Dear Colleagues:

At its 1993 meeting, ISTH Council received a recommendation from Council’s Standing Committee on Membership, that the Society publish a Newsletter with information of interest to our members and colleagues working in the areas of thrombosis and haemostasis research. At Council’s subsequent mid-year meeting in December, this recommendation was approved and the first issue of the Newsletter was planned as an insert to the July and January issues of *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*.

This premier issue contains news of the ISTH, the work of its Committees, and information about your Society which, we hope, will facilitate the active participation of our membership in the many important areas of ISTH endeavor.

Society members are welcome to send their suggestions and ideas, as well as any communication directed to the officers and members of the executive Council, in care of the International Headquarters office (address above). Your input is always greatly appreciated.

Finally, on behalf of the Council, I would like to express thanks to F.K. Schattauer (Mr. D. Bergemann, General Business Manager) for graciously offering to support this publication and its distribution as an insert to *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*: it is through the goodwill and cooperative spirit of many individuals from different disciplines that the Society’s goals of exchange of information and ideas are realized.

Harold R. Roberts, MD
Executive Director

Dear Society Members,

The International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis has come a long way from the original International Committee on Nomenclature of Blood Clotting Factors which was formed in 1954 and the first meeting of the Society which took place in 1970 in Montreux to the present. Over the past 24 years, the Society has earned its reputation for successfully promoting excellent science and free exchange of ideas through its Congresses, its Scientific and Standardization Committee and its Journal, *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*.

The XIVth Congress of the ISTH in New York in July 1993 was a thorough scientific and social success. Over 5,000 scientists attended and major scientific breakthroughs were reported. The Society is very much indebted to Dr. Yale Nemerson, Dr. Harvey Weiss, Dr. Peter Harpel and their colleagues for this outstanding meeting which will undoubtedly contribute to accelerated progress in thrombosis and hemostasis research.

Everything is in good shape for the XVth Congress in Jerusalem in 1995. The scientific program promises to be very exciting. Dr. Roberts and I visited Uri Seligsohn and Amiram Eldor a few months ago and we had a wonderful time, especially in the Old City which we visited thoroughly. I thus encourage each of you to plan to attend this important event. All ISTH members should receive the Final Announcement for the XVth Congress and 41st Annual SSC Meeting within the next month or two.

At the conclusion of the 1994 ISTH Council Meeting in Leuven, Belgium, I will hand the chairmanship of Council to Dr. Hidehiko Saito of Japan, our current Secretary/Chairman-elect. When he assumes the chairmanship in September, Dr. Saito will do so as the first Council Chairman from the Far East. I wish him all possible success. I take this opportunity to thank all the members of Council for their efficiency and for their service on the Council’s Standing Committees. I would also like to thank the dedicated staff at Society Headquarters in Chapel Hill who do so much work behind the scenes for us all.

Our Society is flourishing because of the contributions of all its Members. Let’s continue!

Dominique Meyer, MD
Chairman of ISTH Council
June 1994
In attendance: Dominique Meyer, Council Chairman; Hidemiko Saito, Council Secretary/Chairman-elect; Harold Roberts, Executive Director; Yale Nemerson, Society President; and approximately twenty Society members.

The Meeting was called to order by the Society President, Dr. Yale Nemerson, who welcomed the Society’s members to the XIVth Congress. He then gave the floor to Dr. Dominique Meyer, Council Chairman.

Dr. Meyer congratulated Dr. Nemerson and Dr. Harvey Weiss, Congress Vice-President, and the members of the Organizing Committee of the XIVth Congress for their excellent arrangements. She asked all to stand and observe a moment of silence in memory of recently deceased members: E. Deutsch, A. Bloom, S. Sherry, J. Stengle, T. Spae, and D. Fair. She then announced the appointment of Dr. A. Szczeklik of Poland to fill Dr. Bloom’s term in the Council Class of 1998.

Dr. Meyer next commended Prof. J.J. Sixma of Utrecht, The Netherlands, retiring Editor-in-Chief of Thrombosis and Haemostasis and his Associate Editors B.N. Bouma and J.-W.N. Akkerman for their service to the Society during the past eight years. Under Dr. Sixma’s editorship, circulation of Thrombosis and Haemostasis increased to more than 3,000 subscribers, and recognition of the authority of its scientific reports was reflected in its increased “impact factor” rating.

The Chairman introduced the next Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Jos Vermolen of Leuven, Belgium, and his Associate Editors J. Arnout, H. Deckmyn, P. Holvoet, and H.R. Lijnen. The Society passes the editorship to them with confidence and with its full support during their terms.

Dr. Harold Roberts next summarized the State of the Society which is detailed in the Annual Report of the Executive Director.

As of June 1, 1993, Society Membership totaled 1,802; 1,753 Regular Members and 49 Emeritus Members. Of Regular members, 1,502 were in “good standing” with dues paid for the current year and 251 were in arrears. (Members in arrears for greater than 24 months are considered inactive.) Headquarters continues an ongoing project to develop archives materials with the development of a slide collection of many persons and places important to the history of the Society. The Estate of Dr. Jim Stengle graciously donated papers and Congress documents which filled gaps in the history. This project will continue as time allows and depends greatly on our members’ generosity.

During 1992-93, the Reach the World Initiative was implemented. Fifty thousand dollars was given to the 1993 Congress for the purpose of supporting meeting attendance by needy scientists from Third World and economically depressed countries. Half of this total was from Reach the World Initiative funds and half from Society general funds. From the training component of the RTW funds, support has been promised for the Second Semmelweis Symposium to be held in Budapest. Additionally, five scientists from economically developing countries have received supported memberships.

Dr. Meyer announced that during the coming year, Society members will be asked to make nominations for the Council Class of 2000. The 5 retiring members of the Council Class of 1994 will be Drs. Fedor Bachmann of Switzerland, R. Colman of the USA, J. Hirsh of Canada, J. Hawiger of the USA, and herself. A ballot of twice the number of candidates for the 5 vacancies will then be submitted to all Society members for final election. New Council members will begin their terms immediately following the 1994 Council Meeting. The call for nominations will be mailed to all members in the Spring of 1994.

Dr. Meyer recognized retiring members of the Scientific and Standardization Committee Class of 1993: Ds. B. Binder of Austria and G. Müller-Berg- haas of Germany. Dr. Maria B. Donati of Italy, Secretary/Chairman-elect of the SSC, will not retire with the 1993 Class, but will continue as an officer until completion of her term of Chairmanship in 1996. At its meeting on Monday, 5 July, ISTH Council elected the following persons to the SSC Class of 1999: Ds. D. Ginsburg of the USA, C. Kasper of the USA, J. McGregor of France, and G. White of the USA. These new members will begin their terms immediately following this year’s meeting.

Society members will be also invited to submit nominations for the SSC Class of 2000 in the Spring of 1994.

During 1993, Council received 4 proposals to host the XVIIIth Society Congress in 2001. At its meeting on 4 July, Council considered applications from Dr. L. Carreras for Buenos Aires, Dr. G. Müller-Berghaas for Berlin, Dr. Peake and Dr. Forbes for Birmingham, and Dr. Meyer and Dr. Toeben for Paris. Paris was elected as the venue for the XVIIIth Congress (2001) with Dr. Meyer as President-elect and Dr. Toeben as Vice-President-elect.

Dr. Roberts announced that the next ISTH General Membership Meeting would occur in 1995 during the XVth ISTH Congress in Jerusalem.

Dr. Meyer adjourned the meeting at 3 PM.

C.S. Cole
Secretary to the Society

Reports of Standing Committees of Council:
Summaries of 1993 Reports.

● Publications ●
Ed Plow, Chair.

The Publications Committee made the following recommendations. First, a review article should be included in each issue of Thrombosis and Haemostasis. Second, in the future, the editor-in-chief of Thrombosis and Haemostasis should be elected from a slate prepared by the Publications Committee. Third, honoraria should be paid to the editorial board members, on the condition that this action does not jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the Society.

● Finance ●
Thomas Edgington, Chair.

The Finance Committee recommended to Council that a fiscal reserve be established for the Society which would equal one full year of projected operating expenses, excluding program costs associated with annual and biennial meetings, plus 1/2 of the total budget for the last Congress. Council approved this recommendation as well as a mission statement for investment and general policy guidelines.

In response to increasing costs for the Society members’ universal subscription to Thrombosis and Haemostasis, the Finance Committee recommended a dues increase of $15 for the 1995 membership year.
Dr. Jacek J. Hawiger reported on activities and plans for the 1995 Congress initiative, originally funded by a grant from the Collen Foundation and matched by general funds of the Society. From the educational component of the Initiative, funds have been allocated to support the Second Semmelweis Symposium on Anticoagulant and Fibrinolytic Therapy, Dr. R. Machovich, Chairman (Budapest, Hungary, October, 1993); the First International Symposium on Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis, Hemostasis and Transfusion Medicine, Dr. G.H.R. Rao, Chairman (December 17 & 18, 1994, Bombay, India) and an educational workshop on Recent Advances in the Mechanism and Detection of Thrombosis, Dr. L. Carreras, Chairman (May 4–5, 1995, Buenos Aires, Argentina).

Dr. Hawiger also suggested an "adopt a laboratory workshop" format for educational efforts between the US, Canada, Western Europe and developing countries, perhaps with partial support from the NIH; and he emphasized the importance of Council input into future scientific programs funded through the Reach the World Initiative.

The Standing Committee on Membership made the following recommendations:
1. Establishment of a new category of "associate" membership for graduate students, trainees, and post-doctoral fellows. Such memberships would provide: a) reduced registration fees at ISTH Congresses; b) a copy of the ISTH membership directory; and c) the Society newsletters. Such memberships could be renewed for a maximum of three (3) years.
2. Publication of a Society newsletter.
3. Development of an attractive informational brochure about the Society and plans for distribution of such a brochure.

Dr. Collen gave an oral report for the Science Advisory Committee which recommends the following rules for abstracts submitted to future Congresses:
1. A maximum of 2 abstracts may be submitted with the same first authors.
2. No more than 12 abstracts may be submitted by any author.
3. Abstracts judged "unsuitable" for publication by the referees will not be accepted or, with permission of the author, will be placed in a supplemental section.
4. Submitters must strictly adhere to the calendar deadlines for abstract submission and format requirements. Otherwise they shall not be accepted.

Dr. Colman reported that the Standing Committee on Lectureships will review current recommendations and develop during the course of the year specific recommendations on funding and implementation of awards and named lectureships for presentation to Council.

Dr. Meyer reported on the need for revisions to bring the Constitution into line with current practice and to address important areas not hitherto considered.

Council approved the following revisions which shall be submitted to the Membership by mail ballot:
- Proposed Constitutional Revision #1 (Article III, section 1, "Membership"). Elimination of the "Provisional" category of Society membership.
- Proposed Constitutional Revision #2 (Article III, section 2, "Officers and Committees"). Provision for the filling of vacancies on the ISTH Council or on the SSC Officers. The Secretary/Chairman-elect shall become Chairman in the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairman. At the next board meeting, the members shall elect a new Secretary/Chairman-elect who shall serve the remaining term of his/her predecessor. In the event of a vacancy in any Council class, the Chairman of Council shall appoint a replacement for the duration of the term. In the event of a vacancy in any SSC class, the Chairman of Council with the Chairman of the SSC and the Executive Director shall appoint a replacement for the duration of the term.
- Proposed Constitutional Revision #3 (Article III, section 2, "Officers and Committees"). Establishment of a term limit for Council members. Council members may serve a maximum of two non-consecutive terms, two years minimum elapsing between terms.
- Proposed Constitutional Revision #4 (Article IV "Meetings"). The capping of the amount of Congress surplus available to the President. All surplus funds remaining after paying the expenses of the Congress will be remitted to the treasury of the Society. Surplus funds will be distributed to persons or entities approved by the President of the Congress to be used solely for the purposes of research or education in thrombosis and hemorrhage according to the formula of 50% of the first $200,000; 25% of the second $200,000; and 12.5% of funds in excess of $400,000. This formula shall be applied to the Congress of 2003 and all Congresses thereafter.

The following actions were taken by ISTH executive Council in 1993:
1. A favorable response to Dr. Yale Nemerson's recommendation that the past president of a Congress be a member of the following Congress Organizing Committee.
2. Adoption of the recommendations of the Publications Committee.
3. Election of Paris as the venue for the 8th ISTH Congress (2001) with Dr. D. Meyer as President and Dr. G. Tohelen as Vice-President.
4. Commitment of financial support for new initiatives of the Standing Committee on Innovations and Long-range Planning for the next two fiscal years.
5. Approval of an "Associate Membership" category.
6. Approval of the Science Advisory recommendations, effective with the 1995 Congress.
7. Approval of recommended Constitutional amendments. A mail ballot of all Society members will be called during the course of 1994. Approval by two-thirds of the members voting shall constitute approval of these amendments.
8. Adoption of a resolution for funding of the ISTH Fiscal Reserve.
9. Amendment of the Contract with F.K. Schattauer which governs the relationship between the Society and the publisher and the terms of Society members subscriptions. An increase in the 1995 subscription rate was approved. As a result of this approved increase in the subscription rate, approval of a membership does decrease from $75 USD to $90 USD, effective for the 1995 membership year. It was noted that dues have not increased since 1991.

The next meeting of ISTH Council will take place in conjunction with the XII Congress of the International Society on Fibrinolysis and Thrombolysis, September 19–22, in Leuven, Belgium.
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 meetings will be in these locations:

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**Headquarters News**

**Information Online**

ISTH Headquarters is presently in the process of making information available in electronic format to its members and other researchers via the Internet. Testing of this system is now under way and, once complete, documents will be accessible using Anonymous FTP to sunsite.unc.edu. Printed instructions and a tutorial document will be available from Headquarters.

Mary Edeburn of Edeburn and Associates, a Research Triangle computer consulting firm, has been working with the Headquarters staff for the past several weeks to develop its electronic information management. She explains, Electronic publication can be a complement to normal print publishing, and some documents may be candidates for publishing in electronic format only. Documents that may be prohibitively expensive to publish in print or documents that need to be updated frequently are examples of the latter. Besides Anonymous FTP, Edeburn suggests that future ISTH documents could be made available using Gopher, WAIS, and other Internet tools that make access and searching more convenient. In addition to text files, the documents could be stored as PostScript and word processor files. Our first online document will be the Registry of Animal Models of Thrombotic and Hemorrhagic Disorders, from the SSC Subcommittee on Animal Models. Future possibilities might include the SSC Annual Reports, registries of other subcommittees, meeting announcements and registration information, minutes, or member discussion groups.

Headquarters welcomes your comments and suggestions about electronic publication possibilities on the Internet.

**Traditional Publications**

1994 Member Directory. The membership Directory of the ISTH is available to members only. Copies of the 1994 Member Directory were mailed to all ISTH members-in-good standing, i.e., whose dues are currently paid, along with their May issue of *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*. Emeritus members who do not receive the journal and members whose dues are less than two years in arrears may receive the Directory by requesting it from Headquarters. Of course, all inactive members may receive the Directory—along with back issues of the current volume of *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*—by bringing their dues accounts up-to-date.

1993 State of the Art Book. Headquarters has a supply of the valuable State of the Art Book, edited by Dr. Marjorie B. Zucker, *Thromb Haemostas* 70 (19) 1–232 (1993) July 1, 1993. These are available for $10 each (Congress price) plus postage by request to Headquarters. Please note that teaching/training quantities of these books may be made available to members who are eligible for support under the Reach the World Initiative. To apply for this program, please address correspondence to Dr. Jacek J. Hawiger, Chairman of Standing Committee on Innovations, c/o ISTH Headquarters.

1993 Annual Reports of the SSC Scientific Subcommittees. Headquarters has a limited supply of the unpublished public information reports of the past year's activities of the SSC's Scientific Subcommittees. These are available from Headquarters for a processing fee of $20.

**Membership Information**

Accurate telephone, fax, and more recently, e-mail information is extremely important. Please keep Headquarters advised of changes to your information.

Please use these numbers to reach any of the Society’s or Committee’s officers/chairmen.

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**Future Newsletters**

Plans for future newsletters include:

- Brief news on "hot" subjects and recent discoveries.
- Highlights of recent meetings.
- Progress reports on upcoming Congresses.
- A calendar of international meetings in the area of thrombosis and hemostasis with deadlines for abstract submission.
- Announcements of fellowships, scholarships, stipends, research support.
- Information on international training programs.

A directory of national societies on thrombosis and hemostasis with contact addresses.

Letters of general interest from the Membership to the Officers with replies.

The next issue of ISTH Newsletter will appear in the January 1995 issue of *Thrombosis and Haemostasis*. Contributions of news and information are welcome before 15 November 1994 and should be addressed to Editor, ISTH Headquarters.

Your comments, suggestions, and information are welcome.