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November ISTH ENewsletter

ISTH 2015 Toronto Abstract Submissions Now Open!

Abstract submissions [are now open](#) for ISTH Toronto 2015 with a deadline of February 4, 2015. Delegates who would like to present their work at the meeting, either orally or as a poster, are invited to submit an abstract for consideration by the Scientific Committee. [Read the guidelines](#) and then [click here to submit your abstracts](#). We want you to showcase your best work at the most prestigious global thrombosis and hemostasis gathering of the year!



If you haven't already, [register now](#) for ISTH 2015! By registering early, you enjoy [reduced registration rates](#) and the ability to reserve your preferential [hotel accommodation](#).

Travel grants are available through the Young Investigator Awards and the Reach-the-World Awards. The Young Investigator Awards of 700 CAD are intended for individuals who are younger than 35 years of age (as of June 25, 2015). Recipients also must be the first author on an accepted abstract. Reach-the-World Awards are intended for clinicians and scientists from developing countries. Priority will be given to presenters and first authors of submitted abstracts. [Learn more about these awards](#).

[Many thanks to our industry partners for their confirmed commitments of ISTH 2015 as supporters and exhibitors.](#)

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New Info from Toronto

Sam Schulman, ISTH 2015 Congress President

We have now uploaded the [abstract symposia information at isth2015.org](http://abstractsymposiainformationatisth2015.org). The symposia will feature a review lecture by a recognized speaker in the field. This will be framed by the best oral abstract presentations on the same topic. These presentations will be selected from the highest scoring abstracts in the peer review process. [Check out the program](#), including plenaries, State-of-the-Art symposia and abstract symposia.



Find [hotel information](#) with details on accessibility to the convention center. Although the table provides time for transportation by "tube" (metro/subway) it is absolutely possible to walk to the convention center from most of the hotels. If you are on a tight budget we have suggested some hostels and budget hotels but please note that we have not inspected these accommodations and you will need to book those directly via their websites.

Register! Free Webinar, December 10, on High Throughput Platelet Assays

This webinar titled, "High Throughput Platelet Assays," will be led by notable speakers Johan Heemskerk (University of Maastricht, The Netherlands) and Tim Warner (Barts & the London School of Medicine & Dentistry, United Kingdom). **And now, CME credit is available for this event and future webinars in 2015!**



The webinar will cover two important topics:

- **Part I:** Born aggregometry to high throughput 96 well plates; which test should we use?
- **Part II:** Monitoring platelet aggregation under flow: from commercial to custom built assays

>> [Free registration is online here](#)

>> [Read more about the ISTH Academy](#)

Did You Miss a Webinar? Watch Them on Your Own Schedule!

The ISTH Academy has already held four webinars in 2014, and they are now available to download for free! All you need to do is visit prolibraries.com/isth and create an account. Then you can watch webinars on topics including: Advances in Pediatric Thrombosis, New Insights





into von Willebrand Disease, Women and Coagulation Disorders, and Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP).

>> [Create an account and watch at your own pace here](#)

Donated Journals Help Members Gain Access in Developing Countries

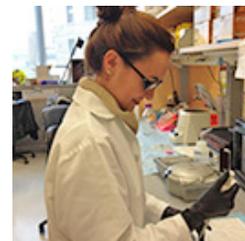
Through a special ISTH initiative, almost 200 Regular members have offered to donate their print copy of the *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH)* to a Reach-the-World (RTW) member, and thus far, more than 35 RTW members are receiving donated copies. Several RTW members have sent emails to express their gratitude to the members who donated their print journals. “Thank you very much!” said Cecilia, a RTW member in Uruguay. “It is very important for us to count on your support! The *JTH* will be used for teaching and expand our knowledge on thrombosis and hemostasis.”



>> [Read more about this program here](#)

RTW Fellowships Deadline Approaching!

Attention junior clinicians and researchers from developing countries: submit your application by January 1 for the ISTH Reach-the-World Fellowship program! The program offers eligible participants the opportunity to build knowledge and expertise in one or all of the areas of medical care, laboratory methods and/or research. The Society provides fellows with financial support for travel, accommodation and living expenses for a fellowship period of up to four months. Please share this with your colleagues in developing countries.



>> [Learn more and apply!](#)

The ISTH Reach-the-World Fellowship Program is supported in part by an unrestricted educational grant from Bayer Healthcare.



ISTH Guidance Development – Proposals for Topics Invited

The ISTH, through the excellent work of our [Scientific and Standardization Committee \(SSC\)](#) and its subcommittees, has developed recommendations to provide guidance on specific clinical (therapeutic and/or diagnostic) questions of broad interest to the ISTH membership and wider medical/scientific community. The ISTH invites our colleagues from around the world to submit requests and/or proposals for the development of guidance documents.



[>> Read more](#)

Education Course in Argentina Attracts Hundreds

The Argentine Cooperative Group on Haemostasis and Thrombosis (CAHT Group) hosted an ISTH Education Course for 788 participants on September 26-27. The event focused on two areas: “the role of the hematologist in the management of stroke” and “direct oral anticoagulants in the real world and for the real patient.”



“The course provided the audience with the possibility to update important topics in daily practice, and discuss real-life situations with the faculty,” said Patricia Casais, President of the CAHT Group. “In addition, since access to continuing education varies greatly within the country, it was a great opportunity for the local and regional community.”

[>> Read more about this successful education course](#)

ISTH Partners with Turkish Hematology Congress for Education, WTD

In conjunction with the 40th Turkish Hematology Congress, the ISTH sponsored an educational course for more than 750 attendees at the Titanic Convention Center in Antalya, Turkey on October 24. Additionally, the Turkish Society of Hematology (THD) used their Congress to help gather support for World Thrombosis Day.



“This year’s most important educational event was the joint sessions organized with ISTH,” said Muzaffer Demir, the General Secretary of the THD (pictured to the right with ISTH Council Chairman Nigel Key).

[>> Learn more about this event and how to host ISTH education courses](#)



World Thrombosis Day (WTD) Impact Report Highlights Global Conversation

The impact of the first WTD was wide-spread, with millions of people reached! From Argentina to Taiwan, Australia to the U.A.E., individuals and organizations around the globe participated in this successful annual event. To adequately assess the impact of WTD, with 175 partners in more than 50 countries, we compiled a fascinating report, which explains the purpose, planning, and execution of WTD 2014.



[>> Download the WTD Impact Report Today!](#)

Last Chance for Discounts on Early Membership Renewal!

Renew or join ISTH **before December 31, 2014**, to receive a discount on a multi-year renewal! Regular members will receive a discount of 10 USD for a 2-year membership and a discount of 15 USD for a 3-year membership. All other member types will receive 5 USD off a 2- or 3-year membership. In addition, those who renew **before December 15, 2014**, will be entered in a raffle to win one of the following: a one-year gift subscription to JTH, a free 1-year extension to your ISTH membership, or an ISTH messenger-style bag filled with great ISTH giveaways!



Don't miss out on [these great benefits](#). [Renew here](#) or [view a membership brochure here](#). If you have any questions, contact us at membership@isth.org or via phone at +1 919 929-3807

Secretary General Honored as AHA Distinguished Scientist

The American Heart Association (AHA) honored Bruce Furie, ISTH Secretary General, as a 2014 Distinguished Scientist. The prestigious award, which recognizes AHA members for "significant, original and sustained scientific contributions that have advanced the association's mission," was presented to [six honorees](#) at the AHA Scientific Sessions on November 15. See the full list of [2014 AHA Distinguished Scientist awardees here](#), which also includes another ISTH member, Charles T. Esmon.



>> [Read more about Bruce Furie here](#)

SSC Subcommittee to Study Bleeding Disorders in Adolescents with Heavy Menstrual Bleeding



Despite a relatively strong link between hemostatic defects and heavy menstrual bleeding (HMB), underlying bleeding disorders in adolescents remain undiagnosed. This is especially the case when HMB is experienced soon after menarche. Overall, up to 20 percent of women with HMB have an underlying bleeding disorder. The SSC Subcommittee on Women's Health Issues in Thrombosis and Haemostasis is opening a new project designed to prospectively study the prevalence of bleeding disorders and to create better evidence for the diagnostic approach and management and address these critical issues faced by adolescent girls with HMB.

>> [Continue reading for more information and how to participate](#)

>> [Read about other ISTH opportunities for participation here](#)

JTH Editors' Picks for November & Call for Papers

The *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis* (JTH) 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!



>> [To access the JTH Editors' picks for November 2014, click here](#)

Ask the Associate Editor: Mary Cushman

Ask the Associate Editor is a new series of short question and answer sessions with JTH Associate Editors from around the world. This month, we feature Mary Cushman, a JTH Associate Editor since 2007 and ISTH member for more than 20 years. She is also currently a member of the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association. See Mary's Q&A below:



ISTH: What is your job title and expertise?

MC: I am a Professor of Medicine and Pathology & Director of the Thrombosis and





Hemostasis Program at the University of Vermont. My expertise is care of patients with thrombosis and research in cardiovascular epidemiology.

ISTH: What is your biggest challenge in your work?

MC: Trying to be in more than one place at a time!

ISTH: What advice would you give to someone just beginning their career?

MC: Once you figure out what your goal is, you need to buckle down and go for it!

>> [Read more about Mary](#)

New SSC Communications in *JTH*

The SSC publishes official reports, recommendations and deliberations regarding practical matters of research standards, methods and nomenclature in the *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH)*. The following subcommittees have recently published recommendations in *JTH*:



Subcommittee on Hemostasis and Malignancy: [Prevention of venous thromboembolism in cancer outpatients & Evaluation of a new commercial assay to measure microparticle tissue factor activity in plasma](#)

Subcommittee on Factor VIII, Factor IX and Rare Coagulation Disorders: [Definitions in hemophilia](#)

Subcommittee on Animal Models: [Influence of genetic background on bleeding phenotype in the tail-tip bleeding model and recommendations for standardization](#)

>> [View a full list of SSC Subcommittees and their projects](#)

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Important ISTH 2015 Deadlines

Abstract Submission Opens: December 1, 2014

Abstract Submission Deadline: February 4, 2015

Early Registration Deadline: March 11, 2015

ISTH 2015 Dates: June 20-25, 2015

ISTH Team Welcomes Corey Crisafulli

The ISTH is pleased to welcome Corey Crisafulli as the Program Coordinator for the Meetings team. In this new position, Corey will primarily support the speakers for ISTH Congresses and meetings. She joins the ISTH from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) where she was part of the Education, Science and Professional Department and worked on their annual meeting. She has a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Communication and recently moved back home to North Carolina, USA.



Look for Us in San Francisco

Several members of the ISTH staff will be at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) in San Francisco from December 6-9. If you plan on attending, come visit us at our booth in the non-profit village of the exposition hall.

Welcome to New 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.

Please welcome our new members; [see our comprehensive list online](#).

Education Courses



Belgrade, Serbia

April 13-17, 2015

Ampang, Malaysia

April 25-26, 2015

Upcoming Webinars

Microvesicles

January 28, 2015

13:00 GMT

Controversies in Anticoagulation

February 25, 2015

18:00 GMT

Related Meetings

Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Society of Hematology

December 6-9, 2014. San Francisco, CA, USA

Hemostasis & Thrombosis Congress in Dubai UAE

January 22-23, 2015. Dubai, UAE

Maastricht Consensus Conference on Thrombosis

February 11-13, 2015. Maastricht, the Netherlands

Annual Meeting of the Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (GTH)

February 24-27, 2015. Dusseldorf, Germany

Annual Scientific Meeting of the British Society for Haematology

April 20-22, 2015. Edinburgh, Scotland

CTH Euro Spring School Venous Thromboembolism

May 4-10, 2015. Mainz, Germany