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## **March 2014 E-Newsletter**

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## ISTH Leads a Coalition of Medical Organizations from Around the World to Launch First-Ever World Thrombosis Day

Bringing together nations and local communities to tackle thrombosis, the quiet, underlying disorder that is the common mechanism of the world's three top cardiovascular killers – heart attack, stroke and venous thromboembolism (VTE) – the [International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis](#) (ISTH) today announced that October 13 will be designated [World Thrombosis Day](#), with the inaugural event to be held this year. Partnering with thrombosis societies from every continent of the world, the ISTH is also teaming up with cardiovascular, neurology and hematology organizations in the effort to educate the public, health care professionals and policy makers about thrombosis risks, prevention and treatment.

“We must reduce the burden from thrombosis if we are to achieve the World Health Assembly’s global target of reducing mortality from premature non-communicable disease by 25 percent by 2025,” said Gary Raskob, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, and Chairman of the ISTH World Thrombosis Day Steering Committee. “Thrombosis is a common mechanism for the three leading cardiovascular causes of death and a major contributor to non-communicable disease globally.”

Thrombosis, the formation of a blood clot that blocks the flow of blood in an artery or vein in the body, can occur at any age and can strike at any time. While World Thrombosis Day will provide education about all forms of thrombosis, the initial focus will be on venous thromboembolism (VTE), one of the most common and potentially deadly, yet underappreciated, thrombotic events. VTE occurs when blood clots in the deep veins in the extremities break off and travel to the lungs. Consider:

- In Europe alone, half a million people die from VTE each year – more than the combined death total from AIDS, breast and prostate cancer and highway accidents.<sup>1</sup>
- In the United States, 100,000 to 300,000 individuals die due to VTE each year and VTE is associated with more than 500,000 hospitalizations<sup>2,3,4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Cohen AT, Agnelli G, Anderson FA, Arcelus JI, Bergqvist D, Brecht JG, Greer IA, Heit JA, Hutchinson JL, Kakkar AK, Mottier D, Oger E, Samama MM, Spannagl M. Venous thromboembolism (VTE) in Europe. The number of VTE events and associated morbidity and mortality. *Thromb Haemost.* 2007 Oct;98(4):756-64

<sup>2</sup> Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism (2008). US Department of Health and Human Services.

<sup>3</sup> Heit J, Cohen A, Anderson F. Estimated annual number of incident and recurrent, non-fatal and fatal venous thromboembolism (VTE) events in the US. *Blood* 2005;106:267A

<sup>4</sup> Yusuf H, Tsai J, Atrash H, Boulet S, Grosse S. Venous thromboembolism in adult hospitalizations—United States – 2007-2009. *MMWR* 2012;61:no. 22:401-404



- Elsewhere in the world, such as Asia, the situation is likely to be equally dire with a lack of data masking the broad impact of thrombotic disorders.

“The worldwide numbers on death from VTE alone are staggering and there is too little awareness about the condition, risks, symptoms and preventive practices – even among many health care professionals,” said Dr. Raskob. “World Thrombosis Day is designed to drive awareness of thrombosis and VTE.”

The date of World Thrombosis Day, October 13, was chosen as it is the birthday of Rudolf Virchow, the German physician and pathologist who first coined the term “thrombosis” and made crucial advances in our understanding of it.

“Reducing deaths from thrombosis, VTE and all other forms of it, is essential to significantly lowering overall mortality rates and improving the public’s health and wellbeing worldwide,” said Michael Berndt, Ph.D., Pro-Vice Chancellor Health Sciences at Curtin University, Perth, Australia, and Chairman of the Council of the ISTH. “With World Thrombosis Day, we will drive home this important fact – and through it, we hope to contribute toward reducing the number of undiagnosed cases, increasing the implementation of evidence-based prevention and encouraging health care systems to ensure best practices for prevention, diagnosis and treatment.”

At this time, more than 35 thrombosis and cardiovascular societies from every continent of the world have pledged their support to World Thrombosis Day with more joining every day. For a list of those organizations and for those interested in making the pledge and joining the effort, visit [www.isth.org](http://www.isth.org) or click [here](#).

Initial financial support for World Thrombosis Day comes from Bayer HealthCare (founding global partner), Boehringer Ingelheim (global partner) and The Bristol-Myers Squibb Pfizer Alliance (global supporter).

***For updates on World Thrombosis Day, stay connected with us on Facebook ([WorldThrombosisDay](#)) and Twitter ([@ThrombosisDay](#)).***

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## **Don't Miss The Opportunity to Attend SSC 2014 at a Reduced Rate – Register by March 28!**

If you have not registered for SSC 2014 or secured housing yet, please note that early registration ends on March 28, 2014! With the theme of celebrating six decades of science, the SSC 2014 meeting promises to be a landmark meeting highlighting the latest discussions of diagnostic standards, disease nomenclature and classification, and research on bleeding and thrombotic disorders. With an exciting and interactive Education program, SSC 2014 will cover the evolving world of hemostasis, vascular biology of hemoglobinopathies, vascular interaction of collagen, hemostasis and inflammation, pediatric and perinatal hemostasis, therapeutics of tomorrow, vascular biology of malaria and more! Furthermore, the robust SSC program will feature subcommittee sessions on important and vital topics that will yield thought-provoking discussion and knowledge sharing.

SSC 2014 will include notable topics and speakers from around the world as well as an excellent trainee day on June 22, 2014. We are also pleased to announce that almost 300 abstracts were submitted, which will provide engaging poster and oral presentations during the meeting program.

### **Quick Links:**

[SSC 2014 Program](#)

[SSC 2014 Education Program](#)

[SSC 2014 Trainee Day Details](#)

[Register to Attend SSC 2014](#)

[Milwaukee Hotel Accommodations](#)

[Travel Information](#)

### **SSC 2014 Trainee Program**

Register today for the opportunity to develop mentor relationships and learn about grant writing and career advancement. This takes place on Sunday, June 22 before the start of the SSC Meeting and is free for all registered meeting attendees. The trainee day program is perfect for students, trainees, and practitioners early in their career. [See the full trainee day program here!](#)

[Don't miss the "Meet the Mentor" session on Tues, June 24!](#)



## **Success in Portugal! ISTH Second Advanced Training Course**

The ISTH Second Advanced Training Course in Thrombosis and Haemostasis was successfully held March 13-16, 2014 in Cascais, Portugal. Over 150 participants attended three full days of intense examination on the subjects of blood coagulation and bleeding disorders, platelets and venous thrombosis. Nine leading scientists with vast experience in education gave lectures and also led Meet the Expert sessions, in which attendees could join in discussion with the day's speakers. In addition, there were interactive sessions in the evening with exercises relating to the analysis of the topics discussed during the day or on clinical case studies.

Many thanks to all of our attendees, [invited speakers](#), and partners! We already look forward to plans for future training courses.

Be sure to read our April e-newsletter issue for a full wrap-up of the course, including feedback from participants and more!

**Many thanks to Course Sponsor: Instrumentation Laboratory!**

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## **Q&A with Reach-the-World 2014 Recipient #2 - Helen C. Okoye from Nigeria**

Three recipients of the ISTH Reach-the-World program were announced in the previous ISTH e-newsletter in February. Ms. Julia Etulain (Argentina), Dr. Helen C. Okoye (Nigeria) and Dr. Daniella Mussio (Uruguay) have each been selected to receive fellowships for 2014. In this newsletter, Dr. Helen C. Okoye (Nigeria) shared her thoughts on receiving the fellowship and plans on future research. [Click here to learn more about her work.](#)

Applications for the program are accepted June 1 and January 1 of each year. [Click here to learn more and apply!](#)

The ISTH Reach-the-World Fellowship program is supported in part thanks to an unrestricted educational grant from Bayer Healthcare. [>>Continue Reading](#)

## **Q&A with Dr. Helen C. Okoye from Nigeria**

### **What was your motivation for applying for a Reach-the-World Fellowship?**

My interest in thrombosis and haemostasis is a product of my experience as a resident in the Department of Haematology and Blood Transfusion at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, Port Harcourt, Nigeria. Patients with bleeding diathesis and thrombotic disorders constitute a significant percentage of our population. The challenges of making accurate and prompt basic and molecular diagnosis, along with the limited availability of treatment and treatment monitoring options, are especially worrisome in our resource-poor community. The advancement in the methods of diagnosis and treatment of these disorders at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) in Chapel Hill, NC, USA, has prompted my interest in this opportunity.

My burgeoning interest culminated with the choice of my Part II fellowship dissertation where I evaluated, both quantitatively and qualitatively, the levels of protein C and protein S in women with preeclampsia and also tried to determine if there is any association of their levels with the development of preeclampsia. The findings from this study have increased my conviction and indeed propelled me to acquire more knowledge and skills in the laboratory diagnosis and management of thrombotic and bleeding disorders.

### **How will the fellowship help to improve your skills?**

This opportunity will help me acquire more understanding of some of the concepts in haemostasis and thrombosis. The privilege to work with and operate cutting-edge diagnostic equipment under the appropriate supervision of renowned thrombosis and haemostasis



specialists will definitely improve my skills. This training will improve my skills and understanding in thrombosis and haemostasis and as such, my contribution to the training and practice of haematology in my home institution when I return.

**What are you most excited about as you prepare for the fellowship?**

I look forward to being a part of the distinguished team at UNC. I am also particularly excited at the prospects of being tutored by authorities of international reputation in thrombosis and haemostasis.

[Find the previous profile of Julia Etulain here.](#)

**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.

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## **Five Years Later – Q&A with a Past Reach-the-World Fellow**

The ISTH launched our Reach-the-World program to give healthcare professionals from [developing countries](#) access to thrombosis and haemostasis related knowledge and education. The program has promoted this access for many years. For this issue of the ISTH e-newsletter, we check-in with a former recipient from 2009, Dr. Soledad Molnar of Clinica Universitaria Reina Fabiola in Cordoba, Argentina, to see the continuing impact of her Reach-the-World fellowship.

### **What led you to choose hemostasis/thrombosis as your career focus?**

When I started doing my residency in hematology, I had not initially thought about doing hemostasis, but it happened that the doctor in charge of hemostasis in my hospital relied heavily on me. Each time he was absent for a congress or other reasons, I covered his office. This allowed me to study and be in contact with patients with thrombotic and bleeding diseases. While seeing patients, I discovered how interesting this specialty is, and I chose to continue down that path.

### **What inspired you to seek out the ISTH Fellowship program?**

I was always interested in improving my skills, and get more experience to treat patients with thrombosis. I wanted to spend more time in a hospital where the focus is thrombosis, to be more in touch with experts in the field, and to interact with other doctors to exchange experiences and answer questions from my daily practice. While looking for scholarship programs, I found the ISTH Reach-the-World Fellowship program, which was an excellent option, so I decided to apply.

### **How has the Fellowship experience impacted your own practice?**

I chose McMaster University in Ontario, Canada for my fellowship experience. I had met Dr. Sam Schulman while reporting patients to the International Registry of Recurrent Thrombosis in patients with cancer, and Dr. Schulman agreed to be my tutor.

The experience allowed me to recognize our work as doctors in Argentina, as the management of patients is very similar. In my practice as a hematologist, in Argentina I see patients with hemostasis and general hematology problems. During the fellowship I was dedicated for three months to the area of hemostasis in different fields: cardiology, trauma, cancer, pregnancy and prophylaxis. This allowed me to learn the management of complications and how to make decisions in critical situation. The large volume of patients being treated at McMaster allowed me a broader vision and gave me confidence in my daily work with patients I see in my office.



#### Examples of What I Learned:

- I reviewed for bridging protocols that were used in McMaster. I used these protocols as examples to write protocols for my hospital, based on the drugs we have available in Argentina.
- I returned with even more desire to teach and gain scientific knowledge. In conjunction with the Society of Hematology of Cordoba, we developed our first International Meeting in Hemostasis and Thrombosis in Cordoba. At my hospital we wrote our guidelines for management of Pulmonary Embolism and Thromboprophylaxis and I am working on our own Registries, too.
- I have been in contact via email with some experts in thrombosis from McMaster with whom I can discuss difficult clinical cases. Is good to have this possibility because there are situations where hemostasis expert opinion is helpful.

#### **Which disorder(s) of hemostasis/thrombosis deserve more attention in your country?**

Many disorders in the field of hemostasis deserve attention in my country. In Cordoba, Argentina, which is where I live, the area of hemostasis is not well developed. It is a subspecialty of hematology, but most of hematologists develop greater interest in Oncohematology, and there are few references in the field of hemostasis. So I think hemostasis in general deserves more attention and not a disorder in particular.

#### **What trends (for better or worse) have you noticed during your career in hemostasis/thrombosis?**

With respect to the trends that I notice in my country:

##### **Regarding trends for worse:**

- Indiscriminate thrombophilia testing in pregnant patients with obstetric complications
- Indiscriminate use of low molecular weight heparin in pregnancies and thrombophilia
- Indiscriminate use of new anticoagulants by professionals who do not know about the mechanisms and risks of these drugs, and cannot advise the patients about an appropriate treatment

##### **Trends for the better:**

- Many young hematologists interested in the area of hemostasis, with the idea of updating and meeting criteria
- Progress in the development and availability of new drugs such as both anticoagulants and products to control bleeding



- Registries to know how to treat patients in special or unusual situations
- Development of new laboratory tests that allow us to find etiology of thrombotic diseases

**What advances in the field would you like to see in your home institution?**

In my institution, we have been growing in the area of hemostasis. It is a teaching hospital, so the transmission of knowledge plays a major role. I think we should continue to grow in interdisciplinary work, finish writing our own guidelines to study and manage patients with thrombosis and bleeding disorders, and record our casuistry. I would also like us to have access to international research trials in the area of hemostasis.

**What is your advice to young physicians or scientists considering a career in thrombosis/hemostasis?**

Hemostasis is an exciting field, where there is a lot to study and there is much research. It is important to persevere and be constantly updated. I believe that participation in local or international societies is very useful. To be member of the ISTH is affordable for doctors who live in developing countries and will allow you to access the Journal of Thrombosis and Hemostasis. And, if they can, I recommend that young professionals take part in an exchange experience in universities where thrombosis and bleeding disorders are the focus. The ISTH Fellowship program is an open door.

**What are your favorite hobbies or pursuits outside medicine/science?**

I really enjoy nature, and I like to spend my free time outside and trekking in the country outside and the mountains. We have beautiful mountains and rivers in Cordoba. I like reading, too.

**What is your favorite book and why?**

My favorite book is "Ensayo sobre la ceguera" by Jose Saramago ("Blindness"). I like this book because it shows how a critical situation brings out the best or the worst of each one. It invites reflection, and I definitely recommend it.

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## **Speak Out: Create Change by Marking World Hemophilia Day on April 17**

Every year on April 17, [World Hemophilia Day](#) is marked around the world to increase awareness of hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders. This is a critical effort with an ultimate goal of ensuring better diagnosis and access to care for the millions of men, women and children who have a bleeding disorder yet remain without treatment.

In 2014, the World Hemophilia Day will focus on encouraging the global bleeding disorders community to **speak out. Create change.** This year WHD is making a particular effort to reach out to young members of the community so as to promote their participation and to develop strong leadership. Together, we want our young members to feel inspired to assume key roles in building and supporting the bleeding disorder community.

World Hemophilia Day provides a unique opportunity for our community to connect locally, and globally, and take action. “No one should ever face living with a rare bleeding disorder alone,” said Alain Weill, WFH President. “Join us and be a part of the worldwide effort to speak out and create change to improve the diagnosis and standards of treatment for those who need it.”

The WFH created World Hemophilia Day in 1989 to bring the community together on April 17, the birthday of WFH founder Frank Schnabel. Join us this April 17 to mark World Hemophilia Day.

For additional information about World Hemophilia Day and to download other materials visit [www.wfh.org/whd](http://www.wfh.org/whd).

### **About hemophilia and other bleeding disorders**

Hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, inherited platelet disorders, and other factor deficiencies are lifelong bleeding disorders that prevent blood from clotting properly. People with bleeding disorders do not have enough of a particular clotting factor, a protein in blood that controls bleeding, or else it does not work properly. The severity of a person’s bleeding disorder usually depends on the amount of clotting factor that is missing or not functioning. People with hemophilia can experience uncontrolled bleeding that can result from a seemingly minor injury. Bleeding into joints and muscles causes severe pain and disability while bleeding into major organs, such as the brain, can cause death.

### **About the World Federation of Hemophilia**



For 50 years, the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH), an international not-for-profit organization, has worked to improve the lives of people with hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders. Established in 1963, it is a global network of patient organizations in 122 countries and has official recognition from the World Health Organization. Visit WFH online at [www.wfh.org](http://www.wfh.org).

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## **ISTH to Launch ISTH Academy Webinars**

Next month, the ISTH Academy – the education arm of the ISTH - will be formally introduced with the opportunity to sign-up to attend a first live webinar. With travel budgets and expense accounts being thinned, webinars are a particularly cost-effective method of exchanging knowledge. As such, this will be a great opportunity to learn about a range of important thrombosis and haemostasis topics – from the comfort of your own computer! Look for more updates in the coming weeks!

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## **ISTH Engages Young Professionals with New Task Force**

At ISTH Congress XXIV last summer in Amsterdam, a forum for young professionals was held to gather ideas for meeting the needs of young ISTH members. As an outcome of this forum, the Society formed the Young Professionals Task Force, chaired by Dr. Geoffrey Barnes (USA). The Task Force will review the programs offered by the Society specifically for those members just entering the field and make recommendations to the ISTH Council for new programs.

A number of ISTH programs are already in place to support younger professionals, including the Reach-the-World Fellowship program and the Reach the World and Young Investigator travel grants to attend the annual meeting. In addition, the 2014 SSC Meeting will already feature a Trainee Day on Sunday, June 22 prior to the start of the SSC Meeting. [More information can be found online.](#) Contact ISTH headquarters at [education@isth.org](mailto:education@isth.org) for more information on Young Professional initiatives. Updates on the work of the Task Force will be shared via the ISTH website.

### **The members of the Young Professionals Task Force include:**

Geoffrey Barnes (USA), Chairman  
Caterina Casari (France)  
Ketan Kulkarni (Canada)  
Mandy Lauw (the Netherlands)  
Joshua Muia (USA)  
Inolyn Pandjaitan (Indonesia)  
Elena Ristovska (Macedonia)  
Nicoletta Riva (Italy)  
Luciana Wermelinger Serrão (Brazil)  
Gevor Tamamyan (Armenia)  
Jeffry Tenggara (Indonesia)  
Boulaftalli Yacine (France)

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### **Call for Participants! SSC Factor VIII and IX Subcommittee Project**

The SSC Subcommittee on Factor VIII and IX and Rare Coagulation Disorders invites collaboration on the project: **“Factor V deficiency, clinical heterogeneity and treatment.”** The project, chaired by Dr. D. Mikovic, will enable collection of prospective information related to FV deficiency patients in order to standardize therapeutic approach.

Interested participants should fill in a focused and concise online questionnaire [posted online](#).

The aim of the survey is to collect basic data regarding number and structure of the group of patients with FV deficiency. The data analysis stemming from the survey will be presented at the [ISTH SSC Meeting in Milwaukee](#) in June 2014.

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### **SSC Subcommittee on Plasma Coagulation Inhibitors - Seeking Project Participants Now!**

The ISTH SSC Plasma Coagulation Inhibitors Subcommittee announces the following study: **“Investigation into racial differences in genetic risk factor for venous thromboembolism”**

In order to elucidate the racial differences in genetic risk factor for VTE, the project will build up a global network and investigate worldwide distributions of PS and PC type II deficiencies. [Find more information and how to participate online](#).

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## SSC Communications in the JTH

The [Scientific and Standardization Committee](#) (SSC) publishes official reports, recommendations and deliberations regarding practical matters of research standards, methods and nomenclature in the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH). 2014 Communications already include recommendations from the following Subcommittees. Click each Subcommittee title to see its latest communications:

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- [Biorheology Subcommittee](#)
  - [Subcommittee on Fibrinolysis](#)
  - [Factor VIII, Factor IX, and Rare Diseases Subcommittee](#)
  - [Haemostasis & Malignancy Subcommittee](#)
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[Find the full list of the latest communications online here.](#)

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## New ISTH Guidance Development Process Announced – Proposals for Topics Invited

Over the last few years, the ISTH – particularly through the excellent work of our Scientific and Standardization Committee and its Subcommittees – has developed several recommendations to provide guidance on specific clinical (therapeutic and/or diagnostic) questions of broad interest and applicability to the ISTH membership and wider medical/scientific community and for which evidence-based data is limited.

The ISTH has now decided that it would like to open the process and invite our colleagues from around the world to submit requests and/or proposals for the development of guidance documents.

To help with this goal, the Society has developed a new process for guidance submission under the leadership of the newly reconstituted Guidelines and Guidance Committee. Guidance documents produced by the ISTH are brief, focused statements of informed opinion on the diagnosis and management of disorders of hemostasis and thrombosis by experienced clinicians who are recognized authorities in the field and well acquainted with the existing medical and scientific literature. These statements are primarily intended to provide direction to practitioners for the management of disorders which lack data from randomized clinical trials for high level evidence based recommendations.

[Please read here more information on the development process of guidance documents, the Guidelines and Guidance Committee as well as how to propose topics for guidance development.](#)

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## **Contribute to the Society! Volunteer for an ISTH Committee**

At the upcoming ISTH SSC 2014 meeting in Milwaukee, the ISTH Council committees will change the composition of their membership for the 2014 – 2016 term, with several members rotating off the various committees. As part of the continued desire to involve the wider ISTH membership in the leadership of the Society, to better reflect the breadth and diversity of ISTH's international community, **the ISTH is again calling for the expression of interest to volunteer to serve on ISTH Council committees.**

### **The following committees will be accepting new members:**

Education & Outreach  
Ethics  
Finance  
Governance  
Lectures & Awards  
Membership & Communications  
Nominating  
Publications

To view descriptions of the committees, roles and responsibilities of committee members and learn how to express interest in joining a committee, please click [here](#). **Deadline for expressions of interest: April 28th.**

### **Responsibilities:**

Committees generally meet once a year in person, in conjunction with the Congress or the SSC Meeting; otherwise committee business is conducted by email and regularly scheduled tele/videoconferences.

In considering your participation, please note that all committee members are expected to:

- Align their activities with the mission and strategic vision of the Society, and endeavor to fulfill the annual objectives as set by the Council Chairman
- Be independent of conflicts of interest or loyalty in any matters on which they make recommendations for action to Council
- Actively participate in Committee business, and regard their involvement in ISTH activities as a high priority





**How to join a Committee:**

If you would like to be considered for membership on any of the above listed committees, please send the following information to ISTH Headquarters c/o [Ms. Lacey Schmeidler](#), Program Coordinator by April 28:

- Indication of the committee(s) you would be interested in serving on
- Brief explanation of why you are interested in (a) particular committee (s) and how you would envision to contribute to the success of the specific committee(s) and the Society in general
- Description of any relevant background or experience you have in a given committee's subject area
- Short bio or CV (maximum 1 page)

Expressions of interest from all regions of the world and all age groups are welcome and will be carefully considered as the committee chairpersons will attempt to arrive at a committee composition that is diverse and encompassing of the global nature of our Society.

Please note that if appointed to serve on a committee, new committee members may be expected to attend their first committee meeting during the SSC 2014 meeting in Milwaukee.

We expect that we will receive many more expressions of interest than there are slots for each committee, and committee chairs will extend invitations based on their best judgment regarding the needs of their committee and balancing representation of various constituencies.

We will respond to all members who have expressed interest by late June. If you have questions about the process, please contact [Ms. Lacey Schmeidler](#).

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### **JTH Editor's Picks for March**

The *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis* (JTH) is the official journal of the Society and is the leading medical journal in the fields of thrombosis and hemostasis. Its current impact factor is 6.081.

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

**Did you know?** You can find **past ISTH Congress abstracts** (years 2003-2013) [online via the JTH website.](#)

**JTH Publisher News** - Wiley has announced the launch of its next generation enhanced HTML article, the "Anywhere Article," which puts readability, interaction, and portability at the heart of the user experience. The Anywhere Article is live on JTH. Look out for the new links you'll see at the bottom of each article, which read "Enhanced Article (HTML)." When you see this link, you can bring up the new Anywhere Article version of that content, allowing you to view it easily on the device of your choice, at your convenience.

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## **SIDEBAR:**

### **Council Elections – Class of 2020 Will Open Soon**

Elections for the ISTH Council will open in early April. Members will receive an email with voting instructions and a unique link allowing them to vote to select 4 at-large and 1 Reach-the-World Council member.

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### **Calendar of Related Meetings**

#### **[Platelets 2014: 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium and ISTH-Endorsed Platelets 2014 Educational Course](#)**

4/2/14-4/6/14. Ma'ale Hachamisha, Israel

#### **[Thrombosis and Haemostasis Summit of North America \(THSNA\)](#)**

April 10-12, 2014. Chicago, IL, USA

*(Actually put Kyoto in here too)*

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

5/1/14-5/3/14. Toronto, Canada

#### **[7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thrombosis and Haemostasis Issues in Cancer \(ICTHIC\)](#)**

5/9/14-5/11/14. Bergamo, Italy

#### **[World Federation of Hemophilia 2014 World Congress](#)**

May 11-15, 2014. Melbourne, Australia

#### **[7<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Hemostasis](#)**

5/15/14-5/17/14. Chapel Hill, NC, USA

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## **New ISTH Members for February 2014!**

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.

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## **ISTH Membership**

ISTH membership is an essential investment in your own future at every stage in your career. With membership, you receive the ISTH's popular publication, the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH), timely information regarding thrombotic and bleeding disorders, targeted educational programs, networking opportunities and more! [Download our membership brochure here.](#)

### **Act Now!**

- Visit [www.isth.org](http://www.isth.org)
- Click on “Membership” to learn more
- Register to become an ISTH member
- Begin enjoying the benefits today! [Click here to get started.](#)

If you are renewing your membership, [click here](#) or contact Hina Ahmed at +1 919-929-3807.

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