Within the scope of the 8th Congress of Asian Pacific Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis (APSTH), on 9th October, 2014, an ISTH Education Day was organized to be the opening part of the congress. Thanks to support and funding from the International Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis (ISTH), a one-day education session was held at the congress venue, Convention Center of Calidas Landmark 72, Hanoi, Vietnam.

It was our honor to have the acceptance of prestigious and experienced international experts to speak on interesting topics including: Prof. Lee Lai Heng (Singapore), Prof. Hideo Wada (Japan), Dr. Pantep Angchaisuksiri (Thailand), Associate Prof. Chris Ward (Australia), Prof. Yukio Ozaki (Japan), Prof. Alok Srivastava (India), and Dr. Claire Mc Lintock (New Zealand).

The education day program included 7 lectures which lasted 45 minutes each. To create the chance for attendances to interact with and learn from international experts, each lecture also included Q&A portion for approximately 10 minutes. The organizing committee organized the program in this manner to facilitate the best communication and interaction between speakers and participants, and also among the participants themselves.

Most of the topics discussed in this session are very hot issues not only in Vietnam, but also in the region. The program was developed by the hard working APSTH Executive Board and local organizing committee and focused on:

1. Update on antithrombotic therapy (NOAC)
2. Diagnosis and therapy of DIC
3. Hemostatic problems in tropical diseases
4. Update on anti-phospholipid syndrome
5. Platelet functions and their tests
6. New approaches in diagnosis and treatment of hemophilia
7. Hemostasis in pregnancy

With its dynamic program, the education session attracted approximately 900 participants including local and international attendees. This was a very successful outcome.

In addition to the education program, a short speech to celebrate the 1st World Thrombosis Day was organized to make the participants aware of the lack of understanding of the burden of thrombosis as a disease among patients and encourage their participation in World Thrombosis Day.

This was the first time ISTH funded an education day in Vietnam. Through this activity, staff of thrombosis and hemostasis practices particularly and hematology practitioners received many benefits from hearing presentations from international experts. We would like to send our thanks and hope to have further meaningful activities in future.