ISTH Advanced Course in Haemostasis and Thrombosis
Belgrade, November 7-9, 2012.

ISTH Advanced Course in Haemostasis and Thrombosis was held in Belgrade, November 7-9, 2012. The course was organized by the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis in collaboration with the World Federation of Hemophilia and the Serbian Society of Haemostasis and Thrombosis. Chairs of the course were Danijela Miković (Belgrade), Flora Peyvandi (Milan), Frits R. Rosendaal (Leiden). The organization was supported by Mr. Cary Clark, Program and Technology Manager of the ISTH and Meeting Secretariat.

Total of 103 participants took part at the Course. Participants were medical professionals from South East and Central European countries as well as Russia, trainees and junior specialists in Internal Medicine, Haematology, Cardiology, Pediatrics, Transfusion Medicine and Anaestesiology. Competitive grants to support participation at the Course were awarded to 53 participants up to 35 years.

Programme was divided in three sessions: Platelets, Coagulation-Haemorrhage and Coagulation-Thrombosis. Within each session one part was dedicated to the invited lectures presented by: Michael Berndt (Dublin), Tilman Hackeng (Maastricht), Flora Peyvandi (Milan), Jeroen Eikenboom (Leiden), Danijela Mikovic (Belgrade), Frits R. Rosendaal (Leiden), Trevor Baglin (Cambridge) and Predrag Miljic (Belgrade). This meeting was also an excellent opportunity for young Serbian doctors to present their achievements in forms of case and research presentations within interactive sessions. At the same time they had an extraordinary opportunity to get precious recommendations for their future work from experts.

Each session was followed by lively and constructive discussions which contributed to the overall atmosphere of the meeting which was at the same time highly professional and relaxed, and marked with close and very active exchange of opinions between invited speakers and participants.

One of the greatest achievements of the meeting is that a regional network of young professionals in haemostasis and thrombosis field has been established. That liaison will certainly show its effects in future through collaboration, mutual projects etc.

ISTH initiative regarding complimentary 2013 ISTH Reach the World Membership aroused great interest among participants and it would inspire higher contribution of participants from the region to the ISTH activities.