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Excerpt of MINUTES: 2005 ISTH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 11 August 2005
Sydney Convention Centre

Prof. Colin Chesterman, President of the XX Congress, called the meeting to order and gave a summary report of the congress. The Scientific Program was chaired by Dr. Michael Berndt and consisted of 5 Plenary lectures, 36 State of the Art Symposia; 28 educational symposia with 84 expert speakers, 2 laboratory workshop symposia and 2 workshops for nurses—the first such at an ISTH congress. A total of 2950 abstracts were received from 71 countries. These were reviewed by 236 expert referees

with each abstract being reviewed by 3-4 referees. Of these, 18 were accepted as "Hot Topics," 396 were accepted for oral presentations, 2516 were accepted for poster presentation, and 20 were accepted for CD-ROM only. Symposia speakers contributed 59 abstracts which were not refereed.

Abstracts will be archived to the *JTH* online site at Blackwell Synergy and will be available for free public access for 10 years. Dr. Neville Marsh is the Guest Editor of the congress's State of the Art Book which is also the August issue of

JTH. The SOA Book contains the texts of 39 Plenary and State of the Art lectures presented at the congress.

There are 17 industry sponsors of the congress and 68 exhibitors. Total registration as of this date is 4,720.

Dr. Gil White, ISTH Executive Director, gave a summary of the state of the Society. The Society is healthy, vigorous and growing which demonstrates the commitment of scientists to this field of research. Our journal, *JTH*, is growing with a

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The Robert P. Grant Medal

The highest honor of the ISTH, the Robert P. Grant Medal, was awarded during the Opening Ceremony of the XXth Congress of the Society in Sydney, Australia, to Prof. Dominique Meyer of Paris.

The Selection Committee, Chaired by Prof. Bonno Bouma with past and current leaders of the Society, agreed that Prof. Meyer exemplifies all the criteria for

receiving the Grant Medal. A member of the Society since 1970, she was Chairman of the executive Council of the ISTH from 1992-1994, Chairman of the Council Advisory Committee from 1994 to 1999, is currently serving a second term on Council and is the chairman of the Standing Committee of Congress Presidents. In 2001 Prof. Meyer was President of the very successful ISTH Congress in Paris which hosted a record



number of attendees. In every capacity, she has generously dedicated her time, talent and resources to the Society.

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record number of submissions this past year of 974, the highest in the Society's publishing history. Also, thanks to the leadership of Pier Mannucci, Editor-in-Chief, and Harold Roberts, Sr. Associate Editor, *JTH* has achieved a debut impact factor of 4.831.

Society membership currently totals 2711 active members from 72 countries. In light of this number which is roughly equivalent to 1/2 of congress attendees, Dr. White challenged the members in attendance to talk with their colleagues and encourage them to join the Society.

In addition to the major programs of congresses and its journal, the Society will support educational meetings this coming year in Egypt

and Chile. [Ed Note: a third meeting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, has since been approved by Council for Society funding.]

The 51st SSC Annual Meeting took place immediately before the congress. Despite a shortened format, participation was very strong with head-counts at the individual Scientific Subcommittee sessions totaling 2,959. The recent revision to the ISTH Bylaws which changes the constitution of the SSC was passed by a majority of the members voting. The streamlined membership of the SSC will make it more vigorous as the work of the Scientific Subcommittees becomes increasing more technical and specialized.

Dr. Ken Bauer, Chairman of ISTH Council, briefly reported on the 2005 Council business meeting which took place on Monday night, 8 August. The Council has been very active during the course of the past year through the work of the Executive Committee and the 8 Standing Committees, all of which may be contacted directly via the ISTH Webpage. In addition to the extensive and on-going work of the Publications Committee, the Awards, Constitution, Finance, Strategic Planning, Membership, Congress Presidents, and Educations Committee all gave reports of work completed and initiated in the past year. Council received progress reports of the future Congresses and SSC Annual Meeting as well

as proposals to host the 2008 SSC Annual Meeting and the 2013 Congress. He reported that Dr. Frits Rosendaal was elected president of the 2013 Congress and Dr. Paul Kyrle was elected Chairman of the 2008 SSC Annual Meeting. These meetings and all other information about the Society's programs, initiatives and membership opportunities are available online at www.isth.org. A new Council Class of 5 members will be elected during the coming year and Dr. Bauer encouraged all ISTH members to take opportunity to become more involved with their Society.

Dr. Chesterman adjourned the meeting at 11:25 .

52nd SSC Annual Meeting, Oslo, Norway June 28-July 1, 2006

2006 (Note change of date!)



On behalf of the Oslo Organizing Committee and the Scientific and Standardization

Committee of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis, we are delighted and honored to invite you to join us at the 52nd SSC Annual Meeting to be held in Oslo , Norway , from June 28 through July 1, 2006 (<http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/SSC2006/>) .

In keeping with the tradition, you will find at Oslo a program where SSC sessions span the array of topics key to our field. We will offer you stimulating educational and satellite symposia along with selective exhibits of important scientific vendors and suppliers for research areas.

Three Educational Symposia will be arranged, one is a Special Symposia on von Willebrand disease (VWD) to celebrate the first report on VWD 80 years ago from Aaland in Finland . This symposium, with 8-10 selected speakers in this field, is taking place on Wednesday,

June 28, from 2.00 PM to 5.30 PM, followed by another Educational Symposia on "Coagulation and Inflammation" from 6.00 PM to 9.00PM. Thursday, June 29, there is a third Educational Symposia on "Diet, Omega-3 fatty acids (PUFAs) and Atherothrombosis" from 9.00 AM to noon . Parallel with this symposium there will be 2 industry-arranged Satellite Symposia. In addition to the regular SSC sessions, 5 Lunch Symposia (2 on Thursday and 3 on Friday) are given by industry companies.

We hope you plan to join us in Oslo in 2006. We promise to make your participation in the 52nd SSC Annual Meeting an exciting, informative and memorable experience.

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XXI ISTH Congress: Geneva , Switzerland July 6-12, 2007

The Sydney Congress has been a fantastic success. Colin Chesterman and his team are to be warmly congratulated for having put together a great scientific programme and most entertaining social activities in a wonderful venue.

In less than two years, we shall meet in Geneva, Switzerland, in the heart of Europe (6-12 July, 2007; www.isth2007.com). It will certainly be different: no koalas, no didgeridoos, no Great Barrier Reef . Never-

theless, the Old Continent has many artistic and historical treasures to offer and Geneva possesses numerous attractive museums, international organizations, and also wonderful views. The success of a congress, however, resides mainly in its scientific programme and in the opportunity to meet and discuss with colleagues from all over the world. The Organizing Committee has committed itself to provide you with this opportunity. Should you have ideas how to improve any aspect of our

congress, please feel free to contact me (henri.bounameaux@medecine.unige.ch). Every suggestion will be studied carefully.

Become a participant in the congress, not just a delegate!

Henri Bounameaux, MD
President of the 2007 ISTH Congress

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FUTURE SOCIETY MEETINGS

Results of Congress and SSC Annual Meeting Elections:

By election of ISTH Council, Prof. Paul Kyrle of Vienna, Austria, was chosen to organize the 2008 SSC 54th Annual Meeting and Prof. Frits Rosendaal was chosen to organize the 2013 ISTH XXIV Congress.

Excellent proposals were submitted for both meetings and the Council and officers of the Society express their sincere thanks to all members who developed applications: Drs. Badimon, Preissner, Toh, Kassim, and Negrier. Volunteering one's time and talent to host a meeting of the Society is one of the highest contributions a member can make to the mission of the ISTH.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION

Election of ISTH Council Class of 2012 . Council is the Society's elected board of directors who are responsible for governing the ISTH. At the conclusion of the 2006 Council meeting, terms of the 5 members of the Council Class of 2006 will end. In late fall 2005, ISTH members will be invited to make nominations for 5 new Council member. From these nominations, Council will pre-select a ballot of 10 which will be returned to the membership for final election. Five new Council members will begin 6 year terms upon retirement of the Class of 2006.

This election will be conducted via email as over 95% of ISTH members participate in the Members-only Listserve. The remaining 5% will be contacted via regular mail. All Society members are urged to participate in the nomination and election process and to consider serving on Council as their fellow members may call upon them.

Participation in the Scientific and Standardization Committee . The SSC is the working arm of the Society for scientific matters related to the development of reference materials, standardization of methods and nomenclature. Participation in the meetings of the SSC is open to all interested scientists. To participate in the work of the SSC's Scientific Subcommittees, ISTH members should make their interest known to the respective Subcommittee chairmen. In addition to SSC reports and publications, contact information for all subcommittee chairmen is available on the ISTH webpage, www.isth.org.

Other Meetings of Interest

19th International Conference on Thrombosis

May 14 - 18, 2006, Tel-Aviv, Israel

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18th International Congress on Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the 18th International Congress on Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis: Proteolysis in the Postgenomic Era, held under the auspices of the International Society for Fibrinolysis and Proteolysis (ISFP), in San Diego, California, August 27-31, 2006. Abstracts will be accepted beginning **January 1, 2006**. The deadline for submissions will be **April 3, 2006**. Please visit our website at isfpsandiego2006.com for detailed information and updates.

The major goal of the 2006 ISFP Congress is to highlight the most recent developments in understanding the mechanisms by which proteases, receptors and regulatory molecules contribute to disease and homeostasis. Proteases play key roles in cardiovascular disease, cancer, neurologic disease, infectious disease, inflammation, muscular dystrophinopathies, lung, renal and liver disease, osteoporosis, obesity, hormonal dysfunction, arthritis and aging. The congress will feature state of the art research in both basic and clinical aspects of proteolysis.

Scientific sessions devoted to clinical aspects of proteolysis will feature the relationship between proteases and disease etiologies, prognosis and therapy. The latest trends in thrombolytic therapy will be highlighted. Studies utilizing proteases and protease inhibitors as both therapeutic targets and therapeutic agents will be presented and discussed.

Sessions on more basic aspects of proteolysis will include the effects of proteases in cell migration, cell signaling, matrix proteolysis, fibrinolysis, apoptosis, the proteasome, angiogenesis, wound healing, cell migration, neurodegeneration and gene regulation. The most innovative technical advances and proteomic approaches will be emphasized.

Participants will hear leading researchers in the field and have opportunities to discuss their own work with these scientists. The participation of junior investigators will be encouraged through travel awards. CME accreditation for physicians will be offered. The scientific program will include plenary lectures, state of the art lectures, meet the expert sessions, oral and poster presentations and poster discussions. The Congress will be held in the San Diego Convention Center, a modern facility with ample space for the scientific sessions as well as space conducive to informal discussions.

We look forward to your participation in the ISFP 2006 Congress in San Diego.

Lindsey A. Miles, Ph.D.
ISFP Congress 2006 President

OBITUARY: XII Congress President



Dr. Takeshi Abe (1916-2005)

Dr. Takeshi Abe, one of the pioneers in the field of thrombosis and haemostasis, died on April 25, 2005 at the age of 88. He had been suffering from a stroke for the past several years. He was internationally recognized for his contributions to studies on blood coagulation and fibrinolysis. He was an indefatigable teacher, researcher, clinician and administrator throughout his long career.

Dr. Abe graduated from Tokyo Imperial University School of Medicine

in 1941, and, after serving as a physician in the Imperial Navy and after World War II, he joined the Department of Medicine at the University of Tokyo. This was an era when huge amounts of new information from the USA and abroad flooded into Japanese medicine and many young physicians were eager to absorb it. Dr. Abe developed a keen interest in blood coagulation that was a rather unusual theme at that time and decided to go abroad for further training in this area. He spent 4 years from 1953 to 1957 in the leading centers in USA and Europe, including Department of Medicine, Cornell Medical College, New York, Department of Physiology and

Pharmacology, Wayne State University, Detroit, Biological Institute, Carlsberg Foundation, Copenhagen, and Department of Medicine, University of Vienna, Vienna. During this period, he worked with many of the giants in the field, including Drs. Irving Wright, Walter Seegers, Tage Astrup and Erwin Deutsch. It is not surprising that he returned home having learned the most up-to-date ideas and techniques and having made many friends abroad.

After his return to Japan, he inspired, stimulated and trained many talented

Abe: continued

young investigators from all over Japan. Using his overseas personal connections he helped many young physicians go abroad for further study, many of whom later became department chairmen and division heads in Japan in their own right. In 1971 he was invited to establish a new medical school at the Teikyo University, and later became Dean of the Medical School and Vice-President of the University.

His scientific career was recognized by many societies. Dr. Abe was elected in 1959 to become a member of the International Committee on Blood Clotting Factors (ICTH). He founded the Japanese Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis in 1978. He also served as President of the Japanese Society of Hematology and the XIIth Congress of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis in 1989 in Tokyo with great success. The last 10 years of his life, however, were not peaceful and happy because he was severely criticized for his suspected involvement in the spread of HIV infection among hemophiliacs.

Dr. Abe will be remembered for his enthusiasm and leadership.

Hidehiko Saito, M.D.
Nagoya Medical Center, Nagoya, Japan
Mutsuyoshi Kazama, M.D.
Takinogawa Hospital, Tokyo
Japan May 9, 2005

Awards: Continued

of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis

Her major contributions to our understanding of the pathophysiology of von Willebrand Factor and the pathogenesis of von Willebrand's Disease have placed her at the forefront of the international hemostasis and thrombosis research community. She is therefore highly deserving of this recognition for outstanding service promoting the goals of our Society, for fostering and advancing research and education in our field, for having achieved important public recognition, and for stimulating the exchange of ideas through international meetings and publications.

In addition to her service to the ISTH, Prof. Meyer has served as Chief of Hematology and Head of the Hemostasis and Vascular Biology unit of French National Institute for Health and Research at the Hôpital de Bicêtre and as Professor of Medicine at the University Paris XI. She led the Board of INSERM from 1999 to 2002.

Her scientific and medical accomplishments have been recognized by the Prix Montyon of the Academy of Sciences, The City of Paris Grand Prize for Medical Research, Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Distinguished Career Award from the ISTH, induction into the French Legion of Honor; and election at the French Academy of Sciences. She is a valued advisor and respected leader of numerous national and international scientific organizations.

Perhaps most importantly, her research into the mechanisms of bleeding disorders, particularly von Willebrand Disease and other rare hemorrhagic disorders, her development of patient registries, monoclonal antibodies and genetic knock-mice, teaching and numerous important publications have fostered the research of scientists throughout the world and transformed the health and quality of life for patients suffering with these disorders.

Previous Recipients: Robert P. Grant Medal

1975 R.G. Macfarlane	1985 Kenneth M. Brinkhous	1995 Harold R. Roberts
1977 Sol Sherry	1987 J. Fraser Mustard	1997 Kenneth G. Mann
1979 Jacques Caen	1989 Earl W. Davie	1999 Jan J. Sixma
1981 Oscar Ratnoff	1991 Samuel I. Rapaport	2001 Pier M. Mannucci
1983 Ernst Luscher	1993 Marc Verstraete	2003 Yale Nemerson

Other Awards:**12th ISTH Biennial Awards for Contributions to Hemostasis, 2005 Investigator Recognition**

James N. George, MD
Marcel Levi, MD, PhD
Jose A. Lopez, MD
Wolfram Ruf, MD, PhD
Koji Suzuki, PhD

Distinguished Career

Mark H. Ginsberg, MD
John H. Griffin, PhD
Ian R. Peake, PhD
Frits R. Rosendaal, MD, PhD
Denisa D. Wagner, PhD

2005 Aventis/ISTH Fellowship Awards:

Wendy Lim and Anat Aharon

The 2005 Sol Sherry Memorial Lecturer:

Harry Buller

The 2005 Marion Barnhart Memorial Lecturer:

Denisa Wagner

The 2005 Shirley A. Johnson Memorial Lecturer:

David Phillips

The 2005 Wright-Schulte Memorial Lecturer:

David Ginsburg

The 2005 Pia Glas-Greenwalt Memorial Lecturer :

Douglas Vaughan

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Dear ISTH Members: On behalf of the Officers of the Society and the Committee, welcome to the October 2005 edition of the ISTH Members' Newsletter. This issue is primarily devoted to news of your Society, particularly news issuing from the XXth Congress in Sydney in August. Through the Society's biennial congresses and SSC Annual Meetings, a significant part of the ISTH's Mission is fulfilled, namely:

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

For those of you who were unable to participate in the XXth Congress, we hope this issue will be informative. If you have questions, please ask! If you have comments and suggestions, we will be pleased to receive them. --*The Eds.*

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:

52nd Annual SSC Meeting

B. Østerud,
 Organizing Committee Chairman
 Oslo, Norway
 June 28-July 1, 2006

<http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/SSC2006/>

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

XXII ISTH Congress

Bruce and Barbara Furie, Presidents
 Boston, MA, USA
 with
 55th Annual SSC Meeting
 July 11-18, 2009

http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/isth_2009/

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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