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MARIA STADTLER JOINS ORGAN DONATION ASSOCIATION STAFF

VIENNA, Va. — July 29, 2016 — The [Association of Organ Procurement Organizations](#) (AOPO), the Association representing the nation’s 58 federally-designated organ procurement organizations, recently welcomed Maria Stadler to the staff as education program administrator.

“We are thrilled to have Maria [Stadler] join the AOPO team,” said Elling Eidbo, chief executive officer of AOPO. “Working with our Education and Training Council, her expertise will help bring our professional education programs for membership to new heights, and in turn translate to more lives saved through organ, eye and tissue donation.”

Stadler graduated from the University of Munich Nursing School with degrees in nursing, nurse anesthesiology and ICU medicine and holds an International Master for Donation of Organs, Tissues and Cells from the University of Barcelona. Prior to AOPO, she founded Methodica® LLC, which provided consulting and advisory services to organizations seeking to develop education, training and research opportunities in donation and transplantation.

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About AOPO

AOPO is a non-profit, national organization representing all federally-designated organ procurement organizations (OPOs). The Association represents and serves OPOs through advocacy, support and the development of activities that will maximize the availability of organs and tissues and enhance the quality, effectiveness and integrity of the donation process.

About OPOs

OPOs are federally-designated non-profit organizations that are responsible for coordinating organ and tissue donation across the United States, bridging the gap between the generous donation of organs and

tissues, and the thousands in need of these life-saving and life enhancing gifts. The federal government has designated 58 organizations in the U.S. to oversee the organ donation process. These organizations are the national stewards of the donation, and they work collaboratively with hospitals, medical professionals and their local community to build the programs, the systems and processes needed to make donation possible.