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ARMENIAN BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY JANUARY 2008

Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Six years ago, a few people started a project that promised to impact the lives of many ethnic Armenians worldwide. That promise has been fulfilled: The Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry has recruited over 14,000 donors, identified 854 patients, found 695 matches, and most importantly facilitated 7 transplantations in Armenia, the United States, and Europe. In the process, hundreds of thousands of people have been educated and inspired through the printed press, Armenian television, and personal appearances in our schools and churches throughout the diaspora.

Impressive as our accomplishments are, however, they pale in comparison to what awaits us. We still have hundreds of patients waiting for a match, and we have the tremendous task of establishing a Stem Cell Harvesting Center in Yerevan. But we are confident that we can count on you to carry us through these exciting times.

With the support of an anonymous donor, our board member Carolann Najarian, and participants in last years 5th anniversary fundraising events, we have already started work on this ambitious project by purchasing a cell separating apheresis machine. These funds, combined with a generous grant of \$100,000 from the Lincy Foundation for the project, total \$200,000 toward the estimated goal of \$850,000. We need to raise the additional \$650,000 to fully establish the Center. When we are done, the Center will bring the life-saving procedure of stem cell harvesting within the reach of many more patients, and will play a vital role in the treatment of other diseases, such as many cancers, diabetes, and heart ailments. As the only bone marrow registry and state-of-the-art harvesting facility in the region, the Center will be a source of pride and revenue for Armenia and a beacon of hope within and beyond its borders.

I appeal to you all to help us in our new challenge. We ask for your blessing, your help, and your generosity. The reward, after all, is nothing short of the miracle of saving lives.

Dr. Frieda Jordan, Ph.D.
President



MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST LADY OF ARMENIA

The Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry was founded with the noble mission of saving lives threatened by blood-related diseases. In just six short years, the Registry is truly fulfilling that mission by recruiting donors and facilitating transplantations all over the world, from Armenia and Artsakh, to the Middle East, to Europe and the United States.

The ABMDR's solid reputation is evident in its accreditation by the European Federation of Immunogenetics, and the recent approval by the Armenian government to locate ABMDR's new Stem Cell Harvesting Center at the Oncology and Hematology Institute complex in Yerevan. The ABMDR's achievements have

contributed significantly to Armenia's rising status in the international scientific community.

With the strong support and cooperation of our organizations, churches, and individual supporters and volunteers, and with the able leadership of Drs. Frieda Jordan and Sevak Avagyan, we will continue to grow and succeed.

Together, we can make a difference. Together, we can save lives.

Dr. Bella Kocharian
First Lady of Armenia
Honorary Chair of the ABMDR

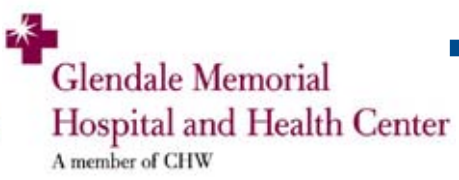


Building Blocks



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Interview with ABMDR Executive Director, Dr. Sevak Avagyan



Dr. Sevak Avagyan,
Executive Director of
ABMDR Armenia

“With its global reach ABMDR occupies a crucial niche in helping prospective Armenian transplant patients find compatible donors”

The ABMDR recruits and tissue types donors to find bone marrow matches for patients.

What does it mean exactly to find a good match?

For people in need of a transplant to survive, they must have stem cells to help their bodies make new, healthy marrow. Because the characteristics that determine whether a patient and donor match are inherited, the most likely match is with a sibling.

So rather than recruiting thousands of strangers for the Registry, isn't it more efficient to simply go to a patients family to find a match?

The first course of action, when we seek a match, is to go to the patient's family. But unfortunately, only 30% of patients will find a match in their family. They must rely on volunteer marrow and blood stem cell donors. We conducted a study this year of tissue typing data from 52 Armenian patients in need of bone marrow/stem cell transplantation and their HLA-matches from siblings, and from unrelated volunteer donors from the ABMDR. The analysis revealed that 30.7% of these patients had HLA-compatible siblings, and the remaining 69.3% of the patients lacked HLA-matched sibling donors.

It's surprising that you don't find a higher rate of matches in families. How do you account for this?

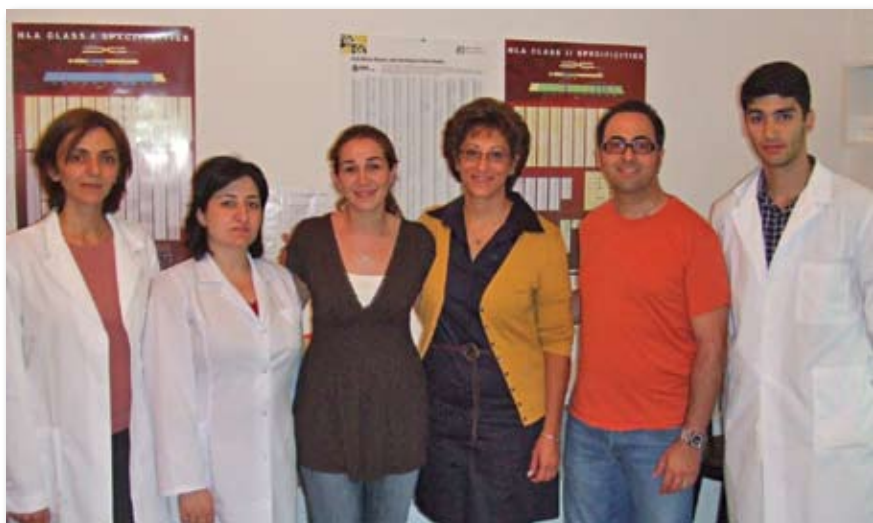
The size of the family is a key factor. Within the HLA-matched sibling group, 70% of the sibling-matched families had three or more children. There is a dramatic drop in the probability of finding a sibling match in families with less than three children. And we see the average Armenian family shrinking just in the last decade, the average family has dropped from three to two children per family.

So the donors in the Registry are like an extended family that increases the odds of finding a match for a patient?

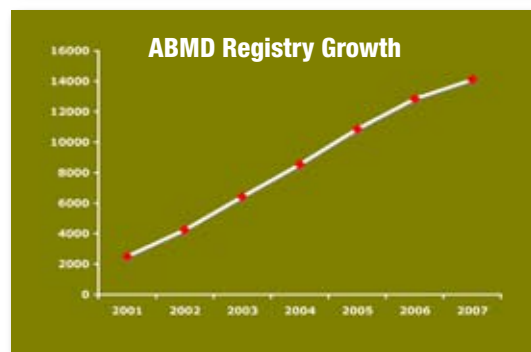
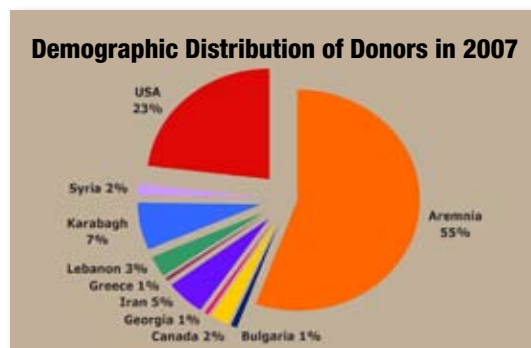
Well, yes, genetically speaking you could say that. Through centuries, Armenians have lived genetically as a closed population with relatively few intermarriages. As a result, they have developed a unique DNA fingerprint: to save an Armenian leukemia patient requires a transplant only from another member of the Armenian family. With its global reach and international links, the ABMDR occupies a crucial niche in helping prospective Armenian transplant patients find compatible donors.

Any final thoughts?

With the likelihood of finding sibling matches becoming increasingly difficult, it is urgent that we develop, expand and maintain a registry with a large enough number of unrelated donors to successfully cover the need of bone marrow/stem cell transplantations among ethnic Armenians. I am grateful for each of the 14,000 donors from 7 countries throughout the world who are in the Registry now, and am hopeful that we will welcome many more this year. ■



ABMDR lab staff and visitors, Yerevan



CHARTS of Registry growth and demographic distribution

building blocks

Building a State-of-the-Art Stem Cell Harvest Center In Yerevan



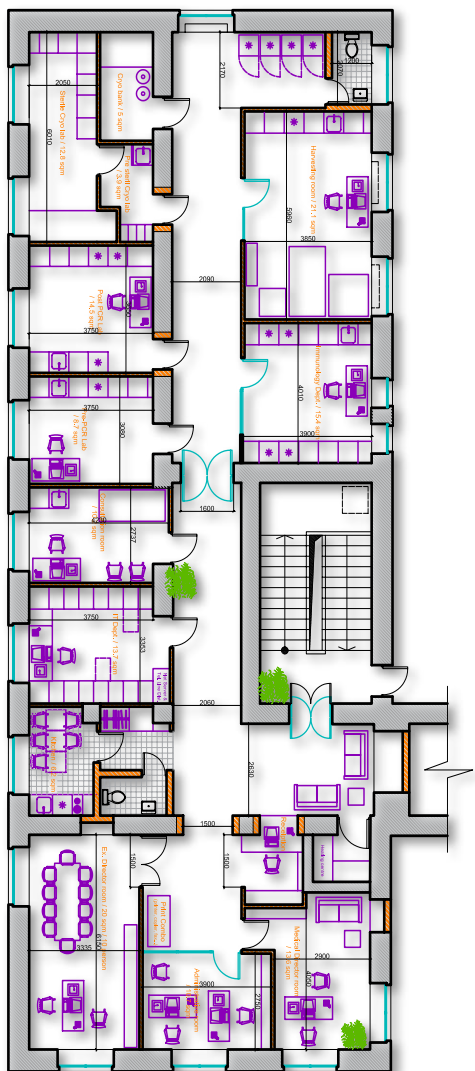
Reviewing the floor plan



Future ABMDR Stem Cell Harvesting Center at OHI



ABMDR Fundraising Committee with the First Lady



While operating a laboratory with highly specialized services in tissue typing, the ABMDR depends on institutions outside of Armenia for the stem cell harvesting required to conduct life-saving transplants. For donors residing in the US and Europe, the ABMDR relies on its partners for cost-effective quality service. However, over 80% of the Registry's donors are from Armenia, and none of the country's medical centers offer stem cell harvesting. Now, after negotiations between the ABMDR and the Armenian government, the ABMDR has received approval to establish a Stem Cell Harvesting Center at the Oncology and Hematology Institute (OHI) of the Health Ministry of Armenia. Using U.S. and/or European accreditation standards, the Center will greatly improve the collection of stem cells from volunteer donors, significantly reduce the cost of harvesting, and therefore of transplantations required to treat leukemia and other blood illnesses. The considerable decrease in harvesting expenses will translate into a similar decrease in transplantation expenses, thus bringing this modern day medical miracle of stem cell transplantation within reach of many Armenian patients who are often denied this life saving procedure because of prohibitive costs.

As stem cells gain more widespread use as therapeutic tools in the treatment of heart attacks, diabetes, and other cancers, in time the Center will be able to serve a patient population much larger than the core leukemia and blood disease patient base for which it is originally intended.

Also, with only minor adaptations, cell separating equipment and personnel can separate various blood components such as plasma and platelets, providing collaborative opportunities with existing hospitals and health providers to supply high quality safe by-products for blood transfusion patients.

Finally, an important, albeit less tangible, advantage of the Center will be to bring state-of-the-art medical and research technology to Armenia. This will transform Yerevan into a regional center for stem cell harvesting and blood component separation, bringing not only revenues from other countries in the region, but positioning the Center as a vital and active player among transplantation centers worldwide.

The ABMDR has already raised \$200,000 toward the total \$850,000 goal from the Lincy Foundation and private individuals, including an anonymous donor, ABMDR Board member Carolann Najarian, the Glendale Sunrise Rotary Club, and supporters who attended the 5th Anniversary fundraising concert. These initial funds allowed the ABMDR to purchase a cell separator instrument, and begin remodeling of the facility. ■

“Additional funds totaling \$650,000 are required to purchase the remaining equipment, remodel the space and start operations by September 2008. Please help us reach our goal by making a gift today!”



meline's story

In the small village of Aghavnadzor, the Hayrapetyans welcomed their third child and first daughter into the world with great happiness, not knowing what the future would hold. In 2001, at the age of 12, Meline was diagnosed with aplastic anemia, and everything changed. Over many years, the family has fought for the life of their small and fragile daughter, making the rounds of constant blood transfusions and chemotherapy treatments. Undaunted by his own leg injury caused by a land mine explosion, Meline's father, Hovik, has carried her everywhere to seek every possible option to heal his daughter.

In April of 2005, after exhausting all other treatments, Meline's doctors advised that a stem cell transplant was the only hope for her survival. That is when the ABMDR stepped in.

The ABMDR laboratory tissue typed Meline's and her family's blood and, fortunately, found that one of her brothers was an exact match. But that was not enough. She had to delay getting the procedure until funds were raised for her and the donor to travel to a stem cell harvesting and transplant center outside of Armenia.

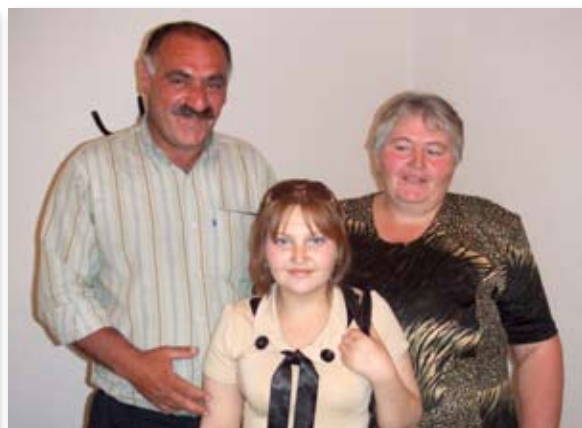
Through the combined efforts of Hovik and the ABMDR, funds were raised, with major sponsorship provided by Ralph Yirikyan, who authorized funding from his company, Viva Cell, one of Armenia's mobile phone providers.

The ABMDR researched affordable harvesting and transplant centers within reasonable distance from Armenia and negotiated an arrangement with a center in Tehran, where members of the Armenian community provided additional support for Meline, her mother, and her donor brother to fly to Iran. Finally, on September 2, 2007, the transplant was done. Meline is in good condition, gained her strength in Tehran, and returned home to Armenia.

With help from the ABMDR and an outpouring of support, Meline was able to have the life-saving transplant. But not all families are able to raise the funds, and not all donors are able to overcome the stress and fear of traveling to a foreign country, including language barriers and a feeling of general lack of control over the procedure. This reality underlines the importance of having a stem cell harvesting center and eventually, a transplant center in Armenia. ■



Meline celebrating her birthday



Meline with her parents

“Meline's experience shows how important it is to have a stem cell harvesting and eventually, a transplant center in Armenia”



At the transplant center in Tehran



Meline's Brother's stem cells are collected for Meline's stem cell transplant



Meline with her family and sponsors in Iran



Meline with Dr. Ghavamzadeh, head of Bone Marrow Transplant Center in Tehran



Meline celebrating her birthday with family and friends in Tehran

Dr. Evelyn Baghdasraian



“Day in and day out, I see patients who survive because someone like you decided to join the Registry”

The following is an excerpt from a speech given by Evelyn Baghdasraian, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, at the Gardens of the World Fundraising Event in October.

Behind each Armenian patient with leukemia who is awaiting bone marrow transplantation are two parents. Two parents who spent their lives dreaming of the many things their child would accomplish. Would Armineh be a pianist? Would Narek be a lawyer? Everything comes crashing down when a family is told that their precious little one has a life-threatening illness.

Just for one moment, I would like for you to put yourself in this family's place. First they face the challenges of chemotherapy—knowing that their teenage daughter would soon lose all her hair. After the chemotherapy comes the terrible sight of seeing your child sick. Truly sick. Vomiting, unhappy, in pain. All the while there are many other things to consider during hospitalization—which one of us is going to work today? Who will pick up our other son? Did I miss the oncologist's visit when I went down to buy lunch? What are the chances that things will be okay after all this? It will be okay. It HAS to be okay.

Thankfully, then they experience the most triumphant stage—a remission. For months it seems that the leukemia is cured. It is a distant memory... until one day it comes back. There is the option of more chemotherapy, but brace yourself. The doctor is telling you that your son or daughter might need a bone marrow transplant. You need to gather as many people as you can to be HLA typed. The more people you can collect, the more there is a possibility that you will encounter a match for your child. A perfect match in a pool of millions of Armenians in the world. We need an Armenian donor, because due to our unique DNA and genetic make-up, Armenians can only accept transplantation from another Armenian.

Wouldn't you do everything humanly possible for your child? This is the mission of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry: To create this amazing source of genetic information, so that no child is left behind. I stand before you now to tell you that day in and day out, I see patients who survive because someone like you decided to join the Registry. Every one of you is hope for an Armenian family. Armenians are a united people. We are proud, we are strong, and we need to stand behind the families who need us. ■

Dr. Carolann Najarian



“Having such a center is not an option, but a necessity for Armenia”

My support for the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ABMDR) has been whole hearted starting in the early days when it was still an idea in the mind of its director, Dr. Frieda Jordan. Since that time, I've watched it grow and develop into an organization comprised of a superbly trained medical staff which adheres to the highest of technical and ethical standards through vigorous training and oversight. It is truly remarkable that within just a few short years, the ABMDR has attained international accreditation—accreditation often withheld from larger countries with more resources. ABMDR having thus distinguished itself and is now ready for the next major innovation: the establishment of the Stem Cell Harvesting Center.

Stem cell harvesting and the use of stem cells to treat blood diseases is now the standard of care. In establishing such a center, the most advanced of medical technologies in the treatment of blood diseases will be available to Armenian patients and others within the region. Having such a center is not an option, but a necessity for Armenia to maintain its leadership position in the region and to offer patients the very best care possible.

The ability to establish this center now is possible because of the years of hard careful work to develop an organization such as the ABMDR with a highly trained staff. Having passed through the rigors of international accreditation the kind of uncompromising careful work that is required of them—the attention to detail and adherence to protocol among them—is fully understood.

As a Board member, physician, and Armenian, I am proud of these accomplishments and of the foresight of its leadership to move forward with the establishment of the Stem Cell Harvesting Center. I have no doubt hundreds of Armenian patients will benefit from this advancement in the years ahead offering hope and cure to many. Our full support is without question deserved. ■

the incredible...

ABMDR Progress Update

14,000 registered donors
854 patient requests
695 identified matches
7 transplants

ABMDR Recruitment Officer Fimi Mekhitarian sent letters, on behalf of President Frieda Jordan, to schools and Armenian churches of all denominations throughout the U.S., encouraging them to organize donor drives. In addition, special recruitment drives were scheduled for specific patients in their communities.

- CALIFORNIA
- MASSACHUSETTS
- RHODE ISLAND
- BULGARIA • ARMENIA



Recruitment at Merdian School for patient Kechichian



Recruitment at Tufengian Pre-School



Dr. Jordan with Arsine Aghazarian, Program Director



Recruitment in Orange County



Artashes, Glendale city clerk becomes ABMDR donor



Recruitment at Glendale Memorial Hospital



Recruitment at Ashkhen Pilavjian Christmas Bazar



Holy Martyrs A.R.S. Ashkhen Pilavjian Preschool Program Director, Vehik Gabrielian, becomes a donor



Recruitment at the Armenian Methodist Church. Pastor Daniel Albarina becomes ABMDR donor.



TO HELP IN RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES, OR START A DRIVE IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONTACT THE ABMDR
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volunteers for life



Massachusetts State Representative Peter Koutoujian becomes a donor



Rev. Avedis Boynerian, Dr. Frieda Jordan and Mrs. Nora Orchanian



Recruiting at Armenian Memorial Church of Watertown, MA



First time recruitments were held at the annual bazaar at St. Sarkiss Church in Providence, RI and at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst campus, where students participated with great enthusiasm



December 2007 Recruitment in Sofia, Bulgaria



December 2007 Recruitment in Armenia

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Donors for Donors Across the Generations

In its six years of operation, the ABMDR has grown from an organization supported by a handful of mid-career professionals and seasoned volunteers to a thriving concern with dedicated supporters from across the generations. As the following photos illustrate, the ABMDR has become a grassroots organization supported by a broad cross-section of the community, where families and individuals of all ages participate in helping this important cause.

On June 9, 2007, over 800 Armenians and non-Armenians alike rallied together at Glendale High School's Moyses Stadium for the Annual 5k/10k Walk of Life, where funds were raised to recruit bone marrow donors, and where over 100 new donors signed up. ■



Runners at Walkathon



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Bishop Hovnan Derderian and other clergy



Participants with Council member Frank Quintero



Glendale Police with Walkathon Committee Chair, Taline Khachadourian



Glendale Memorial Hospital Team. GMH the major sponsor of the Walkathon



With Assembly member Krekorian and Senator Adam Schief



Walkathon preparations



In loving Memory of Buirad-Team Angel



Walkathon participants

Annual Gala, at the Glendale Hilton, August 5, 2007

ABMDR award recipients: Glendale Memorial Hospital President Catherine Pelley, Woman of the Year, Patrick Petre, Man of the Year; ABMDR board member Michele Seyranian and comedian Sam Tripoli, Volunteers of the Year; and Sidon Travel, Business of the Year.



Mark Geragos, ABMDR Board Chairman



Catherine Pelley, Woman of The Year



Patrick Petre, Man Of The Year



Sidon Travel, Business of the Year



Michele Seyranian, Volunteer of the year



Sam Tripoli, Volunteer of the Year



Guests from Glendale Memorial Hospital at the ABMDR Fundraising Gala



Hilda Sarkisyan and Maral Kazandjian promoting "Be an Angel, Save a Life"



Alique Topalian and the Tree of Hope with Angels



moms, parties...

Mother's Day Luncheon, May 6, 2007



Naz Atikian with Diana Artunian and ABMDR supporters at the luncheon

Luncheon Party at the Gardens of the World, October 21, 2007



Naz Atikian with Mrs. Haugan, owner of the Garden of the World first from right Luncheon organizing team



ABMDR Board members and supports

Fundraising Cocktail at Apiks' Home, December 2007



Mary Apik with her mother with supporters and friends

& knock knock jokes

Laughter for Life at the Comedy Store, November 18, 2007



Comedy Night organizing committee



Organizing committee with the comedians



TV interview with Lara Yeretsian and Sam Tripoli



Volunteer Appreciation Day at Boghoskhanians. From left to right, Jaqline Tanahian, Aleko and Iline Boghoskhanian and Hamlet Tanahian.



Annette and Hratch Postik hosting the Christmas Dinner at their home



Vrej Hovsepian, Aleko Boghoskhanian, Hratch Postik and Razmik Moghadesian at the Christmas Dinner

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT ABMDR?

Instead of receiving gifts at a birthday party or a wedding, ask guests to give to the ABMDR

Pass on an award fund or bonus to the ABMDR

Donate materials or services that ABMDR needs

Host a party at your home or business and ask guests to make a donation

Be an Angel on the Tree of Hope Send in your contribution today!



Dr. Aida Galustian Shirinian for donating ABMDR office space in Los Angeles



Vasken and Tamar Kaypekians of Next Day Color for donating print production services to ABMDR, and for their years of continued support.



Tatiana and Leonard Mehrabian encouraged their guests to give a donation to ABMDR instead of a christening gift for their daughter Isabella



"My experience running the Long Beach Marathon is always a rewarding self-accomplishment. To be able to run for a great cause like Armenian Bone Marrow Donors Registry, makes the experience of much greater value." Ara Agopian, AA Graphics

partnerships & awards

Strategic Partnerships with Key U.S. Medical Organizations



National Marrow Donor Program

As part of its nationwide expansion efforts, the ABMDR this year forged a key partnership with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). The ABMDR has been approved by the NMDP to become a Cooperative Registry. "On behalf of the NMDP, we are thrilled to be working with the Armenian Registry," said Pam Robinett, NMDP Manager, Membership Services. "This collaboration between our Registries is very important. The access to Armenian donors will benefit patients at more than 125 transplant centers in the U.S. This relationship will also allow Armenian patients to identify potential NMDP donors sooner in the search process, given that the Armenian Registry will be searching the NMDP Registry before a patient has selected a transplant center. We look forward to a fruitful partnership with the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry." ■



*Pam Robinett,
NMDP Manager,
Membership Services*



Dana Farber Cancer Center

Also solidified this year is collaboration with the Dana Farber Cancer Center, which will serve as the organizations bone marrow and stem cell collection station for donors on the East Coast. Located in Boston and affiliated with Harvard University, the Dana Farber Cancer Center is a prestigious, strategically located institution available to the ABMDR in much the same way the world-renowned City of Hope Hospital serves the organization on the West Coast. Like City of Hope which has provided facilities for collecting ABMDR donor stem cells for patients in the Los Angeles area the Dana Farber Cancer Centers East Coast donors will be able to conveniently go to this regional center.

While operating two laboratories with highly specialized services in DNA tissue typing, the ABMDR depends on other institutions for stem cell harvesting and delivery. Prior to establishing a partnership with Dana Farber, donors on the East Coast would have to travel to other parts of the country to have their stem cells collected. Although the non-intrusive operation itself takes only a few hours, the donor is given medication to accelerate his/her stem cell generation and needs to be under medical observation for two weeks. This results in higher costs and donor attrition due to the disruption and inconvenience of long distance travel.

Richard Boyajian, a public relations administrator at the Dana Farber Center, well knows the importance of making the process leading up to a life-saving transplant as smooth as possible: Mr. Boyajian is a bone marrow recipient and cancer survivor. ABMDR President Dr. Frieda Jordan and Board Member Alvart Badalian were delighted to learn of his interest in helping to promote the project at his institution, and among its constituents. ■



*Richard Boyajian,
Dr. Frieda Jordan,
Alvart Badalian and
Deborah Liney,
Technical Director
at Dana Farber*

Glendale Armenian Chamber of Commerce & Business Life Magazine Present Awards



Dr. Jordan among the 2007 recipients of Business Life Magazine's "Women Making A Difference" award



2007 Glendale Armenian Chamber of Commerce Award presented to ABMDR



Dr. Jordan with Glendale Armenian Chamber of Commerce President, Mr. Amirian

conferences worldwide

Professional Activities and Recognitions Around the World

World Marrow Donor Association (WMDA) Conference
Lyon, France, March, 2007

European Federation of Immunogenetics (EFI) Conference
Barcelona, Spain, May, 2007

Armenian Medical International Congress (AMIC)
Yerevan, Armenia, June, 2007

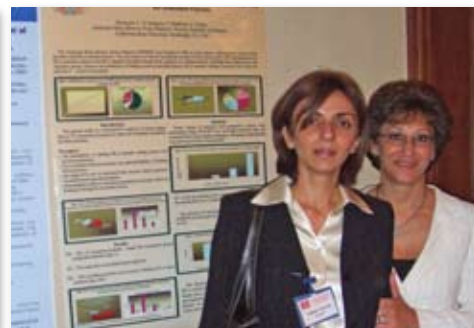
National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Conference
Minneapolis, U.S., October, 2007

American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI) Conference, Minneapolis, U.S., November, 2007

Regional European Federation of Immunogenetics Conference
Bulgaria, December, 2007



Drs. Frieda Jordan, Sevak Avagyan and Armenouhi Husyan at the EFI Conference in Barcelona



Presenting ABMDR progress report at the Armenian Medical International Congress, Drs. Avagyan, Husyan and Jordan



With EFI Executive committee members and EFI meeting organizer, Prof Naumova in Bulgaria

With the HLA Lab Director of City of Hope Hospital, Dr. David Senitzer, at the ASHI conference.

The success of ABMDR has been an inspiration for Beverly and Orin Lewis from African Caribbean Leukemia Trust. Their son had leukemia and received a donor and is doing fine after 8 years of BMT. They want to help other families in similar situations and hope to use the ABMDR "model" to create their own registry.



Drs. Jordan and Nazaretyan with Beverly and Orin Lewis at the WMDA. Dr. Mihran Nazaretyan with WMDA founder, Prof. van Rood

New Connections In Our Worldwide Community

The ABMDR takes advantage of every opportunity to build relationships with Armenians throughout the world. This year new Armenian communities in Lyon, France; London, England; and Sofia, Bulgaria learned about ABMDR mission and activities.

While attending the World Marrow Donor Conference in March, Drs. Jordan and Avagyan made a presentation on the ABMDR to members of the Lyon Armenian community.

In November, Dr. Jordan was the keynote speaker at the Second Annual Hagopian Memorial Lecture at the Armenian Medical Association meeting in London. Over 70 AMA members and guests attended her lecture on the ABMDR, including representatives and medical professionals from the British National Blood Transfusion and Bone Marrow Transplant Services, the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, the African Leukemia Trust, and oncologists from various National Health Service hospitals. Also present were His Excellency Dr. Vahe Gabrielian, the Armenian Ambassador to the UK, and Mrs. Hagopian, the widow of Dr. Hagopian.

Following the meeting of the Regional European Federation of Immunogenetics Conference in December in Sofia, Bulgaria, a gathering at the Armenian Community Center was organized by the Armenian Council General of the Republic of Armenia, Sergey Manassarian. Drs. Avagyan and Jordan and Mrs. Nani Oskanian gave a presentation on the ABMDR. A donor recruitment drive followed, resulting in many young people joining the Registry. ■

“ABMDR takes advantage of every opportunity to build relationships with Armenians throughout the world”



Drs. Jordan and Avagyan at a radio interview and with community members in Lyon, France



Dr. Jordan at London presentation, and with AMAGB president Dr. Seda Boghosian and Hourie Hacopian.



Dr. Avagyan and Silva Emiryan parent of leukemia survivor and recruitment at Armenian center in Bulgaria.



With Council General Manassarian and a press interview at the Armenian Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria.

sidekicks to heroes

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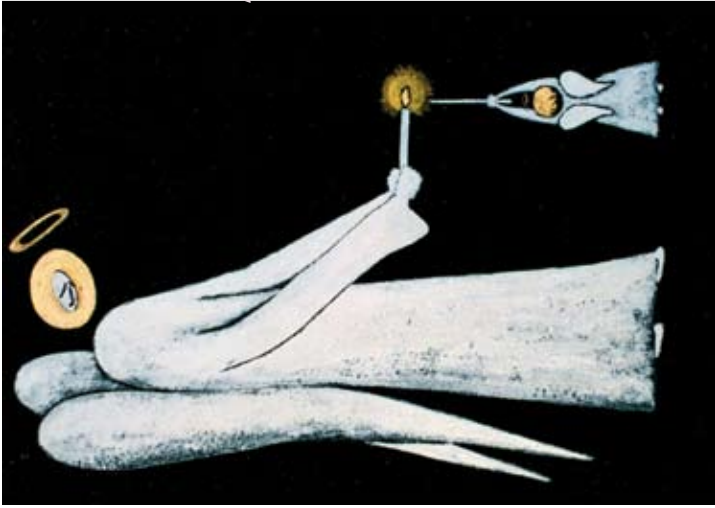
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