Call for Applications for Editor(s), *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis*

1.) Introduction

The International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) invites applications for Editor-in-Chief (EIC) or Editors-in-Chief of its flagship journal, *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH)*.

This position represents a remarkable opportunity for an individual (or two individuals) at the peak of her/his/their career(s) to shape the future of the leading scientific journal in the field of thrombosis, hemostasis and vascular biology. JTH has experienced significant growth and impact thanks to the expert stewardship by a succession of outstanding Editors including P.M. Mannucci (2003 – 2006), M. Greaves and D.A. Lane (2007 – 2012), and F.R. Rosendaal and P.H. Reitsma (2013 – 2018). The next editor(s) have the opportunity to take the journal to even greater heights.

This document provides important background information pertaining to the responsibilities of the Editor(s), and outlines the framework and conditions including information about editorial responsibilities, selection criteria, application requirements, the selection process and timelines.

2.) Background on *JTH* and ISTH

The first issue of *JTH* was published in January 2003 under the editorship of P.M. Mannucci. In 2007, with the rapid increase in submissions, the decision was taken to divide the editorial workload between two Editors-in-Chief, one for basic science manuscripts and the other for clinical science manuscripts. The first Co-Editors were M. Greaves and D.A. Lane, whose term ended in 2012. The structure was retained for the current EICs, F.R. Rosendaal and P.H. Reitsma, and while this division of labor has worked well, the ISTH will consider proposals that reflect other potential editorial organizations.

In addition to the joint EICs, the journal's editorial team includes 7 Methodological Reviewers, 19 Associate Editors, and an Editorial Board of 70 members. ISTH provides full financial support of editorial administration and peer review management.

ISTH's *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis* currently publishes 12 (monthly) issues per year, and has a 2015 Impact Factor of 5.565, and a rank of 6th out of 63 Peripheral Vascular Disease journals and 9th out of 70 Haematology journals (Thomson-Reuters *Journal Citation Reports*). In 2015, the journal received 1,238 submissions, of which 533 (43%) were rejected without external review. The acceptance rate is 29%, and the time from submission to first decision is 19 days, which is competitive.

The *JTH* website can be accessed at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1538-7836. The current Editorial Board is listed at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1538-7836/homepage/EditorialBoard.html.

JTH is the official journal of and is owned by the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH). Founded in 1969, the ISTH is the leading worldwide professional medical/scientific organization dedicated to advancing the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombotic and bleeding disorders. ISTH currently represents over 4,000 clinicians, researchers and educators working together to improve the lives of patients in more than 93 countries around the world. Among the Society's highly regarded activities and initiatives are education and standardization programs, research activities, meetings, congresses and courses , peer-reviewed publications, expert committees and World Thrombosis Day on 13 October. Please visit ISTH online for more information at www.isth.org.

ISTH also recently announced the launch in 2017 of a dedicated Open Access journal, as a complement to *JTH*, to serve members and authors worldwide.

3.) Aims and Scope of JTH

The journal currently accepts basic manuscripts on blood coagulation and fibrinolysis, proteins and reactions, blood platelets, and the interaction of all these components with other biological systems such as, but not limited to, the vessel wall, blood cells, and invading organisms. Clinical manuscripts can cover a wide variety of topics including venous thrombosis and arterial disease, plus hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, as well as platelet disorders. The subject area of clinical manuscripts can range from etiology to diagnostics, prognosis, prevention, and treatment.

Current editorial criteria used in reviewing manuscripts include soundness of methods, originality, insights into mechanisms and foreseeable impact on patient care.

Contributions to JTH can have the following formats: Original article, Brief Report, Commentary, Review, Forum, Case Report, and Letter to the editor. Reviews and commentaries that deal with an article in the same issue are mostly solicited by the editors-in-chief. The Forum category is for commentaries on publications in other journals or general viewpoints. Original manuscripts are expected to present an in depth study of a particular subject. Studies that are definitive can also be published in a brief format. The bar for Brief Reports is quite high with respect to originality and impact. *JTH* rarely publishes Case Reports, and only those that give new and deep insight qualify. Letters to the editor are meant solely for discussion of recently published JTH articles.

For Instructions for Authors, please visit: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1538-7836/homepage/ForAuthors.html

4.) Other important information about the Conditions/ Requirements from the Society related to *JTH*:

- *JTH* is an ISTH-owned publication
- Wiley is the retained publisher *of JTH* (the current contract expires in 2022)
- *JTH* uses the ScholarOne Manuscript Central submission, review and editorial management platform.

- Editorial assistance and peer review management will be centrally provided by ISTH/Wiley and there is no expectation that the Editor(s) will have to recruit and/or that her/his/their institution will need to support this function.
- Commercial sales, marketing, promotion, design, etc. will be handled by the Wiley and ISTH teams in close collaboration with and the proactive support from the Editor(s)
- ISTH will offer editorial stipends to the Editor and Associate/Section Editors. (Applicants are requested to indicate their requirements).
- Editorial budgets are set by the Publications Committee with the input from the Editor(s) on an annual basis.
- Travel support will be provided for one meeting per year between the Editor(s), the Chairs of the Publications Committee, the Publisher and the Society as needed and requested by the Editor(s). In addition, the Society supports one editorial board meeting (logistics only) per year on the occasion of the ISTH congress.

5.) Editorial Role and Responsibilities

The Editor-in-Chief (EIC) or Editors-in-Chief of *JTH* are expected to strive to:

- Publish the most authoritative, innovative, and highest quality fundamental and clinical articles in the broad field of thrombosis and hemostasis.
- Identify emerging areas of importance to the field and actively solicit the best work being done in those areas.
- Promote the scientific exchange of ideas to advance the field of thrombosis and hemostasis and other areas of interest to the readership of the journal.
- Work collaboratively with the Society to advance the aims and mission of the Society, including actively supporting the new ISTH Open Access journal, scheduled to launch in July 2017, as well as facilitating publication of official ISTH documents and working within the Society's and Publisher's strategic framework for the journal.
- Employ best efforts to further the business and interests of ISTH and *JTH*.

The EIC(s), upon the advice of the Editorial Board, shall have complete and final authority for the peer review, selection, editorial modification, and quality of all solicited and unsolicited manuscripts published in JTH. The specific responsibilities of the EIC shall include:

a. Establishing, in consultation with ISTH's Publications Committee, the Editorial Board for the Journal (Associate Editors, Section Editors, and Reviewers), consisting of distinguished international researchers and clinicians across the spectrum of thrombosis and hemostasis
b. Working with the Society and the publisher to develop strategies for editorial development of JTH in line with the Society's scientific remit, including (but not limited to) deploying electronic features available through the publisher's journal website, reviewing competitor journal data from such services as Web of Science (as provided by the publisher) in order to ensure the journal's continued relevance to the community, developing plans and strategies to attract the most impactful science in support of the journal's Impact Factor, actively soliciting the work of high-profile authors in the field at congresses and other scientific assemblies, and attending strategy and planning meetings arranged by the Society or the publisher
c. Engaging the Editorial Board and Publications Committee in discussion around continuous improvement and development of the journal, and improving their understanding of criteria for selecting papers, expanding coverage in new areas, and collaborating with the ISTH's sister-journal, to be launched in 2017 as an Open Access journal.
d. Arranging appropriate, timely, and efficient peer-review procedures for the contributions submitted for publication in the Journal, and utilizing the manuscript tracking system

(ScholarOne Manuscripts) provided by the publisher (Wiley)

e. Preparing regular reports to ISTH Publications Committee and Council, showing the acceptance rate, rate of submission, origin of submitted and accepted papers, time lag to first decision and final decision, and other statistics that will indicate the health of the journal.
f. Ensuring that her/his/their conduct conforms to the highest standards of professional conduct and scientific integrity, is consistent with all applicable laws and regulations, and reflects positively on the ISTH; and promoting the same standards of conduct by the Associate and other members of the editorial team.
g. Working closely and collaboratively with the ISTH and the publisher to attain appropriate exposure for the journal and the Society and to assist in the efforts to secure advertising and other funding for the journal. This also includes close collaboration on social media, press releases and other matters of journal and Society visibility.

6.) Governance

The ISTH Publications Committee (reporting to the ISTH Council) oversees ISTH publications, including *JTH* and ISTH's new Open Access Journal. The Publications Committee's charge is to support the editors and oversee the Society's journal and other publications from a strategic, commercial and management aspect. In this capacity, the Publications Committee will provide the Editor(s)-in-Chief with the Society's criteria for evaluating the strategic direction, metrics, and success of the journal alongside its expectations for mutual collaboration between the Journal and the Society, and will conduct annual evaluations of the EICs' performance. Under the current Bylaws, one Editor is a voting ex-officio member of Council.

7.) Term

The new EIC(s) will serve an initial term of four (4) years, commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2022 with the possibility of an extension by two (2) additional years. The initial term commences after an overlap period with the current Editors-in-Chief which is expected to start in the 3rd Quarter 2018.

Starting in Q2 2018, the new EIC(s) are expected to work closely with the incumbent Editors, the Publications Committee, ISTH staff, the publisher (Wiley) and the current managing editors to ensure a smooth transition.

8.) ISTH Requirements for an Editor / Selection Criteria

ISTH is looking for (an) Editor(s) who share(s) the Society's commitment to the field of thrombosis and hemostasis and who has/have the enthusiasm and willingness to provide further successful stewardship and evolve the Journal by taking advantage of the many opportunities for innovation and expansion scientific publishing offers. The Society wishes to continue to evolve *JTH* into a truly innovative publication and is looking for an individual or individuals who – together with her/his/their editorial team – can provide the necessary vision, leadership, energy and scientific gravitas for the further development of *JTH*.

In addition to the above, selection criteria include a distinguished scholarly record in the fields of thrombosis and/or hemostasis as well as experience in academic and editorial leadership roles; strong management and organizational skills; the ability and willingness to make the necessary time commitment to give the editorship of JTH the necessary priority; a truly global outlook and strong

international connections; the ability to be diplomatic, open minded and to work well with others; and a strong commitment to the success of this publication and the ISTH.

The Editor(s) will also need to work closely with the Editor of the Society's new Open Access Journal in establishing a close and collaborative working relationship that allows for the appropriate handover of papers of scientific merit that are not selected for publication in *JTH*.

9.) Application and Selection Process

A Selection Committee will lead the selection process, review all applications, and will conduct a first round of personal interviews with a shortlist of finalists on the occasion of the ISTH 2017 Congress in July 2017 in Berlin. A possible second and final round of interviews may be conducted in Q4 2017 and the selected EIC(s) is/are expected to be confirmed by the end of 2017. Starting in Q2 2018, the new EIC(s) will work closely with the incumbent Editors, the Publications Committee, ISTH staff, the Publisher (Wiley) and the Managing Editors to ensure a smooth transition.

Applicants must provide the following information as part of their application:

1.) A cover letter indicating the reason for seeking the editorship (maximum 2 pages)
2.) A vision statement (maximum 5 pages) including any proposed
    a. adjustments to the aims and scope, topics, types of content, types of papers, areas of focus
    b. ideas for creating widest possible reach
    c. strategies for attracting contributions as well as for engaging the global community and connecting with authors and readers
    d. editorial board structure (associate editors, deputy editors, section editors, other editorial roles) and submission/peer review process (in case of an application for co-editorship, please explain how the co-editors envision to work together, explains the shared roles, etc.)
3.) A full CV outlining the candidate(s) background, academic positions and achievement(s), contributions to the Society and the field and other supportive aspects.
4.) A minimum of 10 references to authored papers indicating the breadth and scope of the candidate(s) research.
5.) Expression of the views of the candidate(s) on:
    a. the overall collaboration between the Journal/Editor(s) and the Society around Society projects and statements, promotional and/or press/media opportunities
    b. the relationship and collaboration between *JTH* and the Society's new Open Access journal
    c. the position of the Editor(s) on journal revenue generation, particularly including (but not limited to) commercial opportunities surrounding the journal (such as display advertising, commercial supplements, novel advertising opportunities).
6.) Declaration of any responsibilities/commitments/leadership roles/financial or ownership involvement that might constitute a conflict or duality of interest pertaining to role of Editor(s)
7.) Indication of how the time commitment necessary for the pursuit of the responsibilities as Editor(s) will be managed within the current responsibilities of the candidate(s), and/or how the necessary time commitment can be made possible.
8.) Indication of the level of editorial stipend considered fair and equitable by the applicant(s) for fulfilling the roles outlined above.
9.) Indication of:
    a. agreement that the conditions/requirements outlined are acceptable, and/or

b. concerns with any of the conditions/requirements indicated/mandated by the Society, specifically to the editorial management provided by the Society and publisher centrally, and/or
c. specific requirements the candidate(s) (or his/her/their institution(s)) may have for taking on this role.

The documents should be submitted online here.

Please direct your questions to:

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by or before April 7, 2017

10.) Selection Timeline and Process*

Before March 1, 2017	Questions and clarifications about the information provided in this document and expressions of interest
April 7, 2017	**Deadline for applications**
May 31, 2017	Applications will be reviewed and applications shortlisted
Before ISTH 2017	Interviews by phone may be conducted with shortlisted candidates
July 9 – 13, 2017	Interviews will be conducted with the shortlisted candidates on the occasion of ISTH 2017 in Berlin
Before October 15, 2017	Additional interviews and discussions may be conducted with (the) final candidate(s)
By mid of November 2017	A recommendation will be made to the ISTH Council
End of 2017	Confirmation of the new Editor(s)

* The Society reserves the right to change the timeline and process as deemed appropriate and/or necessary.