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ISTH 2011 in Kyoto a resounding success

From July 24 – 28, the ISTH held its XXIII Congress and 57th Annual Meeting of the Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC) successfully in Kyoto, Japan. With more than 4,500 participants from over 70 countries, the Congress was a truly global gathering of leading scientists and clinicians specializing in disorders of blood

clotting and bleeding. Exciting and late-breaking research was featured, and it provided the latest insights into translational science and state-of-the-art clinical medicine. Most importantly, it celebrated the spirit of international friendship, solidarity and support in the aftermath of the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami that had hit Japan so hard.

ISTH 2011 Congress President Yasuo Ikeda reflects on this year's successful Congress:



What are your thoughts and reflections on hosting the Congress this past July in Kyoto?

First and foremost, I am deeply grateful for the fact that the Congress was held in Japan after the tragic events in March. The fact that so many scientists and physicians came to Kyoto meant an enormous amount not only to the organizers, but also to the Japanese people. I am particularly grateful for the tremendous efforts made by the Scientific Program Committee, who

arranged such an excellent program for ISTH 2011. This year, we selected six Plenary Lectures and I believe each one was superb. In addition, there were a total of 32 State-of-the-Art Lectures and 30 Symposia. I was very much impressed by both the quality of the presentations and the way they were conducted.

What were some of the highlights of this year's program?

For me, one of the highlights of this year's Congress was the Presidential Symposium. We invited three very distinguished scientists to talk about historical perspectives and future directions of research. By considering old and new

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perspectives in platelet research, coagulation research and fibrinolytic research, my idea was that we could look back at the history of thrombosis and hemostasis in a meaningful way. It is very important to reflect on history; it forms the basis of why we can learn, and how we move forward in our research. I would also mention the Late-Breaking Clinical Trials that appeared towards the end of the Congress.

There were some really late-breaking data, and I think the timing was appropriate. Novel antiplatelet agents or antithrombotic agents were discussed and new treatment modalities are going to be developed. The data presented demonstrated that these novel antithrombotic agents are effective in patients with either venous thrombosis or arterial thrombosis. Introducing these late-breaking sessions at the Congress was a

new element, as the ISTH Congress mainly looks at novel findings from basic science. Clinical developments are more often presented in other big meetings such as the American Heart Association or the American Hematology Meeting, but for the biennial ISTH Congress, I thought this year would be the right time.

What are the opportunities that lie ahead for the ISTH?

Our goal as a community is to aim for early diagnosis and effective treatment of patients with thrombosis, as well as the treatment of hematologic disorders such as hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. By discussing the latest findings and sharing knowledge with colleagues from around the world, the clinical outcome should be much improved. For these purposes, we continually need a high quality of basic science research. And from basic to

clinical, bench to bedside, and also bedside to bench, developing these types of translational research are important for our Society.

Do you have any final thoughts reflecting on this year's congress?

It was a great pleasure to host the XXIII Congress of ISTH in Kyoto, and I would like to thank all of the delegates who attended for their support. As Council Chairman Dr. Henri Bounameaux so elegantly noted, a visit to Japan itself at this time was an enormous show of solidarity. ISTH Members and Congress delegates contributed not only to the development of high quality science in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis but also continued to encourage the Japanese people to move forward in recovery and reconstruction. I hope I will be able to welcome many of my colleagues back to Japan soon.

ISTH presents three awards & recognitions of the Society during 2011 Congress

The ISTH presented three awards and recognitions during the 2011 Congress. The Grant Medal, the highest recognition of the ISTH; the Roberts Award, the highest honor of the SSC, and a recognition honoring Dr. Gilbert C. White's time and service as ISTH Executive Director.

GRANT MEDAL

About the Grant Medal

Named after a renowned cardiologist with interdisciplinary interests, the Robert P. Grant Medal is the highest award of the ISTH. It is presented at each biennial Congress of the Society to a recipient selected for outstanding service or accomplishment which has promoted the goals of the Society. This award may be for research achievement, for organizational activities, for important public recognition and support of research activities, for facilitation of institutional cooperation and communications,

for unusual teaching or educational initiatives, or for the development of concepts which result in a clearer understanding of the meaning of research data.

Dr. Désiré Collen's many contributions include accomplishments in the field and support of the ISTH. He is the founding director of the Molecular Cardiovascular Medicine Group in Leuven, Belgium, and chief executive officer and chairman of the board of ThromboGenics Ltd., a biopharmaceutical drug development company of Ireland. Eighteen years ago, he provided a generous donation

Collen's team initially developed therapeutic tissue plasminogen activator (t-PA), a drug that revolutionized the treatment approach in patients with thrombotic disorders.

to start what is now the ISTH Reach-the-World program that supports the travel of young individuals from all over the world



GRANT MEDAL The 2011 ISTH Grant Medal was awarded to Désiré Collen of Leuven, Belgium.



ROBERTS AWARD Gilbert White was awarded the highest recognition of the Scientific and Standardization Committee of ISTH.



RECOGNITION Gilbert White was presented with a plaque honoring his devotion and service to the Society as Executive Director between 1999 and 2009.

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to our meetings. In 2000, Désiré Collen established a lectureship at ISTH Congresses through a contribution to the Society from the Collen Foundation to further the scientific mission of the Society.

Author of more than 620 papers, Dr. Collen has research interests in the molecular biology and pathophysiology of hemostasis and thrombosis, the development of novel thrombolytic and antithrombotic agents, the pathogenesis and treatment of atherosclerosis, and gene targeting and gene transfer studies of the cardiovascular system. His team initially developed therapeutic tissue plasminogen activator (t-PA), a drug that revolutionized the treatment approach in patients with thrombotic disorders.

ROBERTS AWARD

About the Harold R Roberts Award

Named after Dr. Harold R. Roberts, one of the eminent leaders in the field of thrombosis, and established in 2005, the ISTH Harold R. Roberts Award honors meritorious service to the Scientific

and Standardization Committee of the ISTH, beyond expectations and over a significant period of time.

Dr. White began his association with the ISTH Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC) in the mid-1980s as a contributor to the work of the Scientific Subcommittee on Factor VIII and Factor IX. He also co-chaired the Platelet Physiology Subcommittee for many years and was elected to the Central Committee (the board) of the SSC in 1993. He continued his active scientific work with the SSC until and throughout his two terms as ISTH Executive Director, from 1999-2009.

Dr. White was an advisor and counselor to the successive Chairmen of the SSC and to the Chairs of the Scientific Subcommittees, and he represented the SSC to many international agencies and organizations. He took an active role in the organization of each SSC Annual Meeting and provided guidance and support to the Local Organizers. He built bridges of scientific collegiality between the SSC, ISTH and the world.

GIL WHITE

Dr. White was presented with a plaque honoring his devotion and service to the Society as Executive Director between 1999 and 2009. This recognition was presented to Dr. White at the Opening Ceremony of the Congress.

The Society recognized Dr. White's time and talent, wise leadership, and undivided loyalty to the Society and its members. He provided the Society with scientific leadership and advised 6 Chairmen of ISTH Council, 6 Chairmen of the SSC, 6 Congress Meeting Presidents, and 4 Editors of JTH during his term as Executive Director. In addition, Dr. White was an advisor and counselor to the Chairs of the Scientific Subcommittees, and he represented the SSC to many international agencies and organizations. He took an active role in the organization of each SSC Annual Meeting and provided guidance and support to the Local Organizers. As Executive Director, he was an esteemed representative of ISTH to the international scientific community.

ISTH bestows 2011 Biennial Awards for Contributions to Hemostasis (BACH)

Initiated in 1982, ISTH's Biennial Awards for Contributions to Hemostasis (BACH) recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to research and education in blood coagulation.

The awards are presented in two categories:

- The Investigator Recognition Awards recognize ISTH members whose accomplishments are internationally regarded as exemplary models of excellence in research and teaching.

- The Distinguished Career Awards recognize ISTH members whose career contributions have significantly advanced the scientific community's understanding of the diseases and disorders affecting hemostasis.

During the recent ISTH 2011 Congress, ISTH recognized the individuals to the right for their accomplishments:



Investigator Recognition

- 1 Tatiana Byzova PhD
- 2 Johan Heemskerk PhD
- 3 Marc Hoylaerts PhD
- 4 Shaun Jackson MD PhD
- 5 James Morrissey PhD
- 6 Andrew Weyrich PhD

Distinguished Career Recognition

- 7 Shaun Coughlin MD PhD
- 8 Bruce Furie MD
- 9 David Lane PhD
- 10 Robert Montgomery MD
- 11 Koji Suzuki PhD

57th Annual Meeting of the SSC most successful ever

The 57th Annual Meeting of the ISTH Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC) was held just prior to the start of the biennial ISTH Congress in Kyoto, following a long-lasting tradition.

The work of the SSC is organized in 18 different subcommittees, 1 registry and 1 working group. They are established to address practical matters related to nomenclature, standards, and methods. The scientific programs of each session presented at the 57th Annual Meeting were elegantly constructed by the Chair and Co-Chairs of each Scientific Subcommittee and provided an excellent lead-in to the main Congress of ISTH. These programs reflected the SSC spirit of international continuous collaboration and the strong scientific involvement and skill of all members in creating relevant projects aimed to respond to laboratory and clinical needs in the field of thrombosis and haemostasis.

The results of several of these projects have been or will be published as Official SSC Communications in the JTH. In addition, the SSC ap-

proved two standards this year to be presented at the ECBS meeting for consideration as official WHO International Standards.

As started in 2009 in Boston, the 2011 scientific program of the SSC subcommittees began with an Educational session, followed by the update of the ongoing scientific activities and the proposal of new ones. The Educational sessions gave an overview and information on the recent advances in the wide spectrum of bleeding and thrombotic disorders, ranging from pathogenesis, diagnostic tools, animal models, basic research, to finally prophylaxis and treatment. The main goals were to highlight most recent findings, but also provide indications useful to improving the capability to diagnose precociously and treat accurately the various disorders of hemostasis, which is of particular value to the younger colleagues that face these topics for the first time.

The growth in the SSC meetings in recent years owes much to the inclusion of educational sessions. The multiple activities of the SSC



Anna Falanga, SSC Chair

subcommittees demonstrate that the SSC is the ideal environment to promote the cooperation between leading international scientists and direct their energies to projects generating reliable and standardized clinical and basic tools.

It is desirable that more and more young investigators with an interest in thrombosis and hemostasis will be joining the ISTH-SSC ongoing projects and become leaders of the future ones.



SSC 2012 Liverpool will feature a new and enhanced program format

Building on the successes of previous SSC meetings, SSC 2012 in Liverpool will feature many firsts for ISTH Scientific and Standardization Committee meetings. An enhanced program format, hot topic sessions and e-posters are just a few of them.

Read this Q&A with Meeting President Cheng-Hock Toh to find out why you should not miss next year's meeting.

What will the focus of the 2012 SSC meeting be and what highlights can participants expect?

Our overall focus will be on promoting the translational aspects of Thrombosis and Haemostasis. Specifically, this focus will emphasize how the ISTH – through the SSC – is well-positioned to translate new knowledge into better patient care. Liverpool 2012 will make clear the uniqueness of the ISTH/SSC in knowledge exchange with all partners in Translational Medicine and the fundamental role of standardization in this process. Highlights will include sessions that bridge disciplines, entitled “Setting Standards of Care.” Examples include Thrombosis and Haemostasis in Obstetric, Infection, Cancer and Cardiovascular diseases.

The meeting promotes an “Extended Program.” What do you have planned and how will the SSC meeting in Liverpool be different from previous SSC meetings?

SSC 2012 will have an Enhanced Program that includes:

1. A new Hot Topics session to showcase the best research

- in Thrombosis & Haemostasis.
2. A new Call for Abstracts to select the most cutting-edge research for oral communication.
3. A Plenary to highlight the finest translational exemplars in Thrombosis & Haemostasis that have impacted on Global Health.
4. An Educational Day that will encompass relevant translational methodologies.

The program will therefore take SSC meetings to a new level. This includes stronger engagement with its younger audiences, patients and industry.

Why should colleagues and peers from around the world attend?

My promise is to deliver a 2012 meeting that reaches out beyond traditional SSC audiences. As illustrated in the enhanced program, this will be innovative, interesting and a lot of fun. Our Centre in Liverpool is supported by the Roald Dahl Foundation who will help us in making this meeting extra special and memorable. An exciting meeting is the best way to inspire our most talented people and develop future leaders

For more information and to stay current with new announcements, please regularly visit the new website at www.ssc2012.org.



Cheng-Hock Toh and Henri Bounameaux hold the winning ticket for the raffle of the Liverpool FC jersey at the SSC 2012 Booth in Kyoto.

of the ISTH. To this end, Liverpool 2012 will push for the highest numbers of Young Investigator and Reach-the-World travel awards.

Tell us a bit more about Liverpool and the UK that participants can look forward to when planning their attendance.

Liverpool, England is famous for the highest standards in creativity. Everyone knows about Liverpool and the Beatles and its football but you will also find a vibrant and cultural city with majestic architecture and a historic waterfront that has UNESCO World Heritage status. For centuries, the people of Liverpool have welcomed visitors from all over the world and we have the oldest Chinatown in Europe. The European Union also awarded Liverpool the title of Capital of Culture in 2008. In the spirit of a World in One City, I can assure all participants of a warm and friendly welcome!

Webcasts of ISTH 2011 Sessions now available

ISTH is pleased to offer its members and congress participants the webcasting and video podcasting of select presentations from its annual meetings.

This initiative allows a more extensive access to the specialized educational content provided at ISTH events.

Members of the ISTH may now view the scientific highlights from the recent ISTH Congress in Kyoto as well as review sessions at last year's SSC Meeting in Cairo, Egypt.

Please log in to the ISTH members only section on the Society's website at www.isth.org and click on the webcast banner. You will then be able to browse available presentations by session, speaker, video podcast and PowerPoint presentation files shared.

In the webcast, you will be able to view full multimedia presentations, including laser pointer movements of the speakers, PowerPoint animations, embedded video files and more. In addition, ISTH now offers its members access to the webcast library through a new iPhone/iPad/iPod Webcast App!

To know more about this webcast App, please visit talksonthego.com or download it from the Apple App Store by searching for: *Talks on the Go*.

We would like to thank all our speakers for their valuable support which made the webcasts possible. We hope that the format of these webcasts will enhance your learning experience, help meet your educational needs and provide a valuable membership benefit.



ISTH and World Federation of Hemophilia formalize collaboration with Memorandum of Understanding

During the 2011 Kyoto Congress, the ISTH and the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize the collaboration and coordination of activities between the two organizations. The WFH and the ISTH value the important role each organization plays in promoting research, providing educational materials/activities, and developing health care programs for governments, health professionals, patients, and families.

"This partnership is an important step towards achieving our goal of improving and sustaining access to care for people with bleeding disorders around the world through education and research," said WFH President Mark Skinner. "Our collaboration in these areas will be of tremendous benefit to both organizations, and the populations we serve."

Both organizations have a common interest in advancing education essential to providing treatment and care. The WFH and ISTH will pursue the following areas of collaboration:

- Conduct educational programs on laboratory diagnosis, management of thrombotic and bleeding disorders and other subjects to enhance the fulfillment of both

organizations' missions;

- Promote and facilitate research in the fields of thrombosis and bleeding disorders;
- Organize joint scientific sessions (or plenaries) during the WFH World Congress and the ISTH Congress on topics of mutual interest and relevance;
- Produce joint educational materials on thrombosis and bleeding disorders including e-learning;
- Collaborate in data sharing projects to improve treatment and advance scientific understanding of bleeding disorders;
- Facilitate access to information on programs of mutual interest to clinicians and scientists.

"The collaboration of our organizations is in the best interest of patients affected by clotting and bleeding disorders and their care gives around the world. Working together and complementing each other's strengths creates a win-win situation and signposts the way professional and patient organizations can and should work together to maximize outcome," said Professor Henri Bounameaux, ISTH's Chair of Council.

For more information on the World Federation of Hemophilia, please visit: www.wfh.org.

Renew your ISTH 2012 membership now!

As the end of the year nears, ISTH is already looking forward to being even more active in 2012.

But we need your help and support as members of the Society to maintain the current high level of scientific value while developing additional initiatives to expand our reach and impact. These initiatives include educational resources and e-learning projects, quality scientific programming including a new Call for Abstracts, Hot-Topics and E-Posters at the 2012 SSC Liverpool

Meeting, expanded educational activities in the developing world and other projects in keeping with the mission of ISTH.

You should have received the individual membership renewal messages in your inbox. Please show your continued commitment and active support by renewing your ISTH membership in 2012. Thank you!



Kyoto Congress



By the numbers ...

Delegates

4,605

Total Oral Presentations

481

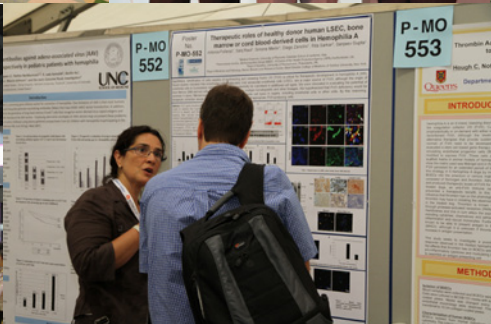
Total Poster Presentations

2,427

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION PER REGION

Europe	44%
Asia	31%
North America	20%
Middle East	3%
Latin America	1%
Africa	1%

Kyoto Congress
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Kyoto Congress (cont.)



From the Executive Director's desk



It has been a remarkable first 5 months for me as the Society's new Executive Director, and I could not be more excited about working with ISTH. It was certainly a baptism-by-fire with our 2011 Congress in Japan happening only a short three months after my start date.

As you may expect, I came to Kyoto with a mix of excitement and anxiety as I was about to first truly experience ISTH. Needless to say, it was a remarkable week. I could not have received a warmer and more open welcome by both the ISTH leadership and all members and attendees.

What strikes me the most within ISTH and our community is the passion and commitment to the cause and the family spirit. The Congress was certainly buzzing with fantastic science and animated discussions and networking. Equally, the excitement, the ideas and energy could be clearly sensed in the various committee meetings and meetings with partner organizations or corporate partners.

As this newsletter showcases so nicely, a lot is going on at ISTH, and there is certainly more to come. We are starting to explore a number of very exciting new initiatives that we hope will increase the value of ISTH to you, our members. Expanded and new collaborations and partnerships will further enhance science and education and the international networking, which members rank highly as a reason to belong. And we will also seek to create new ways to involve the wider ISTH membership in our activities and programs.

"Marking my first 5 months in Office ..."

Apart from these more public initiatives, the ISTH team is hard at work to improve internal processes and procedures to make our Society run more effectively and efficiently.

But ultimately, and we are constantly mindful of this, all of our combined efforts need to focus on improving the lives of patients.

Thank you for being members of ISTH and for your active involvement in our Society and your commitment to our field. It is a true pleasure and privilege for me to be part of the "ISTH family". Feel free to email me with any comments, suggestions or ideas you may have that you think would expand ISTH's impact or how we could add additional value to your membership.

Best wishes,

Thomas (Tom) Reiser
Executive Director
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ISTH Members weigh in

ISTH embarked on a membership survey earlier this year and 439 members (representing 15.78% of the Society) responded and provided their feedback.

We were very pleased by the significant response rate (response rates of over 7% are considered “good”) providing already a clear indication that ISTH members are committed to their Society and interested in becoming involved.

From the responses, we were able to learn some important aspects:

By and large, the leading areas of ISTH member involvement are:

- Submitting Abstracts to ISTH Congresses: 68.8%
- Submitting work to JTH: 54%
- Presented research at an ISTH Congress or SSC Meeting: 47.8%

Statistically, the top three reasons members join ISTH are:

- Professional Education (70%)
- Networking with Colleagues (61.8%)
- Complimentary Subscription to JTH (56.1%)

Matching this up with “how satisfied” members are with how the society performs 88% were either Extremely Satisfied or Satisfied. While this seems a very strong, positive response, the Society has (and will) continue to further facilitate networking and professional education in between congresses.

Responding members also indicated a preference for the type of communications they would like to receive from ISTH:

- Periodic, short emails: 65.9%
- Quarterly Newsletters: 45.4%
- Via the ISTH website: 39.5%



And we will review how we can facilitate this more actively based on the specific feedback received.

While the membership survey was a snapshot of the current sentiment about the Society, it provides valuable information and ISTH will certainly engage in follow up surveys (maybe on very specific aspects or again a more comprehensive survey) in the future.

In the meantime, we welcome and value any ongoing feedback you could provide us with. Please feel free to share with us any observation, comment or idea – simply email us at feedback@isth.org.

2011, the Kyoto Congress year, brings timely review, commentary articles to JTH

For ISTH members, this year has been dominated by the highly successful XXIII Congress in Kyoto. At each of the biennial congresses, a State of the Art edition of JTH is produced by a Guest Editor. We were fortunate to work closely with Guest Editor Professor Yukio Ozaki, who has produced an outstanding compilation of topical reviews arising from the keynote presentations at the Congress (JTH, 9 supplement 1, July 2011).

While JTH is committed to publishing the best original work, it is also a Society Journal that serves its members through the publication of such timely reviews. We would also like to draw attention to other recent Review and Commentary Articles in the regular issues of JTH on beta2-glycoprotein I (JTH 9, 1275-1284, 2011), acquired TTP (JTH 9, 1285-1291, 2011), obstetric hemorrhage (JTH 9, 1441-1451, 2011), and on particulate matter and the contact pathway (JTH 9, 1359-1367, 2001, and featured article (JTH 9, 1359-1367,

2011) which we believe will be of wide interest to members of the Society.

Each year, we make a report to the Council of ISTH on the progress of JTH. In most ways, during 2010 the journal continued to perform strongly. There were record downloads of its articles, indicating that readership is continuing to expand. We have reported to Council that the manuscript handling by our Editorial Team remains excellent, with a mean initial decision on manuscripts of only 20 days. Submissions are at record levels, approaching 1300 per year. Unfortunately for authors, this means we can accept less than 30% of manuscripts submitted to us.

Because of these positive traits, it was disappointing that in July of this year, when the 2010 impact factors were announced, there was a drop for JTH, from 6.07 to 5.44. The fall seems to be outside the statistical variation associated with this metric. At the time of writing, we are unsure why this has



happened, but meetings are planned with our Publisher later in the year, at which time citation information will be analyzed to see whether any revision of Editorial policy might be introduced.

The Kyoto meeting also provided an opportunity for the Publication Committee to interview prospective new Editors of this Journal. As current Editors in Chief, we participated in this and were gratified by the high quality of applicants for this role. A new Editorial team will take over the stewardship of the journal in the second half of next year, a transition that will be assisted by the whole JTH Editorial team.

Mike Greaves & David A Lane
Joint Editors in Chief, JTH

Meet the ISTH Team

Did you ever wonder who the friendly voice is on the other end of the phone when you call the ISTH office, or who the person is who responds to your emails in a timely and helpful way?

Here we are – this is your ISTH team and we look forward to assisting you with any requests you may have, answer your questions or listen to your suggestions. Just call or email us – or – if you are in the neighborhood, please stop by our office!



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Beth Flora (Finance Administrator); Sharon Overcash (Membership Secretary); Margo Price (Director of Corporate Relations); Tom Reiser (Executive Director); Cary Clark (IT/SSC Administrator); Allison Peacock (Project Specialist)

ISTH offers new Membership Benefit – 25% off all Wiley-Blackwell books

Together with our partner, Wiley-Blackwell, publisher of ISTH's journal JTH, ISTH is pleased to be able to offer to all members a special 25% discount on the entire book catalogue* (medical and non-medical) of Wiley-Blackwell.

To take advantage of this special discount, please log into the members-only section of the ISTH website, click on the Wiley-Blackwell

Book discount link and you will be redirected to the site of our publisher where you will be able to browse their books and apply your discount on any purchases.

We encourage you to take advantage of this new ISTH membership benefit – it could mean significant savings for you!

*certain restrictions may apply



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ISTH selects Melbourne for its 2019 Congress

After receiving several expressions of interest and careful evaluation of three highly qualified and competitive bids, the ISTH Council voted to hold its XXVII Congress in 2019 in Melbourne, Australia. The successful bid was presented by Dr. Robert Medcalf of the Australian Center for Blood Diseases, Monash University and his proposed Local Organizing team.

More information such as dates and will be provided to ISTH membership and our international community in the near future.

Following ISTH Congresses in 2013 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2015 in Toronto, Canada and 2017 in Berlin, Germany, the Society will return to the Asian/Pacific Region fulfilling its important global mission as an international organization.

For more information and to inquire about how to bid for future ISTH Congresses and SSC Meetings, please contact ISTH's Executive Director, Tom Reiser at the ISTH Headquarters.

Introduction of new ISTH Treasurer

The role of Treasurer was created as a result of the changes in ISTH Bylaws in 2010 and Nuala Booth became the first holder of this post, as the current chairman of the ISTH Finance Committee. She welcomes the increased involvement of the committee in planning the budget for

the Society and looks forward to the greater input from the entire Council in the process of submitting plans to realizing them, resting on a secure plan for financial management.

Look out for a more extended interview in the next issues.



A call to clinicians and scientists in resource-poor countries – Join ISTH as a “Reach-the-World” Member

ISTH is strongly committed to making membership more accessible for clinicians, researchers and educators in the developing world. The main purpose of this new facet of the program is to remove financial barriers for involvement in the ISTH community and to provide access to ISTH's many membership benefits. The Reach-the-World program assists individuals from the developing world to attend the So-

ciety's annual meetings (ISTH Congress and SSC meeting). The same criteria will be used for the RtW-membership of the ISTH. Membership is open to researchers, educators and clinicians from the developing world. These are defined as those countries designated as 'developing' by the classification of the World Bank (see: <http://bit.ly/oEnOsv>). The membership fee for these members is reduced to \$35 USD.

Call for ISTH members in industrialized countries:
Please draw the attention of your colleagues in countries qualifying for the Reach-the-World membership to this membership category and invite them to join!

Those who are interested may apply through the ISTH website (under 'members', 'new membership application') and can tick the box for 'RtW-membership.'

ISTH on LinkedIn



Join us on LinkedIn to continue networking with other professionals in

the field of thrombosis and haemostasis. Engage with ISTH members worldwide.

Search for the “International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis” Group and join it to stay up-to-date on ISTH announcements as well as to participate in discussions of our community.

ISTH seeks closer collaborations with national, regional Thrombosis & Haemostasis Societies & other related Societies

Led by the Society's Membership Committee and PR & Communications Committee, ISTH invites related national and continental thrombosis and haemostasis organizations to contact the ISTH to establish ongoing communications on a Society-to-Society level.

As the “international” society, ISTH is interested in exploring ways to work together to provide greatest impact in our field around the world. Collaborations could

range from the simple and ongoing exchange of information and keeping each other “up to date” on activities and development to concrete projects and initiatives that could combine the strengths of two or more organizations.

For more information or to connect with ISTH and express interest in establishing ongoing communications and possibly concrete collaborations, please contact David Lane via the ISTH Office at headquarters@isth.org

RtW Visiting Professor Program

The Visiting Professor Program was recently initiated by the Education Committee to further the ISTH mission of advancing understanding of thrombotic and hemorrhagic disorders in the emerging world. The aim of the program is to support ISTH members that are willing to travel and give lectures on a selected topic, or a series of selected topics. Interested host institutions are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply online, go to <http://bit.ly/isthrtw> today!



DEADLINE for RtW Advanced Fellowships is January 1

Applications are now invited for ISTH 2012/2013 Reach-the-World Advanced Fellowships.

The Reach-the-World Advanced Fellowships program is targeted to Advanced Fellows from underprivileged countries who wish to pursue knowledge and research in one or all of the following areas: medical care, laboratory methods, or research related to thrombosis and hemostasis.



Applicants should be 37 years old or younger. Fellowships of up to a four month period will be supported. Selection of recipients is an ongoing process with new awardees being chosen in January and June of each year. Please visit this website for more information: <http://bit.ly/isthfellowship>. Next deadline for applications: January 1, 2012.

Meeting Announcements

National Course on Hemostasis and Thrombosis of the Italian Society on Hemostasis and Thrombosis (Società Italiana per lo Studio dell'Emostasi e della Trombosi, S.I.S.E.T.). held at the University of Milano on Oct 27-28, 2011
<http://www.sisetonline.com/milano2011>

ESH-ISTH Advanced Course in Thrombosis and Haemostasis
November 7-10, 2011
Cascais, Portugal
<http://bit.ly/eshisth>

Educational Session
Merida, Mexico
November 25-27 2011
Local Organizer Dr. Margarita Rodriguez Mejorada

5th Annual Congress EAHAD
22-24, February 2012, Rome, Italy
<http://www.eahad2012.org>

International Conference on Thrombosis and Hemostasis Issues in Cancer (ICTHIC)
April 20-22, 2012, Bergamo, Italy
<http://www.icthic.com/en/home/home.aspx>

Early registration deadline:
January 31st, 2012
Abstract Submission Deadline:
November 30th, 2011.

Thrombosis and Hemostasis Research Summit of North America
May 3-5, 2012 Chicago IL, USA
<http://thsna.org>

Educational Session
Sao Paulo, Brazil
May 25-27, 2012
Local Organizer: Joao Carlos de Campos Guerra

Educational Session
Havana, Cuba
June 2012
Local Organizer: Fidel Caceres

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