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To foster and advance science relating to the important medical problems of thrombosis, abnormalities of hemostasis and their underlying vascular biology; to create a forum for discussion of these problems; to encourage research on these problems by scientists of all relevant disciplines; to foster diffusion and exchange of ideas through scientific meetings and publications; to standardize nomenclature and methods as appropriate and timely...

These are the goals of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis and the principles which drive the Society's international mission.

Report of ISTH Council Chairman

Kenneth A. Bauer, MD

My term as Council Chairman ended at the conclusion of the 52nd SSC Annual Meeting in Oslo, Norway. Bjarne Østerud and his local committee did a wonderful job organizing the Oslo meeting with the assistance of Margo Price, ISTH Director of Corporate Relations. A highlight of the meeting was the awarding to Jane Lenahan of the first Harold Roberts Award for Service to the SSC at a reception at City Hall (Rathaus).

My tenure has been highlighted by the highly successful Sydney Congress organized by Colin Chesterman

and the growth in stature of *JTH* under the leadership of Pier Mannucci and Harold Roberts. I want to thank the Council Class of 2006 for their service to the Society - Drs. Donati (Italy), Juhan-Vague (France), Suzuki (Japan), Walsh (USA), Rosing (The Netherlands) - and we welcome the newly elected class of 2012 - Drs. Berndt (Australia), Bounameaux (Switzerland), Nurden (France), Østerud (Norway) and Reitsma (The Netherlands). I want to particularly note the contributions of George Broze, Chair of the Publications Commit-

tee; George chaired the committee that selected Michael Greaves and David Lane as the new Editors-in-Chief of *JTH*. The committee also evaluated the option of self-publication and proposals for a new publishing contract. After careful assessment and deliberations, it was decided by Council that we renew the contract with Blackwell for production of *JTH* for the next 5-year period from Jan. 2008 through December 2012. Council also held elections for organization of the 2010

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Awards: Inaugural Harold R. Roberts Award Presented in Oslo, Norway

Jane G. Lenahan was awarded the inaugural Harold R. Roberts Award for Distinguished Service to the Scientific and Standardization Committee of the ISTH at the highly successful 52nd SSC Annual Meeting in Oslo, Norway, on 29 June 2006. The award ceremony took place in the historic chamber of the Nobel Peace Prize at Oslo City Hall.

The Reports Award

Since the founding in 1954 of the International Committee for the Standardization of the Nomenclature of the Blood Clotting Factors, many distinguished individuals have unselfishly offered their time and talents in support of the mission of the Committee.

None served longer or with more distinction than Dr.

Harold R. Roberts.

Dr. Roberts first became active in the work of the Committee in 1966 and was a charter member of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis when it was organized in 1970. He served as Secretary

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Report of the ISTH Executive Director

Gilbert C. White, II, MD

The past year has been noteworthy for ISTH. We held our first congress in the southern hemisphere in Sydney, Australia. Following recommendations of the Council's Standing Committee on Innovations and Long-range Planning (Frits Rosendaal, Chair), a comprehensive evaluation of the SSC was undertaken by the SSC Review Committee, resulting in a number of important changes in the SSC, including composition of the voting membership and the creation of a new committee to liaise with the World Health Organizations and other standardization constituents. The SSC Meeting itself continues to evolve. Using the new meeting format with an increased educational component, the meeting in Oslo was the largest free-standing SSC meeting to date and demonstrates the importance of the SSC's

work to the Society's mission and to the international research community organization. Our journal continues to do very well, with an impact factor that is now up from 4.831 to 5.262, ranking it 7th among 60 journals in the area of hematology.

The Oslo Council meeting marked the end of Ken Bauer's term as Chairman of Council and at the end of the

meeting, Ian Peake took over as Chair. Dr. Bauer's term was marked by the evolution of our journal to independence, by a comprehensive self-evaluation of the SSC, by the first congress in the Southern Hemisphere and the development of independent SSC meetings, by fiscal stability, and by new educational initiatives. His innovation and dedication have helped move the Society forward in im-

portant new directions. On behalf of the 2786 members of the Society, I thank Dr. Bauer for his efforts. I look forward to the next two years with Dr. Peake.

In summary, the Society is healthy and vigorous, with great science, unbelievably strong meetings, stable finances, wonderfully committed employees, a strong educational mission and dedicated volunteers who lead the Society's efforts.

Society Meetings: What's next? Geneva!

The next meeting of the Society is the XXI ISTH Congress with the 23rd SSC Annual Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, from July 6-12, 2007. Prof. Henri Bounameaux is the President with Prof. Guido Reber as SSC Chair. Prof. Fedor Bachmann is the Honorary President with Vice-President B. Lämmle, Scientific Program Chairman Ken

Clemetson, State of the Art Book Editor Ph. de Moerloose, Secretary General E.K.O. Kruithof and G. Marbet, Treasurer. PCO for the meeting is MCI Suisse.

The congress' international program committee has compiled a total of 700 proposals for presentations and presenters. From these the scientific program committee will finalize the invited program. Currently, 6 plenaries, one presidential symposium with 6 lectures, 32 SOA lectures and 24 symposia are

planned. The program should be finalized before the end of summer 2006. Industry will sponsor 4 special educational symposia prior to the congress, six other will be offered on Monday evening (9 July) and 8 satellite symposia on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. In addition, a nurses program will also be offered, following the successful nurses program in Sydney.

The Final Announcement and Call for Abstracts is available online at http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/future_meetings/2007_Final_Announcement.pdf

Make a Proposal: XXV ISTH Congress, 2015

In a few weeks the Society will invite all members to offer proposals to host the 2015 ISTH Congress. A Membership Listserve message will announce the call for Letters of Intent to make a proposal, deadline for Letters of Intent on 31 December 2006.

The Executive Committee will screen Letters and follow-up with invitations for a full proposal during the Spring of 2007. ISTH Council will elect the President and venue of the 2015 congress during its 2007 meeting in Geneva.

Congresses and Annual Meetings are a major program supporting the mission of the ISTH. Members who make proposals and those who host a congress or an SSC annual meeting make a significant contribution to the work of the Society and foster its international character.

If you wish to make a proposal, the Society is ready to help with the details. Please consider this opportunity to serve the ISTH.



Congress Dates to bookmark:

20 October 2006	Opening of abstract submission
2 February 2007	Closing of abstract submission
28 February 2007	Early pre-registration deadline
30 March 2007	Notification of abstract acceptance
30 April 2007	Deadline for guaranteed hotel accommodation
6-12 July 2007	<i>Welcome to All!</i>

Report of ISTH Council Actions

The annual meeting of the Society's board of directors took place on 30 June 2006, in conjunction with the 52nd SSC Annual Meeting in Oslo, Norway. A quorum of voting members was in attendance and the following business was transacted.

The newly elected Council class of 2012 was introduced: Drs. Michael Berndt (Australia), Henri Bounameaux (Switzerland), Alan Nurden (France), Bjarne Østerud (Norway) and Pieter Reitsma (The Netherlands). Their terms begin at the conclusion of this meeting.

Annual reports were received from the Executive

Director (Dr. Gilbert White), the Editor-in-Chief (Prof. Pier Mannucci), the SSC Chairman (Dr. Robert Montgomery), the President and Presidents-elect of ISTH Congresses and SSC Annual Meetings (Drs. Colin Chesterman, Bjarne Østerud, Henri Bounameaux, Paul Kyrle, Bruce and Barbara Furie, Yasuo Ikeda and Frits Rosendaal), the Director of Corporate Relations (Ms. Margo Price), and the Standing Committees of Council.

The following recommendations were approved.

Publications: Renewal of the contract with Blackwell Publishing for production of

JTH for the next 5-year period (Jan. 2008 through December 2012).

Awards: A new award honoring Dr. Harold Roberts and his service to the SSC.

Education: Pending completion of the formal application process, grants to educational meetings in Tunisia (2007), in conjunction with the CLAHT Congress (2008); in Saudi Arabia (2008); and possibly in Jordan (TBA).

Finance: Reallocation of investment funds in light of past performance and current market trends in equities and fixed income instruments.

Membership: Open discus-

sion regarding a category of reduced membership rates for researchers in economically developing countries. Possibly with online-only access to *JTH*.

Elections were made for the 2010 SSC Annual Meeting (Dr. Nevine Kasim for Cairo) and for the next Chairman-elect of Council (Dr. Frits Rosendaal).

Dr. Ken Bauer retired as Chairman of Council and Dr. Ian Peake took the Chair.

The retiring members of the Council Class of 2006 were commended for their service over the past 6 years: Drs. Maria-Benedetta Donati (Italy), Irene Juhan-Vague (France), Koji Suzuki (Japan), Peter Walsh (USA), Jan Rosing (The Netherlands).

The next regular meeting of Council will be on 9 July 2007 in conjunction with the XXI Congress of ISTH, Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Peake adjourned the meeting at 11:45 PM.

Roberts

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General of the Committee from 1978 to 1988 when the Committee merged administratively with the ISTH. He then took the reins of both the Committee and Society as its first Executive Director and led the organization for another eleven years. For more than 20 years, he has been a leader, a mentor, a counselor and scientific diplomat internationally recognized for his fairness, wisdom and unselfish devotion to the Committee and the Society.

The Committee and the Society wish to acknowledge the work and to honor the legacy of Harold Roberts' service through creation of a permanent award. In keep-

ing with the legacy of Dr. Roberts, the award honors meritorious service to the SSC, beyond expectations and over a significant period of time.



Jane Lenahan, like Harold Roberts, is a long-standing contributor to the Society and has worked actively in the SSC for over 30 years. In 1992 the WHO raised concerns with the SSC about quality control of hemostatic components in commercial standards, and Jane was

asked to organize a new SSC Working Group to examine the analytes for which there were precise assays. She applied her organizational talents and knowledge of reagents for the measurement of the PT and PTT to this project and was instrumental in the development of the 1st SSC Secondary Plasma Standard. In July 2006, fourteen years later, she has ushered the 3rd SSC Secondary Plasma Standard to distribution.

Ed. Note: For more information about the SSC WG on Plasma Coagulation Standards and Lot 3, see the ISTH Webpage, www.isth.org, at "Coagulation Standards."

Donate Extra Subscriptions: Members who wish to forego their complimentary subscription to *JTH* may contact Headquarters, member-ship@isth.org to arrange re-direction of the subscription to a researcher in a developing country.

ISTH Educational Initiatives: Report from Phnom Penh, Cambodia

F.R. Rosendaal, Co-Chairman
Standing Committee on Education

A four-day seminar in bleeding disorders was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, January 24-27, 2006. Local organisers were Drs Ung Sam An, Soth Vuty and Robyn Devenish from the National Institute of Public Health. The first day was filled with lectures and discussion, and the next three days were a hands-on 'wet' workshop. International faculty were Eric Preston, Steve Kitchen and Frits Rosendaal. There were around 80 delegates, from all

23 provinces of Cambodia. The historical importance of the symposium was indicated by the presence of the Minister and Secretary of Health. It was clear from the discussions, and hospital visits by Dr Preston that patients and health care workers face major difficulties in Cambodia, due to large deficiencies in diagnostic and treatment possibilities.

The Educational Committee of the ISTH Council believes that the ISTH has an obliga-

tion in transferring knowledge and expertise to poor countries. This symposium, by combining the format of previous ISTH educational symposia and UK-NEQAS workshops organised by Drs Preston and Kitchen, has shown the importance of combining theory and practice in these ongoing efforts.

Ed Note: Find proposal form online at Education, Training and Research Opportunities, [http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/training/App for ISTH Funding.doc](http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/training/App%20for%20ISTH%20Funding.doc)

Contribute to Reach the World Initiative

The Society's Reach-the-World Initiative was originally launched with a generous contribution from the Colten Foundation. Council allocated the funds for a three-pronged program: support of educational meetings in economically disadvantaged locations; support for congress participation by young and economically disadvantaged researchers; and subsidized membership in the Society for researchers from economically develop-

ing countries who could not otherwise benefit from membership in the ISTH.

Although the original gift has long ago been expended, the Society continues to support the RTW program from its general fund.

When members make contributions to the ISTH as part of their annual membership renewal, those contributions are set aside for RTW-supported memberships for disadvantaged scientists and

researchers. Each RTW membership carries a complimentary subscription to JTH, often the only available subscription for an entire medical school or geographical area.

We thought you would like to know that 100% of contributions received in conjunction with a regular membership renewal go to support another needy member.

Council Chairman

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SSC Annual Meeting and selected Dr. Nevine Kassim of Cairo. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the incoming Chair, Ian Peake, and newly elected Secretary/Chairman-elect, Frits Rosendaal. I look for-

ward to seeing you next July at the XXIst ISTH Congress of ISTH in Geneva. Henri Bounmeaux and his organizing committee are putting together a scientific and social program that promises to be excellent.

It has been a privilege to serve as Chairman and I want to thank Gil White

and the entire ISTH staff in Chapel Hill for their assistance and support.

BOOK REVIEW

Harold R. Roberts, MD

Therapeutic Strategies in Thrombosis

Recently I came across a book "Therapeutic Strategies in Thrombosis" edited by Kristensen, Caterina, and Moliterno that included succinct and informative discussion of therapeutic agents for use in both arterial and venous thrombosis. The chapters are written by international experts in the field and, for the most part, each chapter, although short and succinct, contains valuable current information that will be of interest to general internists, cardiologists, hematologists and others who make therapeutic decisions for patients with arterial or venous thrombosis.

Archives

The ISTH would be happy to house memorabilia of the Committee and the Society as part of its archives of the history of our organization. Print and non-print materials are welcome—letters, meeting materials, photographs, books written by members, etc. Archive materials are available for use by all members.

Please contact the Executive Secretary, ccole@med.unc.edu, to discuss a donation to the ISTH archives.

SCIENTIFIC AND STANDARDIZATION COMMITTEE

of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis

from "Statement of Purpose" SSC Rules and Operating Procedures:

The Scientific and Standardization Committee is a permanent committee of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis that accomplishes the day-to-day, practical work of the Society and supports the mission of the ISTH by

- *providing a forum for consideration by internationally recognized experts of practical issues related to thrombosis, disorders of hemostasis and their underlying vascular biology;*
- *supporting scientific subcommittees of international expert researchers working on these problems and their application to clinical issues;*
- *promoting education and the exchange of ideas through scientific meetings and publication of official reports, recommendations and deliberations;*
- *standardizing nomenclature and research methods as appropriate and timely;*
- *providing expert consultation to standards-setting bodies;*
- *liaising with other research organizations and collaborating on timely and important research matters.*

Remarks from the SSC Chairman**Robert R. Montgomery, MD, Out-going Chairman**

Those of you who attended the SSC Meeting in Oslo know what an outstanding job Bjarne Østerud and his local organizing committee did for the Society. For those of you who were unable to attend, we are sorry you missed it. Once again the amount of work our members do in carrying out the voluntary, international activities of the SSC and the SSC Subcommittees continues to be impressive and seems to just get stronger every year. Thank you all for your hard work.

I have now completed my 2 years as Chair of the SSC and want to especially thank Cathy Cole and Cary Clark for their masterful coordination of communication and other activities – both at the SSC Meeting

itself and throughout the year at the ISTH Headquarters in Chapel Hill, NC. I also want to thank Nuala Booth for her help over the last 2 years as Chair-elect. As the Chair for the next 2 years, I know that she will do an outstanding job and help make the SSC even greater.

As our Subcommittees begin their planning for the SSC Meetings with ISTH 2007 in Geneva, remember that the annual meetings are merely a culmination of our year-long activities. For those of you not familiar with the SSC, visit the ISTH Website and see how you can offer your expertise to this international venture.

I look forward to seeing you all next year in Geneva.

52nd Annual Meeting of the Scientific and Standardization Committee Sets Attendance Record

The SSC Annual Meeting in Oslo, Norway, on June 28-July 1, 2006, set an attendance record for a non-congress year SSC meeting. Final attendance totaled 1,171 delegates and 25 exhibitors.

The success of the meeting was due to excellent organization by the local committee, Prof. Bjarne Østerud (Chairman) and local committee members, Drs. Harald Arnesen, Ingeborg Seljeflot and Per Morten Sandset, with support of the Congrex-Conference PCO staff, Mr. Erik Tollefsen, Meeting Manager.

In addition to the presentations of work-in-progress by the SSC's Scientific Subcommittees and Working Groups, the 2006 Annual Meeting also offered an educational program of symposia and "Meet the Experts" sessions. Commemorating the 80th anniversary of Dr. Erik von Willebrand's 1926 publication describing the disorder in a family from the Aaland Islands, an educational session on "Basic and Clinical Aspects of VWD" was organized with the help of Dr. Augusto Federici, Chair of the SSC's Subcommittee on VWF. Two other educational symposia were presented, "Coagulation and Inflammation" and "Diet, Omega-3 Fatty Acids (n-3 PUFAs) and Atherothrombosis." Eight well-attended Satellite Symposia rounded out the meeting.

Although SSC Annual Meetings are traditionally practical, working meetings, the Oslo SSC meeting attendees were honored with a reception hosted by the Mayor and City of Oslo in the historic City Hall in the place of the annual presentation of the Nobel Peace Prize. In all aspects, organizational, scientific and social, the 52nd SSC Annual Meeting was an outstanding success.

Minutes of the SSC Scientific Subcommittee sessions are now available on the ISTH webpage, www.isth.org at the "Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC)" page-- "Minutes and Reports."

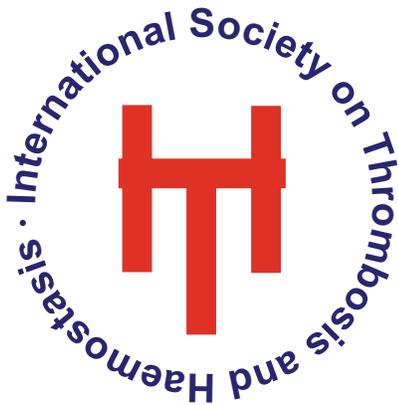
FROM OUR MEMBERS: LINKS OF INTEREST

- [SSC Perinatal/Pediatric Subcommittee: SevenN Bleep Registry \(Seven A in Nonhemophilia bleeding in Pediatrics\)](#)
- [Working Group on Thrombin Generation Tests: Collaborative Study on Fluorogenic Methods](#)
- [Working Group on Vascular Biology: Questionnaire](#)
- [SSC Working Group on Factor XIII Standardization](#)
- [Bleeding Score And Bleeding Questionnaire For The Diagnosis Of Type 1 Von Willebrand Disease](#)

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**Ballot Report: Council Election**

As of May 2006, there were 2,786 active members of the ISTH.

Of these, 123 participated in the nominations for the new class of Council members and 469 voted in the final election. This represents 4% and 17% of the membership, respectively.

Council, the Society's board of directors, acts on the members' behalf to manage the affairs of the ISTH. Council members are nominated by the general membership from among themselves and elected by a majority of the membership voting. Election of Council is an extremely important right and responsibility of all members.

Although nominations and election were conducted via email to the Membership Listserv (96% of our members participate in the listserv), paper ballots were mailed to those who do use email or do not subscribe to the Membership Listserv.

The power to direct the Society is in the hands of those who vote.

Your comments and suggestions on how can we increase voter participation are welcome.

ISTH Calendar

The ISTH convenes an international Congress biennially, while the Scientific and Standardization Committee and its scientific subcommittees meet annually. In Congress years, Society and SSC meetings are held in conjunction. Future Congresses will be in these locations:

XXI ISTH Congress

H. Bounameaux, President
F. Bachmann, Honorary President
Geneva, Switzerland
with
53rd Annual SSC Meeting
July 6-12, 2007
<http://www.isth2007.com>

54th Annual SSC Meeting

P. Kyrle, Organizing Committee Chairman
Vienna, Austria
July 2-5, 2008
<http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/SSC2008/>

XXII ISTH Congress

Bruce and Barbara Furie, Presidents
Boston, MA, USA
with
55th Annual SSC Meeting
July 11-18, 2009
<http://www.isth2009.org>

56th Annual SSC Meeting

Nevine Kassim, Organizing Committee Chair
Cairo, Egypt
2010

XXIII ISTH Congress

Yasuo Ikeda, President
Kyoto, Japan
with
57th Annual SSC Meeting
July 16-23, 2011

XXIV ISTH Congress

Frits R. Rosendaal, President
The Netherlands
with
59th Annual SSC Meeting
2013

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