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# E-NEWSLETTER

*of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis*

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## ISTH MISSION

*To foster and advance science relating to the important medical problems of thrombosis, abnormalities of hemostasis and their underlying vascular biology; to create a forum for discussion of these problems; to encourage research on these problems by scientists of all relevant disciplines; to foster diffusion and exchange of ideas through scientific meetings and publications; to standardize nomenclature and methods as appropriate and timely...*

These are the goals of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis and the principles which drive the Society's international mission.

Dear colleagues,

With the beginning of this year, we welcome Dr Bruce Furie as our new Executive Officer, succeeding Dr Gil White. Bruce Furie has, together with Barbara Furie, proved his worth as President of the 2009 Congress in Boston, and I am grateful that he is willing to serve the Society in this new position.

Gil White has completed two successive terms as Executive Officer. He has assisted a series of Council Chairmen and Congress Presidents during this ten-year period, during which the Society has grown and prospered. We are indebted to him for the time and effort he has given to the Society.

Looking back at 2009, I believe this has been a very successful year. The high-point was our 22<sup>nd</sup> biennial Congress, held in July in Boston, which was attended by nearly 8000 participants and was in all aspects a resounding success: scientifically as well as socially. Two new features were the trainee reception and the dinner of the Outreach Forum, that were both well received. At the Congress, the SSC had organised an extensive and broad educational programme, which illustrates our expanding educational ambition. In 2009, educational symposia were organised in Cuba, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela and Bolivia, in which local and international experts collaborated in presenting exciting and challenging programmes, for which I wish to thank them all.

In 2010, we will continue to grow as an open and outward-looking Society. I look

forward to the SSC meeting in Cairo in May, which will be our first meeting on the African continent, and which again will have a large educational content. Several educational symposia are already planned, and in this year we hope to make a start with a series of symposia in South-East Asia, similar to what was set up in Latin-America. We will also launch the Visiting Professor programme and the Fellowship programme, in which young individuals from underprivileged countries will be given the opportunity to work and learn for several months in a renowned centre of thrombosis and haemostasis.

We will also continue the changes that have begun to materialise over the last year and that I believe are essential to the continued prosperity of the Society: we will define our mission and design a five-year strategic plan, we will make the Council more representative of our membership, we will continue to teach and assist young physicians and scientists all over the world, we will promote communication between members and also with the public, and we will continue our efforts to modernise the Society to maximise its effectiveness. I invite you all to visit the renewed website at [www.isth.org](http://www.isth.org), where you can read about upcoming meetings and symposia, apply for fellowships, and pose medical questions to other members at the ISTH Forum.

On behalf of the Council I wish you a very good and productive 2010!



# 56th ANNUAL SSC MEETING MAY 22-25, 2010

## Message from SSC Chairman Happy New Year!



2010 has arrived and it is time to contemplate the important events of this year. Certainly one of the most significant

events of the year for the ISTH will be the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Scientific and Standardization Committee in Cairo, Egypt. This first meeting of the SSC in Africa is symbolic of the strong commitment of the ISTH to global outreach and inclusiveness. The meeting will include outstanding plenary lectures, a strong educational program which will include special sessions on education, laboratory diagnosis and therapy in environments with limited resources, and the valuable annual scientific meetings of all the SSC Subcommittees.

The overall program developed by Dr. Nevine Kasim and her colleagues on the local Organizing Committee is excellent, and it will be presented in a lovely venue on the bank of the Nile river. A special feature of the meeting will be a gala social event which will display many of the unique features of Egyptian culture. I am very confident that this meeting will be one which will remain in the memory of attendees as an outstanding combination of scientific and cultural experiences.

On behalf of the Scientific and Standardization Committee, I urge all ISTH members and friends to consider attending the SSC meeting in Cairo. Based on personal observation, I can assure attendees that they will find the meeting venue and the hotel accommodations to be of the highest quality, and the opportunities for rewarding cultural experiences, travel and recreation before or after the meeting extremely attractive. Remember the meeting is earlier than usual this year (22-25 May), so make travel plans soon. I hope to see you in Cairo!

Gerhard J. Johnson, M.D.

Chairman, SSC

## Reach the World Grants

In pursuit of the intentions of the "Reach the World" initiative of the ISTH, we invite young researchers, in particular those from less privileged countries, to participate in the 2010 SSC Meeting.

### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be working in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis.
- Applicants must be MDs, PHDs, PHD students or medical trainees.
- Applicants must be 42 years of age or younger.
- Applicants must be in command of the English language.
- Applicants must be from a developing country.
- Application must be admitted before **MARCH 1, 2010**.
- Applicants must not have an affiliation with a pharmaceutical industry.
- Applicants must submit a letter from their institution verifying their status.

[Further information and application can be found here.](#)

For more information including a listing of educational sessions and topics, please visit

<http://www.ssc2010.org>

	FRIDAY 21 MAY	SATURDAY 22 MAY	SUNDAY 23 MAY	MONDAY 24 MAY	TUESDAY 25 MAY
	Registration Hours Saturday - Friday, 07:30 - 17:00; Tuesday 07:30-10:00				
			Meet the Experts 08:00 - 08:45	Industry Tech Sessions 07:30 - 08:30	
09:00		Education Sessions 09:00 - 10:30	Education Sessions 09:00 - 12:30	SSC Sessions 09:00 - 13:00	SSC Sessions 09:00 - 13:00
10:00		Coffee Break			
10:30		Presidential Plenary 11:00 - 12:30			
11:00					
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12:00					
12:30					
13:00		Lunch & Debate 12:30 - 14:15	Satellite Symposia 12:45 - 14:15	Satellite Symposia 13:15 - 14:45	RTW Reception 13:30 - 14:30
13:30					
14:00					
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15:00	Registration Opens	Education Sessions 14:30 - 18:00	SSC Sessions 14:30 - 18:30	SSC Sessions 15:00 - 19:00	SSC Business Meeting 14:30 - 16:30
15:30					
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16:30					
17:00					
17:30					
18:00					
18:30					
19:00		Special Symposia 18:30 - 20:30	Egyptian Night Reception	Council Dinner (invited ISTH Council 19:00 - until)	
19:30					
20:00					
20:30					
21:00					
Provisional	Exhibit Hours	10:00-18:00	10:00-18:00	10:00-18:00	10:00-18:00

## Security at ISTH Meetings

From 2010 onwards ISTH will routinely provide its members with advice on the security aspects of its meeting locations. To this effect, a firm specialized in evaluating safety has been contracted (Control Risks Inc). With regard to the 2010 SSC meeting in Cairo, they conclude

- Cairo can be considered a safe location for the ISTH conference
- Crime levels are low
- Social and political unrest does not pose security threats to foreign visitors

The full report is available on request from the ISTH office ([headquarters@isth.org](mailto:headquarters@isth.org))

## First Two Advanced Fellowships Awarded

From the ISTH Outreach programme, the first two Advanced Fellowships have been awarded by the ISTH Education Committee. Lina Paola D'Atri (32) from Buenos Aires, Argentina, will spend four months in Pavia, Italy, with Dr Alessandra Balduini, and M. Mizanur Rahman (37) from Dhaka, Bangladesh, will work for four months in Düsseldorf, Germany, with Dr Rüdiger Scharf.

## Reminder: Nominations for Council Class of 2016

There is still time to submit nominations for the Council's 2016 class.

You may address a brief (one page maximum) letter of nomination to the Chairman of the ISTH Nominating Committee, [Dr. Robert Montgomery](#) or in care of [ISTH Headquarters](#).

State whether the nominee has given permission to submit his/her name and summarize the nominee's qualifications to serve on ISTH Council. Also include the nominee's abbreviated CV and a statement in your nominating letter that the nominee, if elected, agrees to serve.

Each nominee will be contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee prior to finalizing the ballot to be sure they understand the expectations and commitments required of a Council Member.

## Archives

In each issue of the ISTH Newsletter, there is a brief invitation to contribute archive materials to the ISTH. ISTH materials prior to 1988 are scarce. If you are reorganizing your bookshelves and filing cabinets and have ISTH memorabilia that need a new home, kindly contact the ISTH Executive Secretary <[ccole@med.unc.edu](mailto:ccole@med.unc.edu)> Print and non-print media are welcome.

## Standing Committees of Council

Committee	Chair(s)
Awards and Lectureships	<a href="#">A. T. Nurden</a>
Bylaws	<a href="#">Barbara Furie</a>
Congress Presidents	<a href="#">H. Bounameaux</a>
Education	<a href="#">F. R. Rosendaal</a> , <a href="#">U. Seligsohn</a>
Ethics	<a href="#">J.-M. Freyssinet</a>
Executive	<a href="#">F. R. Rosendaal</a>
Finance	<a href="#">N. A. Booth</a> , <a href="#">Ph. G. de Groot</a>
Membership	<a href="#">B. Østerud</a>
Nominating	<a href="#">B. Montgomery</a>
Nurses Working Group	<a href="#">M. Malone</a> , <a href="#">C. Baglin</a>
Public Relations and Communications	<a href="#">H. ten Cate</a>
Publications	<a href="#">P. H. Reitsma</a>
Clinical Guidelines Committee (ISTH/SSC)	<a href="#">G. Johnson</a>



## ISTH 2009 Congress Report

The Boston ISTH Congress was held in July 2009 in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Approximately 8000 people attended this meeting, despite the global economic issues and the H1N1 epidemic. The Congress enjoyed considerable support from commercial sponsors and exhibitors. The ISTH, recognizing the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, maintained prominent displays describing past Congresses and its illustrious past.

The Opening Ceremony on Sunday evening featured music of Boston in the form of five live performances: the Patriot fife and duo; the Aerosmith cover band, Draw the Line; the Aaron Goldberg Trio playing contemporary jazz; the Young Peoples' Choir; Aaron Copeland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" by members of the Boston Pops. A reception was held for all delegates, with Boston historic characters offering photo ops.

A combination of funds from ISTH, the Boston Congress and corporate donations provided support for scientists from developing countries. Developing Scientist Awards, including waived registration and grants toward hotel,

board and travel, were made to 80 scientists and physicians on the basis of abstract scores, expressed need, and geographic distribution. Young Investigator Awards were similarly made from a combination of funds from ISTH, the Boston Congress and corporate donations. Grants were awarded to 180 persons based solely upon abstract scores.

Special attention was focused on trainees at the Boston Congress. A trainee reception, including a buffet dinner and entertainment, was organized for Saturday evening. Approximately 300 trainees attended. A hospitality suite for trainees, stocked with food and drink, was maintained throughout the meeting and staffed by members of the Education Committee to facilitate mentoring and advising.

The scientific program was assembled by the Program Co-chairs, Dr. Ken Bauer and Dr. Paula Tracy, in concert with six Program Subcommittee Chairs and their committee members, and with significant input obtained from the International Scientific Advisory Committee. There were 128 invited speakers, including seven Plenary speakers, 72 State of the Art speakers, and 49 Abstract Symposia speakers. Over 3200 abstracts were received and scored by over 300 reviewers, and 762 abstracts were selected for oral presentation. Three poster sessions displayed 800 posters in each session.

The Education Program, an innovation for an ISTH Congress, was developed and cosponsored by the ISTH SSC and the Congress. Twenty three Education Sessions took place on the Saturday and Sunday before the start of the Congress. Dr. Ken Bauer played a critical role in bringing this program to fruition. Seventy State of the Art manuscripts were published in a special issue of the Society's journal, the *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis*. Corporate symposia were well-attended, and included six Special Symposia on Sunday, twelve Special Symposia on Monday evening, technical sessions on Tuesday evening, and ten Satellite Symposia on Wednesday evening.



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## 2009 ISTH General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Dr. Barbara Furie, *Congress Co-President*, called the 2009 ISTH General Membership Assembly to Order.

She welcomed the members in attendance and gave a summary of the congress, to date. There are now over 7,700 registered delegates from 99 countries. In addition to the formal scientific program, 709 abstracts are being featured in oral presentations. As part of the Social Program of the congress, a Trainee Reception was launched with a party attended by approximately 350 students, trainees and fellows. The congress has also supported participation of 80 scientists from the Developing World and 180 Young Investigators, based on abstract quality.

Dr. Gilbert C. White, *ISTH Executive Director*, gave an overview of the state of the Society. The health of the Society is good. Membership is strong, currently with 3,327 active members in 78 countries, and growing. The Society's journal is robust and has achieved an Impact Factor of 6.291. Congresses and SSC Annual Meetings continue to grow in attendance and program content, quality of science and opportunities for professional growth. In terms of attendance, this XXII Congress ranks among the top three of all ISTH congresses and last year's SSC Annual Meeting in Vienna was the largest to date. At this year's SSC Meeting on the first days of the Congress, there has been over-flow attendance at the expanded SSC Educational Sessions in conjunction with the SSC's Scientific Subcommittee presentations. Under the direction of Council, the Society's programs are thriving and growing: Berlin has been chosen as the site of the 2017 ISTH Congress and SSC Annual Meeting; a new 'E-Learning' initiative is being organized; the ISTH Forum is now live online for extension of member-to-member communication on clinical, educational and research topics; Society support in terms of funding and expanded programs for the Reach the World initiative and Educational Outreach initiative is increasing.

Dr. Frits R Rosendaal, *Chairman of Council*, gave a summary of Council activity during the past year. The Boston Congress is a major success and the Organizing Committee led by Drs Bruce and Barbara Furie is commended by Council for their leadership and years of hard work in the organization of the meeting. The Society's elected leaders have been working long and hard on the current and future activities of the ISTH. The XXIII Congress in Kyoto (2011), the XXIV Congress in Amsterdam (2013), the XXV Congress in Toronto (2017), and the newly elected XXVI Congress in Berlin (2017), which will be the first ISTH Congress in Germany with Dr. Johannes Oldenburg as President. In the past year, Council has been more active in education and has increased Society involvement in SSC Meetings. The educational component of the SSC Meetings continues to expand, and all ISTH members are encouraged to attend the 2010 SSC Annual Meeting next May in Cairo. Members will hear more in the coming months about Council's plans to reach larger audiences and to implement changes in governance of the Society.

The Co-Presidents adjourned the XXII ISTH General Membership Assembly at 3:15 PM.

C.S. Cole, Secretary to the Society

## Award Highlights from Boston



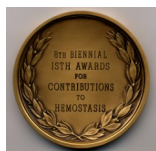
The **Robert P. Grant Medal** was presented to Hidehiko Saito. The Grant Medal is the highest award bestowed by the ISTH and is presented at each biennial Congress for outstanding service and accomplishment, which has promoted the goals of the Society.

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The SSC awarded the **Roberts Medal** to David L. Aronson. The Roberts Medal honors an individual who has made unusual, lifetime contributions to the work of the SSC.

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The Biennial Awards for Contributions to Hemostasis (BACH) were presented. The BACH recognize individuals who, in the opinion of their co-workers and peers, have made significant contributions to research and education in blood coagulation.

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The **sanofi-aventis/ISTH Research Fellowship Awards Committee**, presented 2 Fellowship Awards, which provide significant funding for two fellows, one participating in clinical research and one in basic research.

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## JTH Editors

### Rewards for Commitment and Success

At the midterm of our 6-year period as Editors in Chief (EiC) of JTH, we have the opportunity to reflect on the changes that have been introduced into the Journal to help drive up its quality. The peer review process is central to management of more than 1200 manuscripts that are submitted to the journal each year. JTH is the official journal of the ISTH and its members actively support the journal, freely giving their time to reading manuscripts and preparing the critiques that are so important to improve both science and presentation. Our team of Associate Editors has had a positive effect on our drive for efficient processing of manuscripts, enabling us to maintain a mean decision time of 21 days for new submissions. Of course, this is an average time and some manuscripts take longer in the review process. As EiC, we are committed to providing thorough and helpful reports with our decisions. While there has been an increase in the rejection rate to greater than 70%, we hope that rapid manuscript processing and thoughtful reviews will temper disappointment that inevitably must attend the negative decisions made on the majority of manuscripts. One positive consequence of the more critical consideration of manuscripts has been a rising impact factor, increasing from 5.14 to 6.29. While we have not actively pursued an increase in this measure, by adopting (as others have done) policies to artificially manipulate the metric, we are nevertheless gratified that our focus on quality has in any case had a positive influence.

The growing status of JTH as the premier forum for work on thrombosis and haemostasis, together with a productive partnership with our Publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, has enabled the Council of ISTH, on the recommendation of its Publication Committee, to agree to the removal of the page charge levied on accepted papers. From now on, all manuscripts passing successfully through the peer review process will be published without this cost to authors.

We are always appreciative of the time and efforts of reviewers of manuscripts and have now refreshed our Advisory Board. Two members of the Advisory Board, Paul Harrison and Mike Makris, have been exceptionally generous with their time, reviewing more than 20 manuscripts in a year. Because of their commitment to the work and success of the Journal, we have invited them to join the Editorial Board.

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## ISTH 2009 Congress Report

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The All Congress Party was held on Thursday evening at the Bank of America Pavilion. Food and entertainment representing many Boston neighborhoods were featured, followed by a concert by the renowned Boston Pops Orchestra, led by Keith Lockart. Continuing the theme of music of Boston, the Pops played selections from *West Side Story* and *Candide* by Leonard Bernstein (who grew up in Lawrence MA and went to high school in Boston), themes from *Star Wars* by John Williams, the former conductor of the Boston Pops; selections from *Rodeo* by Aaron Copeland (a transplanted New Yorker who chaired the faculty at Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony, and served on the Harvard faculty).

Sincerely,

Bruce Furie MD  
President

Barbara C. Furie PhD  
President

XXII Congress of the ISTH



## 2010 Membership Renewal

ISTH membership is based on the calendar year. New members joining during the course of the year receive privileges retroactively to the beginning of the year.

Benefits of members are suspended for members who do not renew by 1 January of each calendar year. Benefits are reinstated with payment of current dues.

The ISTH Membership Secretary [membership@isth.org](mailto:membership@isth.org) is at your disposal for any concerns related to your membership status.



## Editors

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Dr Gil White has decided to step down as Associate Editor after many years' service. We would like to thank him for the many ways he has helped JTH during its initiation and development phases. We are pleased to welcome Dr Louis Aledort and Dr Anna Falanga as new Associate Editors. Dr Aledort will deal mainly with manuscripts on bleeding disorders. Dr Falanga will take responsibility for handling official SSC Communications, for which a streamlined publication process has now been agreed.

Mike Greaves

David A Lane

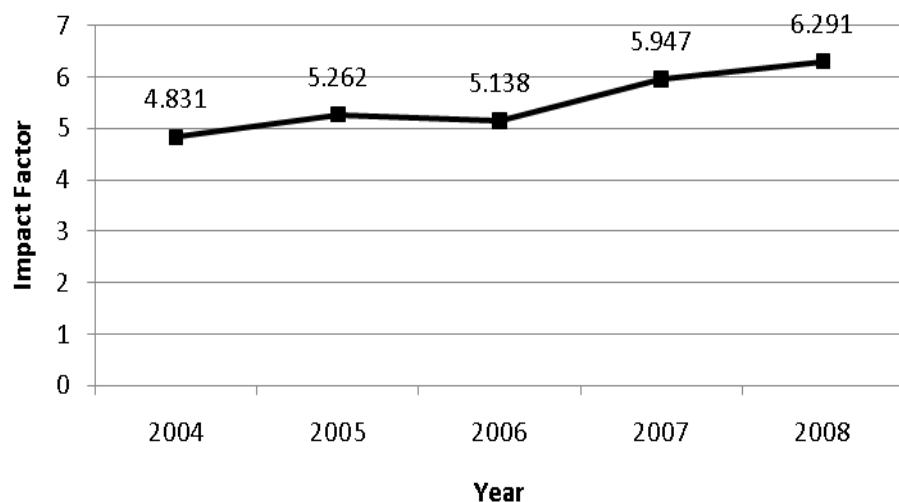
## Upcoming Meetings of Interest

**Educational Symposium  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
Guatemala**

April 7-10, 2010

The Educational Symposium and laboratory workshop will be organized by Francisco Goico and Raul Altman.

## JTH Impact Factor



## 2010 Membership Directory

This year's update of the ISTH Membership Directory with information about your Society and contact information for fellow members will be delivered in March along with the March issue of *JTH*.

Members who have donated their print subscriptions, Emeritus members and Associate members will receive their copies by direct mail.

Have you checked out the online membership list? If you're traveling or have misplaced your print copy, you can go to the ISTH webpage at Members Only and access the list there.

## JTH Promotion: Free Access in January

The January issue of JTH is offered online as free public access. This is a January-only promotion, so if you would like to share the science of JTH with a non-subscribing colleague, please share the link found [here](#).

Members can also access their online subscriptions to JTH via the ISTH website.

Read the authoritative reviews from the 2009 STATE OF THE ART BOOK:



[2009 State of the Art](#)



[2007 State of the Art](#)

## Getting Involved

If you would like more information on the activities of a scientific subcommittee, express your interest to the chairman of the appropriate subcommittee. Below are the chairmen of the scientific subcommittee for this year. Their complete contact information along with minutes and reports of scientific subcommittee work is found on the ISTH webpage at the SSC section, [www.isth.org](http://www.isth.org)

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|--|-------------------------|
| • Animal, Cellular & Molecular Models of Thrombosis          | Timothy C. Nichols      |
| • Biorheology  | Johan W.M. Heemskerk    |
| • Control of Anticoagulation                                 | Trevor Baglin           |
| • DIC  | Hideo Wada              |
| • Registry of Exogenous Hemostatic Factors                   | Mary Ann McLane         |
| • Factor VIII & Factor IX                                    | Alok Srivastava         |
| • Factor XIII & Fibrinogen                                   | Hans P. Kohler          |
| • Fibrinolysis   | Colin Longstaff         |
| • Hemostasis & Malignancy                                    | Agnes Y.Y. Lee          |
| • Lupus Anticoagulant/Phospholipid-dependent Antibodies      | Thomas L. Ortel         |
| • Perinatal/Pediatric Thrombosis and Haemostasis             | Paul Monagle            |
| • Plasma Coagulation Inhibitors                              | Herbert Whinna          |
| • Plasma Kallikrein-kinin System                             | Thomas Renne            |
| • Platelet Immunology  | Andreas Greinacher      |
| • Platelet Physiology  | Marco Cattaneo          |
| • Predictive Hemostatic Variables and Cardiovascular Disease | James Douketis          |
| • Vascular Biology   | Francoise Dignat-George |
| • Von Willebrand Factor                                      | Jeroen C.J. Eikenboom   |
| • Women's Health Issues in Thrombosis and Haemostasis        | Sabine Eichinger        |

### SSC Collaboration

The growing capacities in high density digital video capturing techniques have revolutionized the research on real time platelet function and thrombus formation under physiological flow conditions. A goal of the Scientific Subcommittee on Biorheology is to set up a network aimed at standardizing the in vitro perfusion systems used at different laboratories.

We would like to invite you to fill out an inventory of type and use of flow devices utilized in research laboratories around the world. The survey can be downloaded [here](#). The outcomes of the survey will be presented and discussed on the **56th SSC Meeting**, May 22-25, 2010, Cairo, Egypt.

We are looking forward to receiving your completed survey. Please return the filled form at your best convenience to:

[mroest@umcutrecht.nl](mailto:mroest@umcutrecht.nl)

Thank you in advance!

Johan Heemskerk, Armin Reininger, Mark Roest

## ISTH Forum

"I am seeing a 21 year old woman who had a proximal DVT within a few weeks of starting an estrogen-containing birth control pill. She has been on warfarin for the last 6 months and is doing well. Thrombophilia work-up showed her to have homozygous factor V Leiden. She is normal weight and does not smoke. What is her risk of recurrence? Would you keep her on long-term warfarin?"

### *How would you answer? Can you add your expertise to the ISTH Forum?*

Have you heard about the new online Q/A forum for ISTH members? Recently the Society created a new member benefit, the ISTH Forum, which is a new initiative that encourages networking within the ISTH community. The goal is to maintain a dialogue of clinical questions and answers that arise on a regular basis among our membership. The Forum gives you a chance to post questions to an international audience of experts. ISTH Headquarters monitors all submissions to the Forum and makes sure questions are answered in a timely manner. All questions and answers are archived and searchable by keyword or topic.

Login at [www.isth.org](http://www.isth.org) to view the above question and post a response. Be sure to post your own questions dealing with thrombosis and hemostasis today!



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## Message from the Membership Secretary

Thanks for your continued membership in 2010. We have added 41 new members so far for 2010 and we currently have 3,245 members throughout 78 countries. (See chart below for breakdown). Please feel free to contact me any time at [membership@isth.org](mailto:membership@isth.org) if you have any questions about your membership. Best wishes to all for a prosperous New Year.

Sharon Overcash  
ISTH Membership Secretary



Algeria	11	Czech Republic	11	Rep. of Ireland	35	New Zealand	13	South Africa	12
Argentina	35	Denmark	62	Israel	32	Nigeria	7	Spain	57
Australia	113	Dominican Republic	2	Italy	104	Norway	21	Sweden	61
Austria	44	Egypt	6	Japan	166	Oman	2	Switzerland	63
Belarus	1	Estonia	2	Kenya	2	Paraguay	1	Taiwan	13
Belgium	38	Finland	5	Korea	16	Peru	1	Thailand	8
Brazil	24	France	136	Kuwait	2	Poland	14	Turkey	30
Bulgaria	4	Germany	148	Latvia	2	Portugal	6	UK	227
Cambodia	2	Ghana	1	Lebanon	3	Qatar	1	Ukraine	1
Canada	181	Greece	18	Lithuania	6	Romania	11	UAE	1
Chile	3	Hong Kong	2	Malaysia	3	Russian Federation	27	Uruguay	4
China	13	Hungary	10	Mexico	9	Saudi Arabia	5	USA	1202
Costa Rica	1	Iceland	1	Monaco	1	Serbia	16	Venezuela	2
Croatia	4	India	14	Morocco	1	Singapore	5	Yugoslavia	2
Cuba	1	Indonesia	5	The Netherlands	120	Slovakia	5		
Cyprus	2	Iran	22	Netherlands Antilles	1	Slovenia	2		

## ISTH Calendar

The ISTH convenes an international Congress biennially, while the Scientific and Standardization Committee and its scientific subcommittees meet annually. In Congress years, Society and SSC meetings are held in conjunction. Future Congresses will be in these locations:

**56th Annual SSC Meeting**  
Nevine Kassim, President  
Cairo, Egypt  
May 22 - 25, 2010  
<http://www.ssc2010.org>

**XXIII ISTH Congress**  
Yasuo Ikeda, President  
Kyoto, Japan  
with 57th Annual SSC Meeting  
July 23-29, 2011  
<http://www.isth2011.com>

**58th Annual SSC Meeting**  
Cheng-Hock Toh, President  
Liverpool, UK  
2012

**XXIV ISTH Congress**  
Frits R. Rosendaal, President  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
with  
59th Annual SSC Meeting  
2013

**XXV ISTH Congress**  
Sam Schulman, President  
Toronto, Canada  
with  
61st Annual SSC Meeting  
2015

**XXVI ISTH Congress**  
Johannes Oldenburg, President  
with 63rd SSC Meeting  
Berlin, Germany  
2017

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