thanking all attendants for their participation in this informative meeting.

# Henk Schippers Young Investigators award 2013

Every year, Eurotransplant grants an award to a young clinical or scientific investigator with the aim to pursue a career in the field of organ and tissue transplantation. This award, named after Eurotransplant's first director, Henk Schippers, is especially meant to enable the investigator to present the results of organ transplantation related investigations at well recognized and respected international transplantation congresses or symposia.

The winner of the Henk Schippers Young Investigators award 2013 is Dr. Manuel Maglione, who was recognized for his research which revealed the potential of the nitric oxide synthase co-factor tetrahydrobiopterin as a protective agent against ischemia reperfusion injury.

Dr. Maglione is active in kidney, pancreas and liver transplantation surgery and research at the Department of Visceral, Transplant and Thoracic Surgery at the Innsbruck Medical University in Austria. His study was presented in the American Journal of Transplantation and he will present the results and future clinical potential of tetrahydrobiopterin at the Eurotransplant Winter Meeting in Alpbach, January 2014.

