The intent of this policy is not to prevent ISTH leaders with relevant relationship(s) with commercial interest(s) or other interests from involvement in the activities of the Society. [The purpose is] to ensure that ISTH activities promote quality and safety; are effective in improving education; science and medical practice; are based on valid content; and are independent of control from commercial interests and free of commercial bias.  

(ISTH Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy and Process, Section I)

2. How does the ISTH policy define a conflict of interest?

Generally, a conflict of interest could be said to exist when individuals have material or intellectual interests outside the Society specifically in the fields of thrombosis and hemostasis, hematology or cardiology that could influence or could be perceived as influencing their decisions or actions not to be in the best interest of the Society.  

(ISTH Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy and Process, Section I)

3. What are the types of conflicts of interest addressed in the ISTH policy?

Financial and Commercial and nonfinancial  
(ISTH Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy and Process, Section II.a.)

4. What are examples of nonfinancial conflicts of interest specified in the ISTH policy?
• **Leadership position (voluntary or compensated) in another organization** involved in the fields of thrombosis and hemostasis, hematology or cardiology; non-compensated consultancy.

• **Leadership position (voluntary or compensated) in foundations/fundraising organizations** in thrombosis and hemostasis, hematology or cardiology.

 *(ISTH Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy and Process, Section II.b.)*

5. According to the ISTH policy, who is responsible for making decisions about conflicts of interest?

The Chairs and/or Secretary General shall consider the different areas of responsibilities at risk from biased conduct and action resulting from a conflict of interest that may damage the scientific, scholarly, professional and organizational integrity/reputation of the Society.

 *(ISTH Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy and Process, Section IV.a.)*

6. How does the ISTH policy specify that conflicts of interest may be resolved?

When an individual covered by this policy has a conflict of interest this individual should not:

- Take any action on behalf of ISTH concerning the subject in conflict or any issue relevant to the subject in conflict.
- Participate in discussions on the subject without full disclosure.
- Participate in decision-making discussions or cast a vote.
- Imply that he/she is acting on behalf of ISTH when discussing the relevant subject with third parties.
- Fail to clarify with third parties with whom he/she deals on the relevant subject that he/she is not acting on behalf of ISTH.
- Share confidential information, including disclosure of embargoed abstract data which would break laws relating to insider trading.

 *(ISTH Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy and Process, Section IV.a.)*

When an individual exhibits biased behavior, they may be asked by leaders to:

- Choose between the competing activities.
- Refrain from participating in the deliberations about the subject relevant to the conflict.
- Refrain from playing a decision-making role in ISTH relevant to the conflict.
- Refrain from presenting at ISTH-sponsored events.
- Exclude themselves from publishing in ISTH publications.
- Exclude themselves from participating in ISTH deliberative bodies.
- Forfeit their ISTH membership.

 *(ISTH Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy and Process, Section IV.b.)*

7. What positions, individuals and activities are covered by the ISTH policy?
All members of the ISTH functions and positions below are currently covered:

- ISTH Council
- ISTH Council appointed Committees including the World Thrombosis Day Steering Committee
- ISTH SSC Executive Committee, SSC Subcommittee Chairs and Co-Chairs
- Journal Editors, Associate Editors, Subject Editors, and the Editorial Board of ISTH publications *(Applicable official publishing disclosure requirements may supersede these ISTH disclosure requirements)*
- Organizing Committees (Local and Program) of ISTH Congresses, Meetings, Training and Educational Courses, Webinars *(Applicable official CME disclosure requirements shall supersede these ISTH disclosure requirements)*
- Faculty/presenters of ISTH Congresses, Meetings, Training and Educational Courses and Webinars
- Scientific Content Experts working on ISTH Education Programs *(Applicable official CME disclosure requirements shall supersede these ISTH disclosure requirements)*
- ISTH Senior Staff (Directors and Managers) and content specialists *(ISTH Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Policy and Process, Section V)*