The past two years have been a time of growth and exciting innovation at the ISTH. From achieving our highest membership numbers to date, to breaking new attendance records at the ISTH 2017 Congress, the Society continues to achieve new milestones. And yet, I believe the ISTH’s greatest success lies in the achievements of our members around the world and their inspiring work in the ever-changing field of thrombosis and hemostasis.

I became a member of the ISTH more than 30 years ago, and since that time, I have been proud to watch the Society transform from a small, but always global membership organization to a well-respected global leader in the field. It has been exciting to also be a part of this rapid growth of ISTH. At the start of my ISTH Chairmanship in 2016, I knew that our more than 5,200 members were and continue to be the Society’s greatest asset. From leading groundbreaking research, to developing new clinical innovations in the healthcare setting, ISTH members are recognized as leaders and innovators in the field and are dedicated to advancing science, improving patient outcomes, and helping to save lives by combating thrombosis and bleeding.

In addition to the outstanding work of our members, the ISTH continues to propel forward with new educational offerings, state-of-the art meetings, and innovative outreach campaigns. Of note, the Society welcomed notable experts in the fields of thrombosis and hemostasis to exchange the latest science and advance research and clinical practice at the ISTH SSC 2016 Meeting in Montpellier, France, and the ISTH 2017 Congress in Berlin, Germany. I’m proud to share that ISTH 2017 welcomed more than 9,500 attendees and received 3,120 abstract submissions, making it our most successful congress to date.

In Education, the ISTH has expanded its Academy, an online education platform, with hundreds of new modules, interactive webinars, educational workshops, and global training opportunities through the Reach-the-World program. Additionally, the World Thrombosis Day campaign offered education and awareness tools and resources to global communities. More than 1,000 partners organized 17,000 awareness activities with a global campaign reach of 2.7+ billion impressions.

In keeping with our tradition of innovation, the ISTH proudly launched its first-ever open-access only, peer-reviewed publication Research and Practice in Thrombosis and Haemostasis (RPTH). Complementing the Society’s flagship journal, the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH), RPTH provides an innovative new platform for science and discourse among researchers, clinicians, nurses, allied health professionals, and patients. In just its first year, RPTH received 173 paper submissions and an impressive 53,000+ downloads.

Earlier in 2017, and under ISTH auspices, the European Thrombosis and Haemostasis Alliance (ETHA) launched as an international alliance based in Brussels, Belgium, with 21 member organizations in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis in member states of the European Union. In addition, ISTH members in 2017 approved the most sweeping change of the ISTH Bylaws since the Society’s incorporation in 1969. As part of these updates, the role of ISTH Chairman of Council will be referred to as “ISTH President” beginning in 2018. I am proud to welcome Claire McLintock as the ISTH President-Elect and encourage you to learn about her vision in her letter at the conclusion of this report.

Though my tenure as ISTH Chairman of Council is coming to an end, ISTH will continue inspiring new scientific discovery and cultivate an international network of researchers and clinicians dedicated to the field of thrombosis and hemostasis. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ISTH community for its support, and I am excited to see what milestones we will achieve in the coming years.

Ingrid Pabinger
ISTH Chairman of Council
2016-2018
ISTH MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS*
*Figures include ISTH Academy members

ISTH MEMBERS BY AGE*
- Age 75+: 3%
- Age 66-75: 10%
- Age 56-65: 23%
- Age 46-55: 26%
- Age 36-45: 23%
- Age 35 and Younger: 15%

PRIMARY PROFESSIONAL FOCUS OF ISTH MEMBERS*
- Hematology: 47%
- Other: 28%
- Internal Medicine: 6%
- Clinical Chemistry/Laboratory Medicine: 5%
- Cardiology: 3%
- Vascular Medicine: 3%
- Pathology: 2%
- Transfusion Medicine: 2%
- Epidemiology: 1%
- Oncology: 1%
- Surgery: 1%

*As of 2017
MEETINGS

ISTH meetings provide exciting opportunities for clinicians, researchers, educators, students/trainees, allied healthcare professionals, nurses, and industry partners to exchange the latest in scientific innovation and advance the overall understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombotic and bleeding disorders. The ISTH announced that it will transition to an annual congress format beginning in 2020.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The ISTH has developed a variety of education and outreach programs to benefit members of all types and from all corners of the world. This programming is informed by the ISTH Core Curriculum, created and published to inform a set of minimum knowledge required for a medical doctor to be considered as a clinical specialist in thrombosis and hemostasis.

EUROPEAN THROMBOSIS AND HAEMOSTASIS ALLIANCE (ETHA)

Earlier in 2017, and under ISTH auspices, ETHA launched as an international alliance based in Brussels, Belgium, with 21 member organizations in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis in member states of the European Union. ETHA’s mission is to give the thrombosis and hemostasis community a voice and drive prioritization of thrombosis and hemostasis in the European Union patient safety and research programs.
The Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH) is the flagship journal of the ISTH.

Editors: Pieter Reitsma and Frits Rosendaal

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**WORLD THROMBOSIS DAY: AMPLIFYING A GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION**

World Thrombosis Day (WTD) is a year-long global movement that culminates on 13 October and focuses attention on the serious, but often overlooked disease of thrombosis. The goal of the WTD campaign is to increase global awareness of thrombosis, including its causes, risk factors, signs/symptoms and evidence-based prevention and treatment. The movement strives to reduce death and disability caused by the condition.

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**KNOW THROMBOSIS: KEEP LIFE FLOWING**

- Global Campaign Reach: 2.7 billion
- 1,050 Total Campaign Partners
- 56% growth
- 14 Global Supporters
- 17,000+ events in 2016-2017
- 2 billion media impressions
- 560 million social media impressions
- 218% growth from 2016

**JOIN THE MOVEMENT!**

Become a partner at www.WorldThrombosisDay.org

Together, we can prevent hundred of thousands of unnecessary deaths worldwide from thrombosis.

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**BIENNIAL REPORT 2016 – 2018**

**rpth**

[Image of rpth logo]

Research and Practice in Thrombosis and Haemostasis

New Peer-Reviewed Open-Access Journal Launched in 2017

Editor-in-Chief: Mary Cushman

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**jth**

[Image of jth logo]

Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis

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**Did You Know?**

**In 2016:**

- 32,598 copies printed (12 issues)
- 1.14 million downloads
- 18,059 citations
- 4,431 institutional subscriptions
- 21 days time to first decision
- 26% JTH acceptance rate

**In 2017:**

- 33,228 copies printed (12 issues)
- 1.36 million downloads
- 17,296 citations
- 5,025 institutional subscriptions
- 22 days time to first decision
- 55.2% JTH acceptance rate

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*Data from 2017*
LEADERSHIP

The Council is the governing body of the ISTH. It authorizes and exercises all of the Society’s corporate powers and oversees its activities. Every two years, members of the Society elect five of their peers to serve on the Council, replacing one-third of elected Council members. Council members serve for a term of six years. The Council also includes ex-officio voting members who are members by virtue of holding another office with the ISTH, as mandated by the Society’s Bylaws.

In 2017, ISTH members approved a change to the ISTH Bylaws. The new set of Bylaws greatly modernizes the Society’s governance framework in line with best practices and reflects important necessary legal and organizational changes that allow the Society to continue to successfully evolve, be governed more effectively, operate more effectively, and best serve the global community.

LEGEND | Officers | Elected Members | Ex-officio Members

**Jeffrey Weitz**
Canada, 2018

**David Lillicrap**
Canada, 2020

**Sam Schulman**
Canada, 2022

**Nigel Key**
USA
Immediate Past Chair ISTH Council

**Alisa Wolberg**
USA, 2022

**José López**
USA, 2020

**James Morrissey**
USA, 2018

**Steve Watson**
UK, 2020

**Michael Makris**
UK, 2022

**Pieter Reitsma**
the Netherlands
Editor-in-Chief JTH

**Frits Rosendaal**
the Netherlands
Editor-in-Chief JTH

**Suely Rezende**
Brazil, 2020

**Johannes Oldenburg**
Germany
Past President ISTH 2017 Congress

**Walter Ageno**
Italy
Chairman Scientific and Standardization Committee

**Ingrid Pabinger**
Austria
Council Chairman 2016-2018
Council Class 2018

**Flora Peyvandi**
Italy, 2022

**Peter Lenting**
France, 2018

**Anna Falanga**
Italy, 2020

**J. Evan Sadler**
USA
Secretary General

**Björn Dahlbäck**
Sweden
Treasurer 2015-2018

**Pieter Lenting**
France, 2018

**Steve Watson**
UK, 2020

**Michael Makris**
UK, 2022

**Crowd**

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2 standing committees
20 subcommittees
20 subcommittee chairs
+ 120 subcommittee co-chairs

The Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC) is a permanent committee of the Society. It has independent authority over its scientific program and reports to the ISTH Council. It is made up of 20 Subcommittees in addition to two standing committees and the executive committee. Through collaborations with related organizations, the SSC develops and recommends standards relevant to the fields of thrombosis and hemostasis.

collaborated together, resulting in 26 publications in the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH), including official communications and guidance documents.
Incoming ISTH President Encourages Out-of-the-Box Thinking and Global Engagement

What inspires you? Perhaps it’s helping a patient with a new treatment plan or discovering an exciting unexpected outcome in a research study. As the 22nd ISTH President-Elect, I’m focused on discovering what inspires our ISTH members and determining how we can engage and support our global community to advance and flourish as leaders and change-makers in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis.

As part of our mission, 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. We are proud to encompass a diverse membership network across 98 countries representing various ages and backgrounds. As such, the ISTH is perfectly positioned to welcome a new generation of clinicians and researchers, while still placing a strong value on our Society’s tradition and history.

In the coming years, the ISTH will continue its commitment to developing exciting new platforms for learning and channels of communication to provide members with the latest education, research, and experiences. Together with leadership, the ISTH is poised to launch new digital offerings, increase opportunities in new geographic locations, and offer innovative new ways to engage and network with other experts in the field.

For example, the ISTH education program is keenly focused on developing the most cutting-edge learning opportunities available in both virtual and in-person formats for increased engagement. Additionally, we will continue our commitment to educating the public and advocating for public policy change. As part of this mission, the World Thrombosis Day campaign is collaborating with global health organizations to highlight venous thromboembolism as a significant global health issue in an effort to ignite action. In conjunction with our mission to support the advancement of young professionals, the ISTH Early Career Committee continues to engage the next generation of leaders and curate out-of-the-box ideas for the Society and its members.

The ISTH is dedicated to transforming and responding to the ever-evolving healthcare landscape, and as part of this growth the Society will transition to an annual global congress format in 2020. Due to the increasingly rapid advances in science as well as laboratory technology and treatment approaches, and the greater need for global collaboration, knowledge exchange and education, holding our congress annually will allow researchers, clinicians and allied health professionals in the bleeding, clotting and related fields to remain on the cutting-edge of science and deliver the best patient care.

While honoring the legacy of the ISTH, join me as we launch innovative new practices and state-of-the-art opportunities for all members. Get involved, volunteer, and plan to attend the ISTH SSC 2018 Meeting in Dublin from July 18-21, 2018 and mark your calendar for ISTH 2019, July 6-10, 2019, in Melbourne, Australia. Participants will have the opportunity to discover new research, build relationships, and grow professionally – you won’t want to miss it.

I encourage you to consider what inspires you and share your feedback with me as we strive to continually improve and strengthen the Society’s global network. I look forward to the opportunity to connect with each of you and inspire a new era dedicated to advancing the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombotic and bleeding disorders.

Claire McLintock
ISTH President-Elect
2018-2020