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WELCOME TO KYOTO!

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

First of all, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the condolences offered from all over the world.

We are pleased to announce that the 23rd ISTH Congress is to be held in Kyoto as scheduled. After the unprecedented earthquake and tsunami followed by the nuclear plant accident in Fukushima, we have received many comments from colleagues overseas who are concerned about the safety of holding the Congress in Kyoto.

Working with ISTH leadership, we have assessed the risk from the viewpoint of the delegate safety and financial balance. All the members of the Local Or-

ganizing Committee worked together to collect relevant information such as the statements by independent international organizations, data concerning radioactivity, electric power, and transportation. On April 9, LOC held an ad hoc meeting in

Kyoto in order to critically assess the present situation, and at the same time, to observe the peaceful and stable daily life in Kyoto. We confirmed this, and we were happy to see that the citizens in Kyoto were enjoying the beautiful season of cherry blossoms. During the meeting, we examined all the information and reached a conclusion that Kyoto is safe and suitable for our meeting in eve-



ry aspect. We therefore completed a report which recommended that the Kyoto ISTH Congress be held as planned. We have also obtained assuring words from the Commissioner of Japan Tourism Agency, the Governor of Kyoto Prefecture, and the Mayor of Kyoto. Based upon a joint report by the six United Nations agencies, [the](#)

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EXTENDED: KYOTO CONGRESS DEADLINES FOR EARLY AND PRE-REGISTRATION

ISTH 2011 Kyoto would like to announce the extension of early registration deadline and pre-registration deadline.

The **new early registration deadline**: May 18, 2011

The **new pre-registration deadline**: June 23, 2011

Register online before May 18 to enjoy the special early bird discount rate! We look forward to seeing you soon in Kyoto:

<http://www.isth2011.com/registration.html>



ISTH APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



ISTH is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas (Tom) Reiser as Executive Director of the Society, effective May 2. Council action in 2010 created this new position to provide senior staff leadership for the Society.

Mr. Reiser, a native of Austria, comes to ISTH with a strong 15+ year background in association management, particularly in the health care field, in both Europe

and the U.S. He has most recently served as the Executive Director of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO). Prior to that he held the position of Executive Director for the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) among other assignments with international medical professional societies. In his career, Tom also held senior director positions in three different association management companies both in the United States and Europe. He is a graduate of the Vienna Business School and has a BA in hospitality and tourism management from MODUL University in Austria.

Mr. Reiser's appointment is the result of a search process led by Council Chairman Henri Bounameaux that also included Dr. Frits Rosendaal, Dr. Bruce Furie and Dr. Michael Berndt, as well as staff representatives. The search attracted over 100 candidates. Dr. Bounameaux commented on this appointment, saying "Tom is an excellent choice for the ISTH Executive Director position given his extensive experience with strategy

development, marketing and communications, program development, and fundraising within the association management context. He has the international perspective we sought, plus valuable U.S. based experience that is important for running a U.S.-based not-for-profit organization. We couldn't be more delighted with his appointment."

Having recently relocated to the United States with his wife, Ashley, Tom began his duties in Chapel Hill on May 2. "I am very pleased and honored to have been selected Executive Director of this important and prestigious Society. I look forward to working with the volunteer leadership and our dedicated Headquarters staff

to continue to build the scope and impact of ISTH's services and programs. While I know quite a bit about ISTH, having been involved as a consultant in the 2010 strategic planning process, these first months will be quite busy as I work to get fully up to speed. I look forward to connecting and working with ISTH's members, partners and stakeholders and to meeting many of you during what promises to be a very exciting meeting in Kyoto in July."

Tom's function will overlap for a beneficial 2-month period with Ms. Cathy Cole's current duty as Executive Secretary of the Society that will end on June 30. Cathy will continue to work for ISTH with a reduced schedule until the end of January, 2012. We will have other occasions to celebrate her 23-year dedication to ISTH in due time.

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[survey](#) by a third-party international professional risk assessment company hired by ISTH and the report of the LOC, the Executive Committee of ISTH concluded that Kyoto is safe and there is no reason to move the Kyoto Congress. This decision has been unanimously approved by ISTH Council members. The whole process has been guided by the strong leadership of our Council Chairman, Henri Bounameaux. The LOC is thankful for his great effort.

Kyoto is located more than 500 kilometers away from the affected area, Fukushima. To date, there has been no significant change in radioactivity both in the environment and water in

Kyoto. In fact, daily life and business has been completely unaffected in Kyoto. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and inform you of accurate and objective data in a timely manner. Kyoto welcomes you all.

We have now finalized the scientific program. Almost all the invited speakers and chairpersons have been decided. We have received 3,044 abstracts from 75 countries; they were all reviewed and acceptance/rejection notifications of abstracts have been sent out.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all in Kyoto!

Yasuo Ikeda, President

PROGRESS REPORT FROM ISTH 2011 LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

A Scientific Program Committee meeting was held on the 26th of March. Fifty-two committee members from all over Japan participated in the meeting. They intensively worked to organize more than 3,000 abstracts into the program and made attractive titles for each session along with lists of candidates for chairs. As a result, for oral presentations, ISTH 2011 is having 8 Platelet (Basic) sessions, 6 Platelet (Clinical) sessions, 18 Coagulation Factors and Inhibitors sessions, 3 Fibrinolysis sessions, 23 Thrombotic Disorder sessions, 5 VWF/VWD sessions, 10 Hemorrhagic Disease ses-

sions, 5 Vascular Biology sessions, and an Innovation and Technology session; each session includes 6 presentations. In addition, there will be 2501 poster presentation in total.

Furthermore, the Congress has set up a session for Late Breaking Clinical Trials as well, which will provide up-to-date findings. The title and chairs of each session will be announced on our website when they are finalized.

The preparations for the Con-

gress are well under way, and it appears that July 23 – 28 will be a busy week for attendees with a wide variety of exciting themes.



SEE YOU IN KYOTO-A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

Dear ISTH Members,

After carefully considering all aspects of the issue, ISTH Council has unanimously decided on April 18th that the Society's XXIII Congress and 57th Annual SSC meeting will proceed as planned in Kyoto, July 23-28, 2011.

This decision has been posted on [ISTH](#) and [Congress](#) websites. Members, registered delegates, colleagues who submitted abstracts, as well as our sponsors were informed immediately of our decision by e-mail.

ISTH Council reiterates its sympathy to the population of North-Eastern Japan after the disaster that occurred there in early March.

We appreciate and have listened carefully to questions and concerns from members and partners. Our decision was complicated because we recognize that the perception of risk, while often highly subjective, is also very real. However, at the end of the day we must base our decision on the facts available.

Our overriding consideration is the safety

of all congress participants, and based on all available objective evidence we have firmly concluded that holding the congress in Kyoto does not present a health or transportation safety hazard.

We have based our decision on official assessments of international authorities, including a joint report by six United Nations agencies, and an [independent analysis](#) that ISTH commissioned with a professional risk assessment company that provides advice to governments, non-governmental agencies and global companies. Further, it should be noted that Kyoto is located more than 500 kilometers (325 miles) from Fukushima and there are no travel restrictions at all for this region of Japan. Travel through Tokyo is also functioning normally. ISTH continues to follow the Japanese situation closely and will update members and delegates in the event of any changes.

What we cannot do is fight understandable perceptions of risk. The Society has made its choice based on objective assessment. We ask that everybody makes

this or her own decision.

However, and particularly in this moment of recovery in Japan, I would like to encourage our members and partners to support not only the Japanese ISTH community but in fact the people of Japan by showing the greatest possible support by attending the meeting.

Council recognizes also that Dr. Yasuo Ikeda and his Local Organizing Committee have made great efforts to ensure that all elements are in place for a successful congress in Kyoto, and we can look forward to a stimulating scientific meeting of the highest caliber.

I am personally looking forward to greeting you in Kyoto in July.

[Henri Bounameaux, MD](#)



INTERVIEW WITH DR. MIZANUR RAHMAN

Ed. Note—Dr. Mizanur Rahman was one of two recipients of the new ISTH [Reach the World Education Program Advanced Fellowships](#). A link to his report can be found following this interview.

Where were you born and brought up?

I was born in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, in 1972. Most of the time I lived in this city with an exception from grade 7 to 12, when I went to a residential public school in countryside.

What are your favorite hobbies or pursuits outside medicine/science?

Reading is a favorite hobby from my childhood. Listening to music, astronomy and traveling are other areas of interest.

What is your favorite book and why?

The Conquest of Happiness by Bertrand Russell. It gives me a positive attitude towards life.

If you could invite 2-3 people (from the past or present) to dinner, who would they be and why?

Albert Einstein who changed the view on the Universe, Bertrand Russell who changed my philosophy of life and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar - my favorite personality, who is a Bengali polymath.

If you were not a physician/scientist, what career would you liked to have pursued?

Economist

What led you to choose hemostasis/thrombosis as your career focus?

Hematology in my country primarily deals with hematological malignancies which is often very frustrating in a resource constrained country. On the other hand non-malignant hematology like thrombosis and hemostasis is under-organized in our medical community and there are many things to be improved even with our limited resources. That's why I am interested in thrombosis and hemostasis.

Who was your most influential mentor/teacher?

Prof. Rüdiger E. Scharf, Düsseldorf, Germany.

Which piece of your own work has made you the most proud and why?

I started the journey in the field of hemostasis and thrombosis which is new in my place. I am trying to introduce something new, so far that's what I am proud of.

Approximately what proportion of your time do you spend in:

Clinical care - 60%

Research - 20%

Teaching - 10%

Administration - 10%

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Helping people.

What do you enjoy least about your job?

Resource constraints.

Do you participate in any national/regional meetings in thrombosis/

hemostasis? If so, which one(s)?

None so far.

What are the 'hot topics' in thrombosis and hemostasis research in your country?

Still we are far behind in this subject.

Which disorder(s) of hemostasis/thrombosis deserve more attention in your country?

Hemophilia, Von Willebrand disease, menorrhagia and deep vein thrombosis.

What trends (for better or worse) have you noticed during your career in hemostasis/thrombosis?

Hematology is being increasingly recognized by other sub-specialities.

Do you foresee any development in clinical practice and/or technical scientific advances on the horizon that will impact our field in the short to medium term?

Yes, the increased research and innovation in the field of hemostasis and thrombosis globally will have an impact on drug production and investigation which will ultimately help everybody. Like other fields of medicine, this will bring down the investigation and drug cost and open more options for treatment. Sooner or later developing countries will get



Dr. Mizanur Rahman

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JOINT ISTH AND MLTD ADVANCED COURSES ON THROMBOSIS: EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND PATHWAYS FOR RECIPROCAL UNDERSTANDING

Submitted by [Sergio Coccheri](#), member of the Education Committee of ISTH and of the Education Committee of MLTD

After the last course of this series, held in Beirut on November 12 2010, the time has perhaps come to briefly review and discuss philosophy, impact, and future perspectives of these events. The Courses have taken place in Morocco (2004), Tunisia (2007), Romania (2008) and Lebanon (2010), and one additional event was in Argentina (2005), with a slightly different formula. The idea was to disseminate knowledge and clinical abilities on thrombosis in under privileged countries, mainly but not only of the Mediterranean area. We also thought that the Courses should not only be a learning occasion but also an opportunity for the audience to establish scientific relationship with a number of qualified European groups. It was therefore asked of each speaker to present only one topic, corresponding to his main research interest. To ensure a good balance between guest and native speakers, we always invited a number of distinguished local scientists. Topics were selected together with a local committee according to epidemiology and health-economic needs of the area. Local organizers were encouraged to look for unrestricted grants by local branches of pharmaceutical companies in order to be able to meet part of the expenses. Thus the courses have often contributed, to some extent, also to the "micro-economy" of the host Country.

The meaning of this report is not to tell members of ISTH about the success of these events. Scientific program and other relevant information can be obtained by writing to my e-mail address. Summarizing, scientific impact was relevant in the three Arabic countries and was especially outstanding in Lebanon with an epidemiological session. By doctors in Argentina the course was also perceived as an outstretched hand just after the economic crisis of the country. In Romania our educational commitment was a powerful "enzyme" favoring the birth of a unified Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis from two totally disconnected branches.

The didactic offer, that we on purpose kept traditional, could be updated in future events, as it might be necessary to consider new requirements, as the economic situation and the constant need to maintain total independence.

Now, about our last experience in Beirut: after some problems with visas, we were taken to a Hotel-Fortress away from town. Beirut appeared a militarized city, many streets were guarded or barred by armed soldiers. A city with a sort of splendor despite multiple reconstructions. A concentration of stores of extreme luxury was at a short distance from degraded areas. I recalled the sad verses of Kahlil Gibran, the famous Lebanese-American poet: "...pity the nation divided into fragments, each fragment deeming itself a nation....".

However when I gave a preliminary lecture to a group of doctors, I saw people dressed in Western or Arabic style all mixed and equally friendly. Unfortunately an electronic disaster occurred to my slides and I felt lost. Then a small young lady veiled in grey emerged from nowhere; let us call her Aisha. She manages with incredible swiftness to save all what can be saved. She also rebuilds the rest suggesting new slides, even including new, last minute scientific material. To my interest, she tells me that hard work was the only alternative to survive the endless wars that devastated her country since she was a child. "Forgive us for any inconvenience you had entering the country", she added.

Meaning to thank her I inadvertently stretched out my right hand. "Sorry, I cannot shake hands, I am not allowed" she said. I was confused, but I could feel how proud she was showing me that differences in mores do not prevent a motivated person to become a brilliant young scientist. The next day, she attended the Course and this time I did not try to shake hands.

Later, those of us who were able to stay over, were enchanted by a one-day visit to the splendid archeological site of Byblos, one of the most ancient cities in the world.

22ND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THROMBOSIS

Organizer: [The Mediterranean League Against Thromboembolic Diseases \(MLTD\)](#)

Country: France

Date: October 6-9, 2012.

Web: www.geyseco.es/thrombosis2012

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2ND LATIN AMERICAN/5TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON EPIDEMIOLOGY APPLIED TO THE STUDY OF THROMBOSIS AND HAEMOSTASIS

The “2nd Latin American/ 5th International Course on Epidemiology applied to the study of Thrombosis and Hemostasis,” organized by the Argentinean Cooperative Group on Thrombosis and Hemostasis (Grupo CAHT) and co-sponsored by the ISTH, was held in Pilar, a town 50 km away from Buenos Aires City, Argentina, on April 11-15, 2011.

There were 25 attendees mainly from Argentina, but also from four other countries in the region: Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Uruguay. Seniors as well as young professionals had the

opportunity to learn, apply, and interpret basic concepts on Epidemiology. During the master class, participants were able to present their ongoing research and discuss them with the Faculty. This was a great opportunity very much appreciated by the attendees. The course was evaluated by the participants as of high quality and relevant to their



Participants during classes

work.

Even though the program was very intense, there was time to enjoy the countryside, the typical dances and songs, the “gauchos” talent as horse riders and to taste some Argentinean meals.

The CAHT Group is very thankful to ISTH for their support, and to Professor Frits Rosendaal, Course Director, and to the Faculty, Dr. Suzanne Cannegieter and Astrid van Hylckama Vlieg for their excellence, kindness, and commitment to the course.

Pictures and articles submitted by Patricia Casais



The group at the Gallery

2011 ISTH EDUCATIONAL COURSES FOR LATIN AMERICA

URUGUAY, MONTEVIDEO

Educational Sessions

Sept 1-3 2011

Local Organizer Dr. E. Novoa

MEXICO, MERIDA

Educational DRY or WET / DRY Lab

November 25-27 2011

Local Organizer Dr. Margarita Rodriguez Meiorada



Dr. Astrid Van Hylckama Vlieg explains an exercise

ESH-ISTH ADVANCED COURSE IN THROMBOSIS AND HAEMOSTASIS

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to Portugal to take part in the first ISTH-ESH Training Course which is designed to provide state-of-the-art training in the biological and clinical aspects of Hemostasis and Thrombosis.

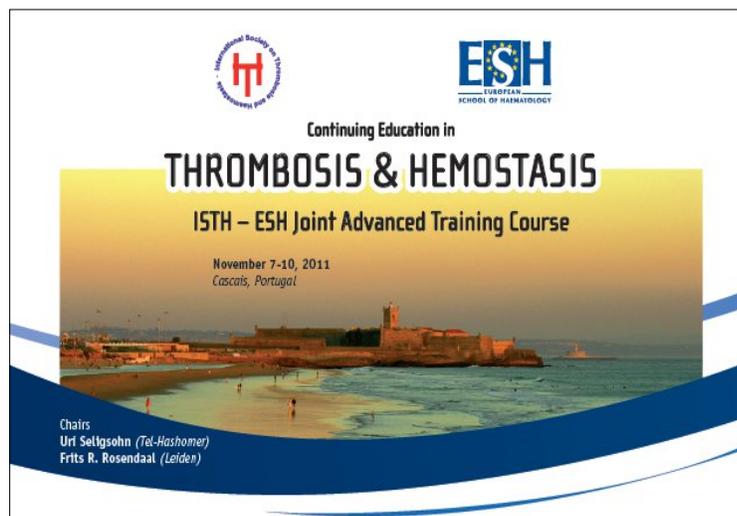
This meeting should be of interest to you if you are a trainee in Hematology or Vascular Medicine, a PhD wishing to acquire clinical and basic knowledge in the field, or a senior hematologist looking for an update.

The meeting will encompass 4 intensive days covering the most salient basic and clinical aspects of Hemostasis and Thrombosis. A faculty of leading scientists with vast experience in education have enthusiastically accepted to take part in this project. Most speakers will deliver lectures in the mornings and early afternoons, and in the late afternoons they will work in close interaction with the participants on exercises relating to the analysis of the laboratory issues discussed during the morning, or on clinical case studies. "Meet the Expert" type free discussions will also be organized and one special evening will be devoted to selected issues of specific interest.

Looking forward to welcoming you,
Uri Saligsohn and Frits R. Rosendaal

[Registration information](#)

[Programme information](#)



REACH THE WORLD ADVANCED FELLOWSHIPS

The ISTH Education Committee is pleased to announce that two new Advanced Fellowships have been awarded.

Dr. Sandra Xavier from the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil will spend four months at the Imperial College London with host, Dr. David A. Lane. Dr. Xavier's institution has recently built a Molecular Hematology Laboratory with the first Thrombinoscope available in a public institution. The Fellowship will be used to study the use of the thrombin generation assay in thrombosis and hemostasis research by using a Thrombinoscope. Training that will be essential to then train others in the new laboratory. Dr. Xavier will also receive training on protein purification and protein binding assays by using surface plasmonic resonance equipment.



Dr. Munira Borhany from the National Institute of Blood Diseases, Pakistan will spend four months at the Angelo Bianchi Bonomi Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center in Milan, Italy with host, Dr. Flora Peyvandi. The Fellowship will include gaining expertise on the molecular characterization of gene mutations in patients with Hemophilia A and B. The training received will be used to identify genetic defects in hemophilic patients in Pakistan. The training will also help with the building of Molecular diagnostic laboratories in Pakistan as well as developing a national database of genetic defects in hemophilia.



The Fellowships are administered by the ISTH Education and Outreach Committee. Selection of recipients is a rolling process with new awardees being chosen in January and June of each year. [Click here](#) to learn more about this opportunity.

Next deadline for applications:

June 1 2011

INTERVIEW, CONT

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the benefit from this.

What inspired you to seek out the ISTH fellowship program?

To start something new I must have some exposure to the state of art set up and meet the leading professionals from the field of hemostasis and thrombosis. The goal of ISTH RTW fellowship perfectly fits with my goal.

How will you implement the knowledge gained from the ISTH fellowship in your own country?

I already started to develop a project proposal on thrombosis and hemostasis center in my country inspired by the model I saw in Dusseldorf, Germany. I hope the project will turn out to be a reference center for the whole country in the future. My colleagues from Dusseldorf also try to manage some sophisticated machines like a platelet aggregometer which currently is not available here to start the project.

What is your advice to young physicians or scientists considering a career in thrombosis/hemostasis?

I am still in the learning process.

[Report of Dr. Mizanur Rahman](#)

ISTH REACH THE WORLD MEMBERSHIP

At its meeting in Cairo, the ISTH Council decided to broaden its Reach-the-World program by making membership more accessible for clinicians, researchers and educators in the developing world. The main purpose of this new facet of the program is to remove financial hurdles for involvement in the ISTH community, of which access to the JTH is likely to be the most important. The current Reach-the-World program assists individuals from the developing world to visit our annual meetings (Congress and SSC meeting). The same criteria will be used for the RtW-membership of the ISTH.

Membership is open to researchers, educators and clinicians from the developing world. These are defined as those countries designated as 'developing' by the classification of the World Bank (see: <http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups>). The membership fee for these members is reduced to \$ 35 USD. For applicants who attach a letter indicating their financial need this fee may be waived. Members in this category receive the ISTH e-Newsletter, may vote in Society matters, serve on Committees and enjoy members-only access to the website. Reach the World Members receive an online-only subscription to the Society's official journal.

There are only two differences with the regular membership: RtW-members will not receive the paper copy of the Journal, and will not receive the discount for members for Congress registration. For the latter, however, they remain eligible for RtW-grants for meetings, which includes a travel grant and waiving of the registration fee. Those who are interested may apply through the ISTH website (under 'members', 'new membership application') and can tick the box for 'RtW-membership.

More information can be found [here](#).

JTH EDITORS' HIGHLIGHTS MAY 2011

Key content from the May 2011 issue:

[Efficacy and safety of anticoagulants in the prevention of venous thromboembolism in patients with acute cerebral hemorrhage. A meta-analysis of controlled studies](#), by M. Paciaroni, G. Agnelli, M. Venti, A. Alberti, M. Acciarresi and V. Caso

[Genetic determinants of von Willebrand Factor levels and activity in relation to the risk of cardiovascular disease. A review](#), by M. C. van Schie, J. E. van Loon, M. P.M. de Maat and F. W.G. Leebeek

[Recombinant ADAMTS13 normalizes von Willebrand factor-cleaving activity in plasma of acquired TTP patients by overriding inhibitory antibodies](#) by B. Plaimauer, J. A. Kremer Hovinga, C. Juno, M. J. Wolfsegger, S. Skalicky, M. Schmidt, L. Grillberger, M. Hasslacher, P. Knöbl, H. Ehrlich and F. Scheifflinger

[Hindered dissolution of fibrin formed under mechanical stress](#) by I. Varjú, P. Sótonyi, R. Machovich, L. Szabó, K. Tenekedjiev, M. M. C. G. Silva, C. Longstaff and K. Kolev

2010 PIER M. MANNUCCI YOUNG INVESTIGATOR PRIZEWINNERS

The Mannucci Prizes are awarded in honor of Pier M. Mannucci, the first Editor-in-Chief, of the *Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis* for the best articles by Young Investigators younger than 35 years of age. The prizes are made possible by a generous contribution from Bayer HealthCare, and recipients are selected by a jury of editors. Below are the 2010 winners and links to abstracts of their articles.



K Baeten for the article

Activation of single-chain urokinase-type plasminogen activator by platelet-associated plasminogen: a mechanism for stimulation of fibrinolysis by platelets

[Volume 8, Issue 6 \(p 1313-1322\)](#)



S Barbar for the article

A risk assessment model for the identification of hospitalized medical patients at risk for venous thromboembolism: the Padua Prediction Score

[Volume 8, Issue 11 \(p 2450-2457\)](#)



M Bonzini for the article

Effects of inhalable particulate matter on blood coagulation

[Volume 8 Issue 4 \(p 662-668\)](#)



J Cosemans for the article

Potentiating role of Gas6 and Tyro3, Axl and Mer (TAM) receptors in human and murine platelet activation and thrombus stabilization

[Volume 8 Issue 8 \(p 1797-1808\)](#)



S. Ellison for the article

CD148 enhances platelet responsiveness to collagen by maintaining a pool of active Src family kinases

[Volume 8, Issue 7 \(p 1575-1583\)](#)



H Feys for the article

Inactivation of ADAMTS13 by plasmin as a potential cause of thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura

[Volume 8, Issue 9 \(p 2053-2062\)](#)



M Takiguchi for the article

Transgenic, inducible RNAi in megakaryocytes and platelets in mice

[Volume 8, Issue 12 \(p 2751-2756\)](#)



MESSAGES FROM CAIRO

It has been one short year since the 56th annual meeting in Cairo, Egypt. Since that time, the whole world has focused its attentions on Cairo and the country of Egypt. President Hosni Mubarak was forced to step down after uprisings and demonstrations by Egyptian citizens.

Dr. Nevine Kassim shares these pictures with the ISTH.

Cheers after the announcement by former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

Dr. Nevine Kassim is in the middle. This photograph was taken in the demonstrations at the presidential palace.



Dr. Nevine Kassim, President, 56th Annual SSC Meeting

“The Egyptians did it. It is crazy here now. I wanted to share this event with all of you. Celebrations are everywhere. The young people really did it.”

“My country is great & deserves to live in peace, prosperity, and democracy.”

and how many had come to volunteer. For the next week, we kept a regular dialog.

Finally, on February 11 at 1:15 PM my time, she sent an email with some of the photos above. She said, “The Egyptians did it. It is crazy here now. The young people really did it. May God rest the souls of those who died for the cause in peace”. You could feel her excitement through her words. You can see it in her face. The smile in one photograph. The seriousness in the other that tells you the power of the events she has been through. We had more emails and more pictures over the next week or more, but I will never forget her words and her emotions of that day.

Through it all, I thought about our connection, a connection that was entirely through ISTH, a connection that started with her application to host the 56th SSC meeting in Cairo. We had many discussions after Cairo was chosen and our friendship grew. I thought how our Society and our science enables these interactions and how I wouldn't know Nevine if it weren't for our meetings and the Society. I thought about my grandfather, for whom I am named, and the photograph I have of him sitting on a camel in front of the pyramids at Giza. I thought about how he said that of all the countries he visited, Egypt was the only country to which he wanted to return. Science is a key part of what ISTH is about, but friendship with Nevine and knowledge about her country are wonderful byproducts of that science. I am richer for knowing and working with Nevine, and with Hadi, Magdy, Sherief, and Nader. And I am richer for seeing what happened in Egypt through Nevine's eyes.

—Dr. Gil White, Former ISTH Executive Director (1999-2009)

IN RESPONSE...

At 8:53 on the morning of Friday, January 28, after a late evening of watching the television with the rest of the world as the incredible events in Egypt were unfolding, I sent a simple note to Nevine Kassim. In that note, I said that my thoughts were with her and all of Egypt and that I hoped she and her family were safe. When I did not hear back, I began to worry. I had heard reports that the internet had been blocked and I thought that was all it was, but as time passed and there was some violence, I worried more.

On February 2, at 6:20 AM my time which was late afternoon her time, I finally received a note back from her saying that the internet had returned and she and her family were safe. She described what was going on in her building and the fears that she had, but she also talked of the love for her country. She had been working and that there were injuries in her hospital and she described how hundreds had come to donate blood

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Dear Members:

Thanks for your continued membership in 2011. Current membership is 3,236 members throughout 84 countries. The total number of new members joined so far in 2011 is 306. A breakdown of newly joined members by member type and country is shown in the tables below. On behalf of the society, welcome to all new members. Please contact me anytime for questions or concerns about membership. I can be reached by email at membership@isth.org or by phone at 1 919 929 3807.

A big thank you to all ISTH members who participated in the recent online Membership Satisfaction Survey. We received a total of 435 responses. Currently we are preparing a report of the results, and we will share the information with you in an upcoming newsletter.

Sharon Overcash, ISTH Membership Secretary

New Members by Type	# Joined in 2011
Associate	49
Regular	233
Reach the World	24

MEMBER DONATIONS TO THE REACH THE WORLD INITIATIVE

Members frequently make additional donations to ISTH in conjunction with their annual membership renewal. 100% of voluntary contributions with dues payments are credited to the Society's Reach the World Initiative. Members who do not wish to receive their complementary print subscription to *JTH* may also donate the annual issues to a RTW-supported member. For more information about the RTW Initiative, you may contact [ISTH Headquarters](#) or the Chair of the **Education and Outreach Committee**, [F. R. Rosendaal](#).

Country Name	# Joined
Argentina	14
Australia	14
Austria	3
Belgium	1
Brazil	3
Canada	14
Chile	1
China	1
Colombia	3
Czech Republic	2
Denmark	10
Dominican Republic	2
Egypt	1
Finland	1
France	6
Germany	2
Ghana	1
Guatemala	3
India	3
Indonesia	1
Iran	7
Ireland, Republic of	5
Israel	5
Italy	9
Japan	57
Korea, Republic of	1
Macedonia	1
Mexico	1
New Zealand	3
Nigeria	2
Philippines	1
Portugal	1
Russian Federation	6
Saudi Arabia	1
Serbia	1
Singapore	3
South Africa	1
Spain	4
Sudan	1
Sweden	8
Switzerland	2
The Netherlands	9
UK	17
USA	71
Total New Members in 2011	306

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ISTH MEETING CALENDAR

XXIII ISTH Congress

Yasuo Ikeda, President
Kyoto, Japan

with 57th Annual SSC Meeting
July 23-28, 2011

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58th Annual SSC Meeting

Cheng-Hock Toh, President
Liverpool, UK
June 27-30 2012

XXIV ISTH Congress

Frits R. Rosendaal, President
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
with 59th Annual SSC Meeting
June 29 - July 4, 2013

60th Annual SSC Meeting

Robert Montgomery, President
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

2014

XXV ISTH Congress

Sam Schulman, President
Toronto, Canada
with 61st Annual SSC Meeting

2015

XXVI ISTH Congress

Johannes Oldenburg, President
Berlin, Germany
with 63rd Annual SSC Meeting

2017

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