Dear Members of the ISTH, Colleagues and Friends,

As Chairman of the ISTH, it has been my privilege and pleasure to oversee the leading international thrombosis and hemostasis Society, one that has grown from its inception in 1969 with 200 members, to the Society that we know today with more than 3,500 members in 90 countries around the world.

As I thought about composing this letter, I quickly realized how fast the last two years have passed. It has been a time of many rewarding moments as well as transition. While it has been a time of change, the Society has made great progress on many fronts, including building our infrastructure and offerings, while establishing exciting new activities to serve our field in alignment with the Society’s mission to advance the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombotic and bleeding disorders.

Over the last two years, there have been a number of transformations at the ISTH - including the professionalization of the Society’s management, increased membership, scientifically outstanding and memorable meetings in 2012 (Liverpool) and 2013 (Amsterdam), new and more educational activities and the development of a core curriculum – all nicely represented with the dynamic new look of the Society’s updated logo. However, what has not changed is the unique ability of our Society to play a leading role in an environment that remains ever-changing and to respond in a manner that reflects our experience, qualities and ability to meet the needs of our field while pushing forward in our quest to improve patients’ lives.

Dedicated to transformative scientific discoveries and clinical practices, the ISTH continues to foster the development of young professionals and the education of physicians, scientists and allied health professionals wherever they may live. From research activities and scientific meetings to peer-reviewed publications, expert committees and the development of standards allowing a common language and approach to basic and clinical science all over the world, the ISTH plays a central role in building the thrombosis and hemostasis community via collaborative connections, partnerships and innovative communications. I have no doubt that this progression will continue, and the Society will go on to strengthen and grow in the years to come.

As the 19th Chairman of the ISTH, I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve the Society and its members during the last two years and to have continued the diligent work of our previous Chairmen of Council.

Sincerely,

Michael Berndt
Chairman of Council, 2012 - 2014

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Accomplishments & Highlights

Guidance Development
With the objective to further the Society’s mission and provide guidance to practitioners for the management of disorders which lack data from randomized clinical trials for high level evidence based recommendations, guidance recommendations are being developed to provide direction on specific clinical (therapeutic and/or diagnostic) questions of broad interest and applicability to the wider medical/scientific community and for which evidence-based data is limited. To date, three guidance documents have been published.

ISTH Academy
Launched in 2014 to begin offering online learning opportunities that include webinars, educational webcasts and dedicated online courses, the ISTH Academy incorporates notable speakers and presenters on a variety of topics related to thrombosis and hemostasis.

Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH)
JTH, the official journal of the Society, successfully increased its impact factor as of 2012 to 6.081. The Journal continues to publish high quality, original laboratory and clinical research reports, state-of-the-art reviews, invited commentaries and debates on timely topics, as well as letters and announcements.

Meetings
The ISTH, with the dedication and support from meeting presidents, successfully organized and held the following meetings in 2012 and 2013:

SSC 2012 1,589 attended
Liverpool, United Kingdom

ISTH 2013 8,283 attended
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Bylaws Amendment
Reflecting the ISTH’s desire to be inclusive and have direct representation from developing countries, the Society created and ISTH membership overwhelmingly approved, a Bylaws change to add a dedicated Reach-the-World seat to the Council.

Core Curriculum
The core curriculum was developed to inform a set of minimum knowledge required for a medical doctor to be considered as a clinical specialist in thrombosis and hemostasis. Going forward, it will also provide a framework to facilitate harmonization of training and ensure the attainment of a pre-determined level of knowledge in the field.

Declaration of World Thrombosis Day
Bringing together communities around the world to raise awareness about and help reduce the burden from thrombosis, the ISTH declared October 13 as World Thrombosis Day. With its initial focus on Venous Thromboembolism (VTE), the ISTH partnered with national, continental and international thrombosis and related specialty organizations from every continent of the world in the effort to educate the public, health care professionals and policy makers about thrombosis risks, prevention and treatment. www.worldthrombosisday.org

Education Program
Aimed at improving knowledge in thrombosis and hemostasis, the ISTH education program provides a framework to facilitate coordinated training opportunities around the world. More than 2,630 attendees participated in over 10 courses in Europe (Eastern, Central and Western), South-East Asia and Latin America.

Membership Growth
From 2012 to 2013, the Society experienced significant growth in membership with more than 3,500 members at the end of 2013 from more than 90 countries. This growth has allowed the ISTH to build greater communication, collaboration and partnerships within the thrombosis and hemostasis community.

Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC)
The 19 subcommittees of the SSC have worked on over 80 projects covering standardization and guidance across the entire field of thrombotic and hemorrhagic disorders. Additionally, for the first time, in 2013 the SSC embarked on focused strategic planning activities which led to new rules and guidelines to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the SSC and to enhance its focus and activities in the future. Twenty-eight SSC Communications were released since 2012.

Society’s Rebrand
In the effort to invigorate the visibility and recognition of the ISTH in support of its proactive outreach and collaborative approach to building partnerships around the world, the ISTH updated its logo and overarching brand platform.

Young Professionals’ Task Force
The Society has started to formally embrace early-career professionals in a unique and focused way by creating the ISTH Young Professionals Forum to encourage the engagement of young professionals in the ISTH.
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## ISTH Leadership & Support, 2012-2014

The Council is the governing body of the ISTH. It authorizes and exercises all of the Society's corporate powers and oversees its activities. Every two years, members of the Society elect five of their peers to the Council, replacing one-third of elected Council members. Council members serve for a term of six years. The Council also includes ex-officio voting members who are members by virtue of holding another office with the ISTH, as mandated by the Society's Bylaws.

### Officers
- **Michael Berndt** | Australia
  Chairman
- **Nigel Key** | USA
  Secretary / Chairman-Elect
- **Nuala Booth** | United Kingdom
  Treasurer
- **Philip Wells** | Canada
  Vice President

### Ex-Officio Members
- **Bruce Furie** | USA
  Secretary General
- **Pieter Reitsma** | The Netherlands
  Co-Editor, JTH
- **Henri Bounameaux** | Switzerland
  Immediate Past-Chairman
- **David Lillicrap** | Canada
  SSC Chairman

### Committees
- **Education and Outreach**
- **Ethics**
- **Executive**
- **Finance**
- **Governance**
- **Guidelines and Guidance**

### Lectures and Awards
- **Membership & Communications**
- **Nominating**
- **Presidents**
- **Publications**

### Financials

The ISTH is a US-registered 501(c)3 exempt (not-for profit) organization recognized under the US Internal Revenue Code. The Society aims at operating on a balanced budget. As per most recent tax filing (December 31, 2012), the Society's income and expenses break down into the following categories:

**INCOME**
- 46.1% | CONGRESSES/MEETINGS
- 27.9% | PUBLICATIONS
- 15.5% | INTEREST/DIVIDENDS INVESTMENT & FOREIGN EXCHANGE GAINS
- 7.6% | MEMBERSHIP
- 2.4% | OTHER

**EXPENSES**
- 37.1% | CONGRESSES/MEETINGS
- 26.0% | PROGRAMS/EDUCATION & OUTREACH
- 23.5% | PUBLICATIONS
- 15.4% | MANAGEMENT
It is with great excitement that I transition from Chairman-Elect to the role of the ISTH Council Chairman at the ISTH Council meeting at SSC 2014 in Milwaukee. The current energy of the ISTH sets a spirit of progress and success, and I look forward to taking an important role in the continued growth of the Society following Michael Berndt's successful chairmanship from 2012-2014.

The growth and development, successes and accomplishments that the Society has experienced since its inception signify ISTH's diligent work to fulfill its mission and set a solid foundation to move the field forward. We are fortunate to work in an exciting area that is seeing scientific advances and new treatment options. At the same time, we all live in a world of ever-changing realities, be they socio- or geo-political, economic or regulatory, that will require a continued and combined effort to adapt, change, develop and/or innovate. Together, we will achieve our milestones, embark on important discussions and conversations and continue to build a collaborative community of thrombosis and hemostasis professionals globally. Your support and active involvement is critical to our evolution.

As your Chairman for the next two years, my overarching focus will be to invest in the mission of the Society's critical programs, while keeping the ISTH financially sound. I look forward to working alongside the Council to further strengthen the Society's educational outreach programs, to build capacity via online learning and make progress toward providing new educational offerings aligned with the Society’s new core curriculum – both for early career and senior professionals. I also look forward to building the involvement of our membership by offering enhanced opportunities for participation and by asking you and listening to your professional needs and requests.

Of equal importance, we will continue to grow closer interactions with thrombosis and hemostasis organizations around the world and to enhance more on-the-ground collaborations through increased educational partnerships. Along the same lines, increased collaborations with organizations in related medical and scientific fields will be of significant importance as we move forward together.

We cannot do this alone; I invite you, our members, related organizations, partners and supporters, to work closely with us in an effort of global collaboration, partnership and community building. Indeed, it is a period of growth and an exciting change for the Society, and I look forward to working alongside you to improve the lives of patients around the world.

It is with tremendous gratitude and excitement that I move into my chairmanship, and I look forward to working alongside everyone in the spirit of collaboration to have a true positive impact on our field.

Sincerely,
Nigel Key
Chairman of Council, 2014 - 2016

Upcoming Activities for 2014-2015

World Thrombosis Day
October 13, 2014
www.worldthrombosisday.org

ISTH 2015
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
June 20 – 25, 2015
www.ISTH2015.org

SSC 2016
Montpellier, France
May 25 – 28, 2016

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