It's an exciting time at the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH). The XXIV Congress of the ISTH and the 59th meeting of the Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC) are quickly approaching. This year, the congress, also known as ISTH 2013, will be held Sat., June 29 through Thur., July 4, with attendees from more than 80 countries expected in Amsterdam. The ISTH 2013 president and local organizing committee are working diligently to provide you with an educational and captivating congress this year!

ISTH 2013 will involve a full programme of high-profile speakers, symposia and lecture sessions along with a large exhibition of corporate partners. It will also offer prime networking opportunities to help you make important relationships and have fun while you’re at it! When you register to attend, you will receive admission to all scientific sessions as well as a congress bag with printed materials, the State of the Art book, USB sticks, access to the exhibition area and more. You can also take your congress experience to the next level with the congress mobile application for your iPhone, iPad, Android or smartphone. With easy-to-use features and a comprehensive guide to activities, this digital resource will help you make the most of your time at the congress.

As a special bonus, if you attend the opening ceremony on Sun., June 30, you will be the first to hear an exciting announcement on behalf of ISTH that will energize attendees and pave the way forward for the Society.

If you have not made your plans to travel to Amsterdam for ISTH 2013, we encourage you to do so soon. Registration for the ISTH 2013 congress can only be completed online at www.isth2013.org and all fees are to be paid in Euro. After June 22, 2013, pre-registration via the website will not be possible. Please note that every delegate, including invited delegates and accompanying persons, must be registered to attend. Continue reading for more information on ISTH 2013.
ISTH 2013 is Quickly Approaching

LATE-BREAKING ABSTRACTS
If you are interested in submitting a late-breaking abstract for ISTH 2013, the deadline is May 1, 2013. A late breaking abstract should contain new and exciting information that was not yet fully available at the abstract submission deadline of Feb. 1, 2013. The data in the abstract must not be published prior to the meeting. There are only ten time slots in two parallel sessions available for the presentation of late-breaking abstracts and all submitted abstracts are either accepted for oral presentation or rejected. To submit, please send your abstract in a Microsoft Word file to isth2013@mci-group.com and type 'Late-Breaking Abstract' in the subject line of the email message. All submitted late-breaking abstracts will be forwarded to the Scientific Programme Committee for their consideration. A notification regarding acceptance or rejection will be sent to the presenting author of the abstract by the end of May.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS
For a comprehensive programme for the ISTH 2013, visit the congress website at http://www.isth2013.org/programme. There will be more updates made to the website, including additional details on the social events, in the weeks to come. Stay tuned and let us know if you have any questions.

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AMSTERDAM GENERAL INFORMATION
The city of Amsterdam is compact and densely packed with old gabled buildings and its famous houseboat-lined canals. With its outwards-looking orientation and genuine international climate, the city is well equipped to welcome visitors from around the world for ISTH 2013. The city includes trendy shops, restaurants, stylish hotels and a flourishing city center in the southwestern part of the city where an array of innovative architecture is revitalizing the city edge. Interested in learning more? Visit www.iamsterdam.com.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin offers a great location for the 60th Annual SSC Meeting of the ISTH from June 23 through June 26, 2014. In addition to highlighting the important work of the 21 SSC subcommittees and working groups, the meeting will feature an educational day, e-posters, hot topics, satellite symposia and technical sessions. It will also be a great opportunity to network, make new friends and connect with well-known experts. The meeting venue, the beautiful Delta Center, is a state-of-the-art facility located in downtown Milwaukee and within walking distance to hotels, shops and restaurants. The center is part of a greater complex of buildings which includes the U.S. Cellular Arena and the Milwaukee Theatre. Those who attend will also be invited to visit the Discovery World Museum and the award winning Calatrava Wing of the Milwaukee Art Museum which incorporates both cutting-edge technology and old-world craftsmanship and is located on the shores of Lake Michigan. The SSC 2014 website and more information about the meeting will be available in the months to come. Stop by our booth at ISTH 2013 in June to learn more!
SOCIAL NETWORKING: Collaboration & Community

Social media makes it easy to stay in touch with other scientists, researchers, clinicians, colleagues and organizations you care about, whether you’re around the corner or across the world. ISTH offers many ways to stay informed and engaged. Visit our communities online to join a discussion and to receive relevant up-to-date information as soon as it’s available on your computer or mobile phone.

We invite you to connect with ISTH via Facebook, Twitter and Linkedin. Start a discussion of your own and invite others to participate. A social network is only as engaging as the commentary, discussion and highlighted news and we encourage your participation and use of our current social media offerings. Let’s have a conversation today!

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We invite you to share your experience as a member with ISTH staff and highlight how your membership has made a positive impact. Would you share with us?

Specifically:

• What would you say about ISTH to your peers to encourage them to become a member?
• How has your participation impacted you or your organization?
• How has the Society benefited you, your professional community and health care at large?

Interested in sharing? Please send in a 75-100 word response to Louise Bannon at louise_bannon@isth.org. Please note that your comments are subject to reasonable editing (i.e. spelling, grammar or length). Your testimonial, along with your name and title, may appear on our website, within presentations, social media and/or collateral pieces.

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ISTH Council Standing Committees: Spotlight on the Finance Committee

In 2012, the new 2012-2014 ISTH Council standing committees were finalized. Comprised of council members as well as ISTH members at large, these committees work to implement the decisions of council during the year. In this ISTH newsletter issue, we highlight the Finance Committee.

The ISTH Finance Committee develops short and long-term financial policies that support the Society’s mission, oversees the financial activity of the Society, ensures the prudent use of Society resources, and protects the financial health of the organization. The input of ISTH members as well as councilors is vital to the financial plans developed by the committee and the Society. The committee meets quarterly to review investments and work on current and future financial plans.

Members of the Finance committee for 2012-2014 are Nuala Booth (Chair & ISTH Treasurer), Björn Dahlbäck (Vice-Chair), Ken Bauer, Philip G. de Groot, Yukio Ozaki, and Jeff Weitz.

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Join the work of the SSC! Find out how to join subcommittee projects or propose new initiatives.

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View upcoming meetings from related organizations around the world. Know of a meeting we’ve missed? Contact us!

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The ISTH is working to ensure that scientists, physicians and allied health professionals with an interest in thrombosis and haemostasis have access to the latest training, information and education regardless of where they live. Our Reach-the-World Fellowship program gives junior clinicians and researchers from developing countries the opportunity to study at host institutes known for their expertise in thrombosis and haemostasis. The program aims to promote knowledge and expertise in one or all of the areas of medical care, laboratory methods and/or research. As part of the program, we provide fellows with financial support for travel, accommodation and living expenses for a fellowship period of up to four months.

INTERESTED IN APPLYING?

Applicants must be:

• An M.D. or Ph.D.
• 37 years old or younger
• Able to read, write and speak in English or in the primary language used at the host institute
• From an academic institute in a developing country and not affiliated with a commercial pharmaceutical or other biomedical company
• Able to show a publishing record in the field of thrombosis and haemostasis

To apply, visit the ISTH website here and submit all documents to the ISTH Headquarters by June 1.
The SSC of the ISTH will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2014 at the Milwaukee SSC Meeting. However, somewhat remarkably, the SSC has managed to reach this mature age without ever having undergone a formal strategic planning process. A fact that would likely horrify any recent business school graduate!

Nevertheless, despite the absence of a formal planning process for this body during the past 60 years, the SSC is still widely regarded as being the key international forum for all standardization issues, basic, translational and clinical in nature, pertaining to haemostasis and thrombosis.

While the SSC has continued to flourish in spite of the lack of a formal strategic plan, the ISTH Council has quite reasonably suggested that the committee might benefit from a review and prospective planning process. With this in mind, 12 ISTH members, comprising of council members and SSC chairs, met in Frankfurt in Dec. 2012 to formulate the first ever strategic plan for the committee.

The main outcomes of this initial meeting can be summarized as follows:

First, the SSC’s mission statement has been revised and will provide a new focus for the overall objectives and activities of the committee.

Second, the SSC’s rules and operating procedures will undergo a comprehensive review and issues such as the rights, responsibilities and terms of chairs and co-chairs will be evaluated and clarified. In addition, we will attempt to clarify the nomenclature of SSC elements, a subject that has led to considerable confusion in the recent past.

Finally, we will also develop a means to assess who’s involved in SSC activities. At the current time, aside from the chairs and co-chairs, it’s not easy to determine who is engaged with SSC affairs. This will be a critical component of the future organization of the committee and relates to the need to improve the inclusive nature of the SSC composition with, in particular, an encouragement to have more junior members of the Society engaged in SSC activities.

After a review of the draft SSC strategic plan by ISTH Council, the work to operationalize the plan will begin and will take the next two to three years to complete. The SSC has a longstanding reputation of scientific excellence in the international hemostasis community and we hope this new strategic plan will further enhance the profile and impact of this body.

**ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE**

“The strategic planning meeting was extremely productive thanks to the commitment of all participants including the SSC executive committee and SSC chairpersons, Michael Berndt and Nigel Key as representatives of the ISTH, headquarters representatives and Interel, which did wonderful job in keeping us focused and productive,” said Sabine Eichinger, SSC Chair-Elect and Secretary. “We defined concise actions to improve the definition and visibility of SSC, its importance within the ISTH and the thrombosis and haemostasis community and the achievements and dedication of all who belong to the SSC family. I take personal responsibility for including young professionals in SSC activities which complements the ISTH initiative to inspire young researchers and scientists and keep them glowing with their fascination for thrombosis and haemostasis.”

More information on next steps will be shared in the coming months. If you’d like more information, please email ISTH.
In late 2012, two international workshops in Brazil and India were sponsored by the SSC. Titled, “Thrombosis and Haemostasis: Discovery and Development of Tools and Therapeutics,” the courses offered participants the opportunity to work on exogenous haemostatic factors. Led by three international experts, including: Professor Kenneth Clemetson (Switzerland), Dr. Ivo Francischetti (USA) and Professor Manjunatha Kini (Singapore), the workshops were designed to support world leaders in the field as they educate and train the next generation of scientists while equipping them with better capabilities. In the effort to enhance the awareness of young students and scientists and inspire their future development, the facilitators were happy with the feedback they received. Workshop attendees rated both workshops as excellent and indicated that they exceeded their expectations.

The workshop in Florianópolis, Brazil (Nov. 12-16) was organized by Prof. Thereza C. Monteiro de Lima, Dr. Aurea Elizabeth Linder, and Prof. André Báfrica, all from the Departamento de Farmacologia, to reach young students and scientists and increase their knowledge of the exogenous factors affecting thrombosis and haemostasis. The talks were well received with much enthusiasm and several long discussions followed these presentations. The workshop was attended by 22 participants from two institutions and was part of the Graduate Program in Pharmacology. Sponsors included: SSC of the ISTH, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina and Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development).

The workshop in Mysore, India (Dec. 8-11) was organized by Prof. B. S. Vishwanath, Prof. K. Kemparaju, Prof. Cletus D’Souza, Prof. Karun Kumar, Dr. Gopal Marathe, and Dr. K. S. Girish and was inaugurated by Prof. K. A. Shekar, a cardiologist at Mysore Medical College. A well-attended workshop, 28 students and young researchers participated from six different institutions and 12 Master’s program students from the University of Mysore audited the session. Attendees received hands-on training in blood coagulation and platelet aggregation and examined the effects of various inhibitors and studied dose-response and time-response on blood clotting and platelet aggregation. The hands-on approach left students suggesting additional opportunities to do more extensive lab-based learning to correlate the thrombotic diseases to experiments. Sponsors included: SSC of the ISTH, University of Mysore and Karnataka State Open University.

Due to the success of the workshops in Brazil and India, additional opportunities are in development. In the effort to enhance the awareness of the exogenous factors affecting thrombosis and hemostasis, and generate enthusiasm among young, talented scientists in developing countries, organizers see great potential in these workshops and encourage others to think about organizing their own.

For a list of upcoming courses, visit www.isth.org.
News from the SSC Subcommittee on the Control of Anticoagulation: production of guidance documents for patients treated with oral direct inhibitors.

Oral direct inhibitors are now available and are increasingly used in many countries for the prevention of venous thromboembolism in patients undergoing elective, major orthopedic surgery; for the prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in patients with atrial fibrillation; and for the acute phase treatment and the secondary prevention of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism.

Because of the paucity of available evidences from the literature on the optimal management of patients receiving these newer anticoagulant drugs and on their effectiveness in unselected populations, clinicians often ask for some guidance on practical issues from experts in the field. Frequently asked questions include the appropriate selection of patients to be started on the oral direct inhibitors, the clinical monitoring of patients’ adherence to the newer drugs, the role of the laboratory during regular follow-up as well as in specific clinical circumstances, and the availability of reversal strategies.

The SSC Subcommittee on Control of Anticoagulation of the SSC of the ISTH has promoted the collaboration of a number of international experts with the aim to produce three practical guidance documents to be published in the society journal (JTH) in a dedicated section. The first two documents, entitled: “Selection and assessment of patients treated with the novel oral anticoagulant drugs” and “Measuring Oral Direct Inhibitors of thrombin and factor Xa” have been recently published. The third document, entitled: “Managing bleeding in patients treated with rivaroxaban, dabigatran or apixaban” is currently in progress.

NEW SSC CALL FOR COLLABORATIONS

During the SSC Subcommittee on the Control of Anticoagulation meeting in Liverpool 2012, the electronic START-Register was presented. This is intended as a useful tool to gather structures information patients treated with either old or new anticoagulants. Now an official registry of the subcommittee, it focuses on patients receiving direct oral anticoagulants.

Visit this website to see the START-SSC Register or to register a new participant/investigator.
Meet the New Co-Editors of JTH!

Frits Rosendaal and Pieter Reitsma became the new co-editors of JTH in 2013, succeeding previous co-editors David Lane and Mike Greaves. Read on to learn more about their thoughts on JTH, the profession, and more.

What excites you most about your new role as co-editors of JTH?
This is not a job for excitement, but calm contemplation. What is most interesting is the broad view of the field and what is happening at the forefront of thrombosis and haemostasis research that one gets, and what is most rewarding is the, albeit small, contribution one can make to improve papers and the visibility of the ISTH. It has to also be said that most of that work is done by the Associate Editors and the many reviewers who help us judge the papers that come in.

What prompted you to apply for and accept the role of co-editors of JTH?
We have seen how well a dual editorship worked with Mike Greaves and David Lane, and we believed we could improve on this concept even further, since we are in the same center, but from different disciplines, each giving our own perspective.

Once a week, we discuss all submitted manuscripts (which have previously been distributed along the lines of ‘clinical’ and ‘basic’ by our editorial assistants). We then decide which ones to send on to Associate Editors for further review, which to handle ourselves, and which to reject.

In your mind, how does JTH impact the profession?
The ISTH is the leading organization in the field of thrombosis and haemostasis and the Journal is its voice. An important aspect is that in contrast to many other specialty journals; there is not one singular profession, like in, say, a journal of orthopedics, but many. We serve not only basic scientists and clinicians, but people working in quite different fields, such as haematology, vascular medicine, paediatrics, pulmonology, obstetrics, etc. The impact of a journal is not just determined by its impact factor, but also by the image of the journal as the voice of the ISTH. JTH is seen as a serious and authoritative journal, and we will do what we can to keep it that way and to make it even better.

What would you say to a scientist or researcher who is thinking about submitting an article or abstract?
Do not hesitate to send your best work in.

During your editorship, what impact do you hope to have on the publication and the profession itself?
The editors’ task is simple and limited: try to get the best papers submitted to the Journal, and try to select the best from those that are submitted.

What new initiatives would you like to see the Journal pursue?
At the moment, we are also organizing the ISTH 2013 Congress, so we decided to postpone any major new initiatives till after that. Luckily, there is no immediate need for major changes either, and it is good to first get accustomed to the job. One ambition we have held for quite a while is to improve the methodology of the clinical papers, where we believe something can be gained. For this reason, we have found five people (Gordon Lowe, Alberto Tosetto, Mark Crowther, Saskia le Cessie and Paolo Bucciarelli) who are willing to serve as a methodological review group, and essentially every clinical paper will be reviewed by one of them.

Outside of our thrombosis and haemostasis field, what kinds of things are you most apt to read?
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World Hemophilia Day: April 17, 2013
50 Years of Advancing Treatment for All

By Sarah Ford, Communications Manager, World Federation of Hemophilia

Every year on April 17, World Hemophilia Day is marked around the world in order to increase awareness of hemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.

The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) and the global community have worked together, for the past 50 years, to improve care and treatment for inherited bleeding disorders. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the WFH and World Hemophilia Day 2013 will take on a special significance as we mark 50 Years of Advancing Treatment for All.

In spite of the tremendous progress made over the last half century, the vast majority of people with bleeding disorders living in developing countries do not have access to proper care. In fact, 75 per cent of people with bleeding disorders still receive very inadequate treatment or no treatment at all. The percentage is even higher for those with von Willebrand disease and rare factor deficiencies.

“One of the greatest benefits of participating in World Hemophilia Day is the recognition that our community is more powerful when we work together,” says Alain Weill, WFH president. “People from around the world will mark this day and raise awareness about the need to achieve Treatment for All.”

World Hemophilia Day was started in 1989 and the WFH chose April 17 in honor of the WFH founder, Frank Schnabel, who was born on that day. The WFH will premiere the film The Journey Begins on April 17. This film explores the inspired role that Schnabel played in bringing together the global bleeding disorders community to form the WFH. The film will be available at www.wfh.org/50.

Join the international bleeding disorders community on April 17 to mark World Hemophilia Day. For more information and to access materials to support your World Hemophilia Day activities, please visit www.wfh.org/whd.

The ISTH recently endorsed the second edition of the World Federation of Hemophilia’s Guidelines for the Management of Hemophilia. In its careful review, the Society noted the involvement of many experts from around the world, clearly representing a practical guideline for the management of hemophilia, and that the recommendations are consistent with the current best practice. To view the second edition of the Guidelines for the Management of Hemophilia, click here.
HISTORY

The establishment of TSTH was initially under the leadership of Prof. Ming Ching Shen, the pioneering scholar of hemophilia and thrombosis treatments in Taiwan. Most scholars, experts and doctors experienced in this field were invited to take part in the organization of the society.

The purpose of initiating the TSTH was to provide a platform for physicians and other members practicing clinical care as well as clinical or basic researchers interested in this field to exchange update information, latest progress and experiences of clinical care or research. Also, through the collaboration of members, it is expected to promote both domestic and international research in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis.

Besides, because the treatment of patients in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis is not standardized yet, it is important to set up a consensus of clinical guidelines for the management of patients in Taiwan by all the experts in this society in the future.

The Taiwan Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis (TSTH) was finally established on May 7, 2011. Prof. Ming Ching Shen was elected as the first President of TSTH.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

The organization of Taiwan Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis is composed of 4 committees including: Scientific Program Committee, Medical Affairs Committee, Publication Committee, and the General Affairs Committee.

At the beginning of the newly established society, the total number of members was around 80 and we continue enrolling new members. The first academic conference of the Taiwan Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis and post-XXIII ISTH reviews were held on October 1, 2011.

The most important issues of ISTH in Kyoto including hemophilia treatment, vWD, platelet function disorders, management of venous thromboembolism and immune thrombocytopenic purpura were reviewed. Subsequently, the second conference of Hemophilia Care: Advancements in Asia Pacific 2011 was successfully held in conjunction with the symposium of TSTH.

One of the initial tasks of our society is to set up the Taiwan hemophilia registry. In the past, the registry data of hemophilia patients was collected by the Taiwan National Health insurance system but the information was limited. Therefore, we are currently trying to launch the registration program.

PERSPECTIVE

Since this is a newly developed society, we will recruit more members and work together on the following tasks:

1. Complete the Taiwan hemophilia registry program and extend to vWD as well as other rare bleeding disorders if possible.
2. Hold regular academic conferences and annual conference of TSTH.
3. Prepare for the official publication of TSTH.
4. Promote public awareness on the importance of thrombosis and hemostasis disorders, and establish constructive communication between TSTH and our Department of Health.
5. Set up the clinical guidelines of management of various thrombosis and hemostasis disorders in Taiwan.

Through the efforts of our members, we are confident we will reach our goals step-by-step in the future.

TSTH website: www.tsth.org.tw

We are grateful to the Asia-Pacific Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (APSTH) for generously allowing ISTH to republish the following article in our newsletter. Previous issues of the APSTH newsletter can be found via the ISTH website. Would your society be interested in submitting an article for the ISTH newsletter? Please let us know!
Welcome.

The ISTH is pleased to introduce the new members who have joined the Society’s global network in the past four months, from Dec. 17, 2012 until Feb. 15, 2013 (inclusive). These new members are joining us from 32 different countries across the world. Our growing membership reflects our efforts to build awareness of the ISTH and the JTH and the importance of connections with students, trainees, colleagues and professionals in countries worldwide.

Join us in officially welcoming our new members to the Society! We extend a warm welcome to them and invite you to contact them if you know them or would like to get to know them more.

**GET IN TOUCH!**

To get in touch with our new members or other ISTH colleagues, please remember that the ISTH website hosts a detailed searchable membership directory. To access this directory, log-in is required. Once logged-in to the website, choose “Member Search” in the Membership menu on the website.

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- At ISTH, we value your membership and support of our organization and we’d like to keep you involved and engaged in our mission. ISTH member benefits enrich your career and include:
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2. Volunteer to serve, participate and attend meetings.
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April 17-19, 2013; Mexico City, Mexico

Educational Course
April 4-5, 2013; Kiev, Ukraine

Educational Course
July 2013; Caracas, Venezuela

Educational Course
November 2013; Valdivia, Chile

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Other Meetings of Interest:

2013 HTRS Scientific Symposium
April 11-13, 2013; Charlotte, NC, USA
https://www.htrs.org

53nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the British Society for Haematology
April 15-17, 2013; Liverpool, England
http://www.bshconferences.co.uk

World Hemophilia Day, April 17
http://www.wfh.org/whd

2013 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Meeting
April 20-24, 2013; Boston, MA, USA
http://www.asbmb.org/Meetings_01/2013mtg/2013Annualmtghome.aspx

IPFA/PEI 20th International Workshop on “Surveillance and Screening of Blood Borne Pathogens”
April 23-24, 2013; Helsinki, Finland
http://www.ipfa.nl/upcoming-ipfa-events

26th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology / Oncology (ASPHO)
April 24-27, 2013; Miami, FL, USA
http://www.aspho.org/education/content/meeting.html

2013 Highlights of ASH in Latin America
April 25-26, 2013; Santiago, Chile
http://www.hematology.org/Meetings/Highlights/6747.aspx

Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (ATVB)
2013 Scientific Sessions
May 1-3, 2013; Lake Buena Vista, FL, USA
http://my.americanheart.org/professional/Sessions/ATVB/ATVB_UCM_316902_SubHomePage.jsp

ISLH 2013, the XXVIth International Symposium on Technological Innovations in Laboratory Hematology
May 10-12, 2013; Toronto, Canada
http://www.islh.org/ISLH_2013

The 4th JSH International Symposium 2012
May 24-25, 2013; Ehime, Japan
http://jshis-ehime2013.org

23rd Regional Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion
June 1-5, 2013; Amsterdam, the Netherlands
http://www.isbtweb.org/amsterdam

18th Congress of EHA
June 13-16, 2013; Stockholm, Sweden
http://ehaweb.org/congress-and-events/18th-congress/key-information

Society for Vascular Medicine
24th Annual Scientific Session
June 13-16, 2013; Cleveland, OH, USA
http://www.svmb.org/annual_meeting

7th European Meeting for Vascular Biology and Medicine
July 21-26, 2013; Birmingham, UK
http://www.microcirculation.org.uk/27esm7evbo/index.html

2013 American Association for Clinical Chemistry Annual Meeting
July 28-August 1, 2013; Houston, TX, USA
http://www.aacc.org/events/annual_meeting/pages/default.aspx

42nd Annual Scientific Meeting of Society for Hematology and Stem Cells
August 22-25, 2013; Vienna, Austria
http://www.iseh.org/?2013Vienna

European Society of Cardiology Congress 2013
August 31-September 4, 2013; Amsterdam, the Netherlands
http://www.escardio.org/congresses/esc-2013/Pages/welcome.aspx

UK NEQUAS for Blood Coagulation Scientific Meeting
September 3-4, 2013; Sheffield, UK
http://www.ukneqasbc.org/content/Pageserver.asp

Australian Vascular Biology Society 2013 Scientific Meeting
September 5-8, 2013; Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia
http://www.avbs.org/meet.html

The 46th Annual Congress of the German Society for Transfusion Medicine and Immunohematology
September 24-27, 2013; Munster, Germany
http://www.dgti-kongress.de

65th National Hemophilia Foundation Annual Meeting
October 3-5, 2013; Anaheim, CA, USA
http://www.hemophilia.org/NHFWeb/MainPgs/MainNHF.aspx?menuid=327&contentid=1083&rptname=annualmeeting

75th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Hematology
October 11-13, 2013; Sapporo City, Japan
http://www.jshem.or.jp/en/meetings/am.html

AABB Annual Meeting & CTTXPO 2013
October 12-15, 2013; Denver, CO, USA
http://www.aabb.org/events/annualmeeting/Pages/default.aspx

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