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August 2014 ISTH ENewsletter

Coming Your Way! SSC 2014 Webcasts

The latest webcast offerings from SSC 2014 are now available!

As a benefit of ISTH membership and/or for attending SSC 2014, the Society is pleased to offer, for the fifth consecutive year, webcasting and video podcasting of select presentations, including the Plenary session and the Educational sessions from the recent ISTH SSC 2014 Meeting in Milwaukee. This continuation highlights the commitment of the ISTH to provide exceptional resources and learning opportunities to its members, ensuring more extensive access to the specialized educational content provided at ISTH events.

Members of ISTH and SSC 2014 meeting attendees have the privilege of viewing the scientific highlights of the ISTH events, replaying presentations or viewing lectures that you may have missed.

The ISTH SSC 2014 Webcasts are supported by Novo Nordisk.

Sign Up for the September ISTH Webinar: “Women and Coagulation Disorders”

Sign up for the next ISTH webinar on September 24, 2014! Titled, “Women and Coagulation Disorders,” with webinar speakers Sarah O’Brien (Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH, USA) and Saskia Middeldorp (Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, the Netherlands), the objective of the webinar is to thoroughly cover how to manage menorrhagia, pregnancy and delivery and related complications in patients with coagulation disorders. CME credits will also be available to those who participate.

The ISTH Academy, the online education arm of the Society, hosts a series of webinars on practical thrombosis and hemostasis issues that scientists and physicians frequently confront. These webinars allot time for participants to ask questions and cover the latest information on relevant topics.

Coming soon! October ISTH webinar:

“Von Willebrand Disease (VWD): New Insights”

October 15, 2014

Speakers:

David Lillicrap (Translational insights in the molecular basis of von Willebrand disease)

Jeroen Eikenboom (diagnosis and management)

Learning objective:

How to make diagnosis and to manage treatment of patient with VWD



More information and online registration coming in mid-September.

The ISTH Academy has held two previous webinars in 2014. These inaugural webinars are now available for anyone to download and listen to for free!

Simply go to <http://www.prolibraries.com/isth/>, create an account, and then view the webinar.

>>[Click here for a list of all upcoming webinars.](#)

Reach-the-World Fellowship Recipient Q&A with Daniella Mizurini

The ISTH is pleased to announce the selection of the August 2014 recipient of the ISTH Reach-the-World fellowship program, Daniella Mizurini (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). In this issue of the ISTH e-newsletter, Daniella shares her thoughts on receiving the fellowship and plans on future research.

As a reminder, applications for the Reach-the-World fellowship program are accepted January 1 and June 1 of each year.

1) Please describe your motivation for applying for a Reach-the-World fellowship:

My interest in the haemostasis and thrombosis area began as soon as I entered the Masters course at my university in 2004. My current research project is focused on the study of new antithrombotic proteins from salivary glands of blood-sucking arthropods, which are recognized as potential sources of compounds useful in therapy or as tools for studying the physiology of vascular and haemostatic processes. I am especially interested in examining the efficacy of exogenous haemostatic proteins in “in vivo” models of stroke to identify novel potential drugs for new therapeutic approaches.

2) Please describe how the fellowship will help improve your skills/knowledge as a physician/researcher/clinician:

This fellowship will provide me with a great opportunity to acquire expertise in animal models to mechanistically study exogenous factors and implement stroke models in my home institute at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Therefore, it will be a chance for me to gain further knowledge for my scientific career and also to contribute to the



training of other researchers, enabling the assembly of vascular biology researchers in Brazil.

3) What are you most excited about as you prepare for your fellowship?

One of the most exciting aspects will be the opportunity to be a part of a renowned research group at the University of Würzburg. In particular I will be in close contact with Dr. Christoph Kleinschnitz at the Department of Neurology. I am also excited to work with leading experts on the subject and to have the possibility in interacting with great researchers and professors who are doing outstanding research.

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](#).

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

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

Five years later, past Reach-the-World fellowship recipient Dr. Soledad Negrotto of the National Academy of Medicine in Buenos Aires, Argentina, continues to see the impact of her fellowship and the relationships she built during her time working with Dr. Boisson-Vidal and others.

Recently, Dr. Negrotto took time out of her busy schedule to share the long-lasting benefits she received from the ISTH Reach-the-World fellowship program. This program was launched to give healthcare professionals from developing countries access to thrombosis and hemostasis related knowledge and education.

1) What inspired you to seek out the ISTH fellowship program?





My aim was to study how the stress signals present in the inflammatory microenvironment affect the formation of new blood vessels. Through the ISTH fellowship program, I contacted Dr. Boisson-Vidal, who has a vast experience in biology and function of endothelial progenitors and angiogenesis, in order to learn the techniques routinely used in her laboratory and gain expertise in the field.

2) How has the fellowship experience impacted your own practice? Can you give examples of how something you learned has benefited your practice?

The fellowship has impacted my career substantially, as I could start an independent line of research in angiogenesis and vascular biology, which was one of my short term goals as an early-career Research Associate. These research areas were not developed in our laboratory, and in particular, the study of vasculogenesis and endothelial progenitor cell functionality is new in my country. Finally, this training was very fruitful not only to my research projects, but also to establish a new scientific collaboration.

3) What is your favorite book and why?

One Hundred Years of Solitude (Spanish: *Cien años de soledad*) by Gabriel García Márquez. I love this novel because it is full of beautiful and rich life stories of characters from different generations, which make it a perfect and fantastic representation of identity and popular culture of Latin America.

**ISTH 2015: Reaching for Unprecedented Peaks!
Important Updates**

We are pleased to invite you to the premier thrombosis and hemostasis congress next year – ISTH 2015!

Now is the time to start making plans to attend the XXV Congress of the ISTH and 61st Annual SSC Meeting from June 20 – 25, 2015, in Toronto, Canada. ISTH 2015, the premier international congress developed to address clotting and bleeding disorders, will offer numerous and diverse opportunities to learn about the latest research and therapies, network and build important relationships. Thousands of the world's leading experts on thrombosis, hemostasis and vascular biology come together in Toronto to present the most recent advances, exchange the latest science and discuss the newest clinical applications designed to improve patient care.

Through an extensive lineup of educational sessions, poster and oral communications, state-of-the-art lectures, medical industry exhibits and professional networking opportunities, the Congress will promote important scientific discourse and advancement.

ISTH 2015 Upcoming Dates





Please note that information and important details will be sent in the coming weeks. Mark your calendar with the following very important dates!

- Hotel Registration Opens: October 2014
- Registration Opens: October 2014
- Abstract Submission Opens: December 2014
- Abstract Submission Deadline: February 4, 2015
- ISTH 2015 Dates: June 20-25, 2015

Find more information and updates online at www.isth2015.org.

[To begin learning more about Toronto, Canada, click here.](#)

SSC 2014 CME Reminder

If you attended SSC 2014 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, and paid to receive CME credits for your participation at the meeting, please contact Ms. Cori Maroszek at the Medical College of Wisconsin to assist at CMarosze@mcw.edu.

To obtain your European Hematology Association (EHA) credits, visit EHA's website at eha-cme.org, use or create a professional account for yourself and please provide your details to the EHA-CME Administration at info@eha-cme.org, so they can add your credit points.

ISTH Guidance Development Process – 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.](#)

World Thrombosis Day Launches in 45 Days!

Join the World Thrombosis Day Movement and its 125+ Partners to Increase Awareness and Share Education!

For its first year, World Thrombosis Day has already inspired more than 125 partner organizations around the world to plan events, develop educational awareness programs, seminars and community outreach activities, and conduct media events as well as social media outreach for October 13.

Working together to increase awareness of blood clots among the public and all health care professionals, the global World Thrombosis Day movement has launched an educational website at www.worldthrombosisday.org and developed downloadable resources that include a comprehensive, interactive infographic, posters and flyers, and many other useful tools.

You Can Participate Too! If your hospital, institution, or organization would like to be included as an official World Thrombosis Day partner, email us today at wtd@isth.org for more information or visit www.worldthrombosisday.org.

Join the movement online at www.facebook.com/worldthrombosisday and www.twitter.com/thrombosisday.

SSC Subcommittee on Women's Issues in Thrombosis and Haemostasis: Call for Participants

The SSC Subcommittee on Women's Issues in Thrombosis and Haemostasis is currently looking for participants in its study: **The use of TEG/ ROTEM in Pregnancy and Pregnancy Associated Complications.**

There is evidence from literature that Thromboelastography® (TEG®) and Thromboelastometry (ROTEM®) may not be used in full capacity to diagnose/ monitor pregnancy associated coagulopathies. This worldwide survey will provide a chance to gather data about the current practice of TEG/ ROTEM during normal pregnancy, pregnancy associated complications or



during the postpartum period. Data from the survey shall help a document on the current applications and values of this technology to diagnose or monitor coagulopathies during pregnancy and post-partum period.

>>[For more information, visit the SSC Subcommittee on Women's Issues in Thrombosis and Hemostasis project page here.](#)

SSC Subcommittee on DIC: Survey Reminder

The SSC Subcommittee on Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation (DIC) is issuing a final call for participants on its survey, “**Diagnosis and Treatment of DIC.**” DIC is diagnosed by clinical signs and symptoms, laboratory tests, and the combination of clinical and laboratory parameters into diagnostic scores. The cornerstone of the management of DIC remains the treatment of the underlying condition triggering the coagulopathy. However, additional treatment aiming at the coagulation abnormalities may be required. In general, the diagnostic and therapeutic approach to patients with DIC remains difficult.

The SSC Subcommittee on DIC would like to invite you to [participate in the following questionnaire](#) which has the aim to generate insights in the physician's approach to the diagnosis and treatment of DIC.

JTH Editors' Picks for August & Call for Papers

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.

Editors Pieter Reitsma and Frits Rosendaal welcome submissions to JTH and encourage you to click here to submit your clinical or basic research to one of the highest ranked journals in the field of hematology! <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jth>

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

Did you know?

You can find **past ISTH Congress abstracts** (years 2003-2014) [online via the JTH website.](#)

Sidebar Content:

Your ISTH Membership: Join or Renew

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 JTH, timely information regarding thrombotic and bleeding disorders, targeted educational programs, networking opportunities and more! Download our membership brochure here to learn more.





Join us today! You are just 15 minutes away from access to all benefits!

- Visit 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 Ms. Hina Ahmed at +1 919-929-3807.

ISTH Membership - New Members for July 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.

Future ISTH Education Courses

[Moscow, Russia](#)

September 17-20, 2014

[Buenos Aires, Argentina](#)

September 23-25, 2014

[Hanoi, Vietnam](#)

October 9, 2014

[Salvador, Bahia, Brazil](#)

October 31-November 1, 2014

More education courses coming soon! [To learn more or apply to help organize a course, please click here.](#)

Related Meetings Calendar

Below you will find several upcoming meetings in our field. Find many more upcoming meetings online at www.isth.org. To be included, [e-mail us here](#).

[XXXV World Congress of the International Society of Hematology \(ISH\)](#)

September 4-7, 2014, Beijing, China



[The 47th Annual Congress of the German Society for Transfusion Medicine and Immunohematology](#)

September 9-12, 2014, Dresden, Germany

[Regional Society for Blood Transfusion Kenya \(RSBTK\) 1st Scientific Conference on Blood Transfusion](#)

September 17-19, 2014, Naivasha, Kenya

[66th National Hemophilia Foundation Annual Meeting](#)

September 18-20, 2014. Washington, DC, USA

[XI Congreso Argentino de Hemostasia y Trombosis](#)

September 24-27, 2014. Buenos Aires, Argentina

[European Haemophilia Consortium Conference](#)

October 3-5, 2014. Belfast, Northern Ireland