ABOUT THE ISTH

The International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) advances the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of conditions related to thrombosis and hemostasis.

The Society is dedicated to transformative scientific discoveries and clinical practices, the development of young professionals and the education of physicians, scientists and allied health professionals wherever they may live.

Today, the ISTH continues to be the leading thrombosis and hemostasis related professional medical-scientific organization in the world with more than 7,500 members in 120 countries. With a focus on building capacity, the ISTH shines a spotlight on the following activities:

- Annual Global Congresses
- Scientific Publications
- SSC and Nomenclature
- Guidelines and Guidance
- Online Learning – ISTH Academy
- Webinar Series
- Core Curricula
- ISTH Highlights
- Training in Industrialized Countries
- Capacity Building in Developing Countries
- World Thrombosis Day
- European and Global Public Affairs

Media Quick Links

- ISTH 2021 Website
- World Thrombosis Day Website
- ISTH Brand Guidelines
- ISTH Newsroom

Governance

The ISTH Council is the governing body of the ISTH. It authorizes and exercises all corporate powers of the Society and oversees all activities.

The Executive Committee is a subset of the ISTH Council. It provides executive direction to the activities of the Society in between Council meetings.

The Society’s Bylaws empower the Council to establish committees that recommend to the Council policies, programs and actions related to their areas of expertise and responsibility. The
committees also implement recommendations that the Council approves. Council committees comprise Council members as well as non-Council ISTH members.

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For a list of the full ISTH Council, [click here](#).

### ISTH Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement

The ISTH is a leader for global innovation and excellence in the fields of thrombosis and hemostasis. Our success depends on creating an environment that welcomes, respects, and empowers our multicultural community. The ISTH fosters a culture that celebrates the unique identities and recognizes the contributions of each member. We strive to harness the potential of our diverse community to deliver transformative research and clinical practices for the benefit of all people. Every action of the Society is grounded in these guiding principles, and commits to actions that advances the following tenets:

- Cultivate diverse leadership and visible representatives within all levels of the Society.
- Create an inclusive environment that allows every member to fully participate and contribute in scientific discourse and societal decisions.
- Empower our members to champion diversity, equity and inclusion, and to hold each other accountable to these commitments.

Our vision is to provide a positive research culture which supports all our members to react their full potential. We aim to inspire our community to courageously question the status quo both within the Society, as well as their place of work. Through these actions we aim to position the Society as a positive force in international efforts to promote equality to all people.

We are stronger together. The Society asks every member and collaborative partner to join us in forging this path towards a more equitable and inclusive future.

### ISTH History

In 1954, a small group of investigators used seed money from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) to form the International Committee on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ICTH).

The members were well-known for their contributions to the fields of blood coagulation and hemorrhagic disorders, so news about their group spread quickly within the scientific community.

Interest grew, and the ICTH began to consider expanding the scope of its mission. The number of scientists who wanted to attend its meetings increased each year, but because of its small size, the Committee could only accommodate a few attendees.
Planning for Expansion

For the better part of the 1960s, members of the ICTH clarified and planned the mission, structure, function and leadership of a larger organization. They envisioned a society that would be open to all researchers, clinicians, educators and students working in the many interrelated fields of thrombosis, haemostasis and vascular biology.

The ICTH had focused primarily on blood coagulation and hemorrhagic disorders; the new organization would expand that focus to include the emerging areas of platelet function and regulation, the mechanisms of thrombosis, fibrinolysis and thrombolyis, and the urgent problems of thromboembolic disorders.

Birth of a New Society

In 1969, at the ICTH’s 15th Annual Meeting in Bath, UK, its members finally came to a vote—unanimously approving the creation of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH).

The Society chose Fritz Koller of Switzerland as its President and Sol Sherry of the USA as Chairman of the newly-formed ISTH Council. Almost 200 scientists joined the Society that year.

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