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Submit Your Abstracts & Register to Attend SSC 2014 **June 23 – 26, 2014; Milwaukee, Wisconsin U.S.A.**

SSC 2014 invites the submission of abstracts that report new research developments for presentation at the SSC meeting. Abstracts are welcome from physicians, scientists, researchers and trainees in all sectors, including academia, industry, government and education.

The deadline for abstract submission is March 3, 2014. Click below for additional information on the submission process.

- For complete submission guidelines, [click here](#).
- To submit your abstract online today, [click here](#).

We Also Invite You to Register! The ISTH would like to invite you to register to attend SSC 2014 before early bird discounts end on March 28, 2014. To register, [click here](#).



Now Online! SSC 2014 Education & Subcommittees Program

The 60th anniversary meeting of the SSC is a landmark gathering with a program that highlights the latest discussions of diagnostic standards, disease nomenclature and classification, and research on bleeding and thrombotic disorders. Specifically, the educational topics include: Genomic Impact on Personalized Medicine, the Evolving World of Hemostasis, Vascular Biology of Hemoglobinopathies, Vascular Biology of Malaria, Therapeutics of Tomorrow and much more!

To see the complete education and SSC subcommittees program, [click here](#) or visit www.ssc2014.org today!

While You Are in Milwaukee for SSC 2014

The Milwaukee Art Museum is a must-visit attraction in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Voted as the number one attraction on Trip Advisor, the Milwaukee Art Museum boasts an extensive collection of nearly 20,000 works, representing such artists as Pablo Picasso, Georgia O'Keeffe and Andy Warhol. Further, nearly 600 objects are currently on view in the American Folk Art exhibition. The Milwaukee Art Museum is located at 700 N Art Museum Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Visit <http://mam.org> for more information.



Reach-the-World Fellowship Recipients

The ISTH is pleased to announce the selection of three new fellows for the ISTH Reach-the-World Fellowship program. Julia Etulain (Argentina), Helen C. Okoye (Nigeria) and Daniella Mussio (Uruguay) have each been selected to receive fellowships for 2014. Applications for the program are accepted January 1 and June 1 of each year. [Click here to learn more and apply!](#)

Recently one of our fellowship recipients, Julia Etulain (Argentina), shared her thoughts on receiving the fellowship and plans on future research.

In each upcoming newsletter, the ISTH will profile one new fellowship recipient.

The ISTH Reach-the-World Fellowship program is supported in part thanks to an unrestricted educational grant from Bayer Healthcare.

Reach-the-World Fellowship Recipient Q & A: Julia Etulain, Argentina

Q: Please describe your motivation for applying for a Reach-the-World Fellowship:

A: My current research project aims to study how the stress signals present in the inflammatory microenvironment affect the biology of neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs) formation mediated by platelets. Improving my research skills about this topic could contribute not only to understanding the pathophysiology of several inflammatory and immune disorders including sepsis, cancer, and atherosclerosis, but also the development of new therapeutic strategies contributing to improve health care.

Q: Please describe how the ISTH Reach-the-World Fellowship will help improve your skills/knowledge as a physician/researcher/clinician:

A: This training will be very fruitful not only to my current project, but also to establish new collaborations and research lines in our laboratory, which is one of my short term goals as a future-career Investigator in Argentina. Dr. Denisa Wagner (my mentor in the U.S.) and her team have vast experience in the study of platelets and NETs physiology and the techniques I wish to learn, which are not all performed in my country, and are routinely used in her laboratory.

Q: What are you most excited about as you prepare for your fellowship?

A: Since I do not have professional experience in the U.S., I think that the most exciting aspect will be the opportunity to obtain hands-on experience working in a great professional environment in Dr. Wagner's laboratory and to have the possibility to interact with many prestigious scientists working at Harvard's Medical School.

MORE ABOUT THE ISTH REACH-THE-WORLD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The ISTH Reach-the-World Fellowship program aims to promote knowledge and expertise in one or all of the areas of medical care, laboratory methods and/or research. As part of the



program, the Society provides fellows with financial support for travel, accommodation and living expenses for a fellowship period of up to four months.

In addition to the Reach-the-World Fellowship program and as part of the full suite of ISTH's Reach-the-World offerings, individuals from developing countries may qualify to receive discounted or free Society membership, travel grant opportunities, support for educational courses and the opportunity to participate actively in the global exchange of scientific and clinical information, regardless of where they live. To learn more about the ISTH Reach-the-World program, please [click here](#).

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Your Final Chance to Register for the ISTH Second Advanced Training Course

Online Registration Closes on March 1, 2014.

If you are considering registering for the Second Advanced Training Course on thrombosis and haemostasis March 13 - 16, 2014 in Cascais, Portugal, be sure to do so before the online registration site closes on March 1, 2014. While onsite registration will be available, we recommend registering now due to limited space!

To review the program, [click here](#). To begin your registration, [click here](#).

ISTH Course Report: Valdivia, Chile

The “Curso Educacional Internacional de Hemostasia y Trombosis,” sponsored by the ISTH, took place in Valdivia-Chile from November 22 - 23, 2013. Held at Universidad Austral de Chile and at the laboratories of Hospital Base Valdivia, the course was divided in a common theoretical part and two modules: one for medical items and the other for laboratory aspects (dry and wet lab). The Dry Lab part of the course included theoretical aspects related to the utility and interpretation of different tests, and the Wet Lab part included analysis of blind samples, followed by interpretation and discussions of the results. A “breakfast with the expert” session was included in the module for physicians.

The course, Curso Educacional Internacional de Hemostasia y Trombosis, had 90 attendees and was successful based on the feedback received. It allowed for a motivating interaction and discussion between the attendees and the faculty about theoretical and practical aspects on thrombosis and bleeding disorders. Moreover, cases presented by the attendees were discussed in different sessions, offering additional value.

The majority of the attendees (65%) were physicians or students at the school of medicine. Physicians were mainly general practitioners or hematologists; but there were also pediatricians, gynecologists and others. The remaining attendees were professionals that work at laboratories, one physician, one biochemist and one pharmacist. Most attendees (80%) were from the Valdivia region or in other cities in the south of Chile (Temuco, Concepción, Constitución, Puerto Varas, Ancud); the rest were from other areas (Talca, Viña del Mar, Santiago).

The course was organized by Vivianne Torres (Chile), Alicia Blanco (Argentina), Diego Mezzano (Chile) and Suely Rezende (Brazil); Raúl Altman (Argentina) was the advisor. The course also had Andreas Greinacher (Germany) and Yukio Ozaki (Japan) serve as ISTH advisory members. Faculty included: Alicia Blanco (Argentina), Diego Mezzano (Chile), Olga Panes (Chile), Jaime Pereira (Chile), and Suely Rezende (Brazil). The laboratory course was coordinated by Alicia Blanco (Argentina) and Soledad Rybertt (Chile).

The theoretical part of the course was transmitted live online. For access to materials, send an email to: www.tvaustral@uach.cl.

The ISTH gratefully acknowledges Alicia Blanco, ISTH Education Committee, for the content above.





New ISTH SSC Communication – Now Available Online in JTH

The SSC publishes reports, recommendations, and deliberations in the *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis* (JTH). The latest official communication of the [Animal Models SSC Subcommittee](#) is listed below:

[Strengths and Weaknesses of a New Mouse Model of Thrombosis Induced by Inferior Vena Cava Stenosis](#)

Julia E. Geddings, Maria M. Aleman, Alisa S. Wolberg, Marie-Luise von Brühl, Steffen Massberg and Nigel Mackman. Accepted manuscript online: 26 JAN 2014 02:31AM EST | DOI: 10.1111/jth.12510

[Find all SSC communications here.](#)

JTH Editors' Picks for February

The [JTH](#) is the official journal of the Society and is the leading medical journal in the fields of thrombosis and haemostasis. Its current impact factor is 6.081.

[To access the JTH Editors' Picks for February 2014, click here.](#)

Special Issue:

The [2013 State of the Art issue](#) from JTH is the definitive collection of topical reviews in thrombosis and haemostasis written by internationally acclaimed experts in the field. Access is free to this issue!

[Don't forget! Take advantage of your ISTH society discount of 35% off all Wiley Publishing book titles.](#)



Your Last Chance to Contribute to the ISTH Core Curriculum

Now is your opportunity and last chance to contribute to the ISTH Core Curriculum. In the fall, the ISTH membership was asked to provide initial comments via an online survey on a draft version of the Core Curriculum. That feedback informed the committee leading the project and has been incorporated into a follow-up survey to capture final comments from the members of the ISTH.

At this time, ISTH members and specialists in the thrombosis and haemostasis are encouraged to provide any final comments on the updated curriculum. Provide your feedback here!

Last year the ISTH began developing a Core Curriculum for clinical thrombosis and haemostasis specialists. The aim of the ISTH Curriculum is to provide a framework to facilitate harmonization of training that ensures the attainment of a pre-determined level of knowledge in thrombosis and haemostasis.

We acknowledge that while there will be regional variations in facilities, access to laboratory testing and clinical management options, but the curriculum can be used internationally to inform a set of minimum knowledge required for a medical doctor to be considered as a clinical specialist in the field of thrombosis and haemostasis.

The program can also be used as a framework for continuous professional development and maintenance of competence.



Your ISTH Membership

If you haven't renewed your ISTH membership for 2014, we want you back! Please complete your membership renewal online, [here](#). For assistance with the membership renewal process, contact the ISTH at membership@isth.org or via phone at +1 919 929 3807. Please note that ISTH membership runs on a calendar year basis, so membership must be renewed each year.

Interested in joining the ISTH for the first time? As the leading global community of specialists in bleeding and clotting disorders, the ISTH offers benefits that inspire, drive and connect us in the translation of science to advance clinical practice to improve the lives of millions of people worldwide. ISTH membership benefits include subscription to the JTH, meeting discounts, ample educational opportunities, networking and more! **To join, [click here](#).**

Say "Hello" to Our Newest ISTH Members!

Thank you to our new and renewing ISTH members. With your membership, we continue to work toward our mission of advancing the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombotic and bleeding disorders. Your support doesn't end with becoming a member though. We hope you'll continue to support the ISTH throughout the year by participating in surveys, attending [events](#), volunteering for [committees](#) and [subcommittees](#) and much more.

In recognition of our new members, [please see our comprehensive list online](#).



Upcoming Meetings

Below you will find a list of upcoming meetings along with a link to relevant information. To be included on our ISTH website calendar, [e-mail us here](#).

[ALPIC 2014 – Advanced Learning on Platelets & Thrombosis International Course](#)
March 7-9, 2014. Ioannina, Greece

[Platelets 2014: 8th International Symposium and ISTH-Endorsed Platelets 2014 Educational Course](#)

April 2-4, 2014. Ma'ale Hachamisha, Israel

[Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology 2014 Scientific Sessions](#)

May 1-3, 2014. Toronto, Canada

[7th International Conference on Thrombosis and Haemostasis Issues in Cancer \(ICTHIC\)](#)

May 9-11, 2014. Bergamo, Italy

[7th Symposium on Hemostasis](#)

May 15-17, 2014. Chapel Hill, NC, USA

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