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World Federation of Hemophilia and International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis formalize collaboration with memorandum of understanding

(Kyoto, July 27, 2011): The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) and the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) have signed a memorandum of understanding to formalize collaboration and coordination of activities between the two organizations. The WFH and the ISTH value the important role each organization provides in promoting research, providing educational materials/activities, and developing health care programs for governments, health professionals, patients, and families.

“This partnership is an important step towards achieving our goal of improving and sustaining access to care for people with bleeding disorders around the world through education and research,” says WFH president Mark Skinner. “Our collaboration in these areas will be of tremendous benefit to both organizations, and the populations we serve.”

Both organizations have a common interest in advancing education essential to providing treatment and care. The WFH and ISTH will pursue the following areas of collaboration:

- Conduct educational programs on laboratory diagnosis, management of thrombotic and bleeding disorders and other subjects to enhance the fulfillment of both organizations’ missions;
- Promote and facilitate research in the fields of thrombosis and bleeding disorders;
- Organize joint scientific sessions (or plenaries) during the WFH World Congress and the ISTH Congress on topics of mutual interest and relevance;
- Produce joint educational materials on thrombosis and bleeding disorders including e-learning;
- Collaborate in data sharing projects to improve treatment and advance scientific understanding of bleeding disorders;
- Facilitate access to information on programs of mutual interest to clinicians and scientists.

“The collaboration of our organizations is in the best interest of patients affected by clotting and bleeding disorders and their care givers around the world. Working together and complementing each other’s strengths creates a win-win situation and signposts the way professional and patient organizations can and should work together to maximize outcome,” said Professor Henri Bounameaux, ISTH’s Chair of Council.

About the WFH

The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) is an international not for profit organization with member patient organizations in 118 countries, officially recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO). It has been dedicated to improving care for hemophilia and related bleeding disorders worldwide since it was founded in 1963. Through its scientific arm, the Medical Advisory Board (MAB), the WFH is recognized as the leading organization responsible for setting treatment standards and guidelines for hemophilia and related inherited bleeding disorders on a worldwide level. To read more about the WFH please visit www.wfh.org.

About ISTH

Founded in 1969, the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) is the leading worldwide organization dedicated to the advancement of the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombotic and bleeding disorders. The Society is an influential international organization that addresses the needs of millions of people worldwide suffering from these diseases. Among ISTH's highly regarded activities and initiatives are education and standardization programs, research activities, meetings and conferences, peer-reviewed publications and expert committees. For more information please visit www.isth.org.

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