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ISTH MISSION

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

Message from the Executive Director



Dear Fellow Members:

The 54th SSC meeting in Vienna was a great success. Not only was Vienna our largest stand-alone SSC meeting ever, with 1621 registrants, but it also featured a full day education component that was very well attended and very well-received. Our thanks go to Professor Paul Kyrle, President of the Vienna meeting, and his organizing committee, Professors Sabine Eichinger and Berndt Binder for their excellent organization of the meeting.

My personal highlight at the meeting was the reception for the young awardees of the ISTH Reach the World grants. Their energy and enthusiasm is what our Society is all about. Also, in Vienna, the best young authors of work published in *jth* during 2007 were recognized with the newly established Pier Mannucci Awards, made possible through the support of an endowment from Bayer HealthCare.

It is also my pleasure to announce that the 2012 SSC meeting will be held in Liverpool, UK, with Cheng-Hock Toh as President, and to announce that Anna Falanga of Italy was elected as the next SSC Chairman-Elect.

The Vienna meeting is just one of several successes for the Society this year. Thanks in large part to you, the membership, the *Journal of Thrombosis and Hemostasis* received its highest ever impact factor of 5.947 in 2008. Congratulations to Co-Editors Michael Greaves and David Lane. Thanks to Wiley-Blackwell, our publishers, who have worked hard with the editors and the *jth* editorial staff to improve the time from submission of manuscripts to publication. Another success is our on-line voting system. I am very happy to report that, for this year's Council election, nearly 50% of the Society voted for the new members of your governing board, a marked increase from past elections and an indication that our new on-line strategy is working.

Finally, I want to thank a couple of our British colleagues for their hard work for the Society. Ian Peake completed his term as Chair of Council at the Vienna meeting. Ian has served this Society in so many ways over the past two decades. He has chaired the von Willebrand Subcommittee of the SSC, chaired the SSC, been President of the Birmingham Congress in 2003, served as the ISTH Liaison to the World Health Organization, had a term on the Editorial Board of our journal, and been a member of and chaired Council. He has performed all these

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XXII Congress - July 11 - 16, 2009

International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis

ISTH 2009 Special Registration Opportunity for ISTH Members

Registration for the XXII ISTH Congress and 55th meeting of the SSC, to be held in Boston, MA July 11 – 16, 2009, will be open to ISTH members only from September 1 through October 31, 2008. Registration will open to the general public on November 1. ISTH members not only enjoy a \$250 discount off general registration rates (early registration rates), but by registering before the system is open to the general public, ISTH members have first choice of hotels.

A link to the registration site and special ISTH membership registration code will be sent to all members in a September 1 email, or go to www.isth2009.com after September 1. Register by February 28, 2009 to take advantage of early registration rates.

Survey of New Members

ISTH is an inclusive, multi-disciplinary membership organization. What motivates researchers to formally associate themselves with ISTH?

Since the beginning of 2008, Headquarters has contacted new members to inquire about their reasons for joining the Society. Ten new members took time to reply and these were their main reasons for joining ISTH.

For professional interests, there was a tie for the top reason: networking with colleagues and professional education. There was also a tie for the second main reason: influence of an ISTH member/mentor and ISTH is the leading organization representing this field of research.

Of Membership benefits, the complimentary subscription to *jth* was highest with reduced registration fees and participation in ISTH program activities tied for next most important benefits.

In our next e-Newsletter we'll report on our survey of members who resign.

2009 Discount Registration for ISTH Members

2009 Discount Registration for ISTH Members. In order to qualify for the significantly discounted membership rate for the ISTH Congress in Boston, members must be "in good standing" for the 2009 year.

Members will receive a \$250 discount over the non-member rate from pre-registration through on-site registration: yet another excellent reason to recommend membership in ISTH to fellow researchers!

Members Only Site

The new Members Only site of the ISTH webpage is being used regularly. On this site you can find the current and archived issues of the ISTH e-Newsletter and the roster of ISTH members with contact information, which may be useful to you when you don't have your printed Directory at hand. Planned expansion of the Members Only area will include a direct access portal for *jth Online*. This will make it possible for members to long on to their online subscriptions only once, streamlining the process for accessing *jth* online.

GETTING INVOLVED

Have you ever wondered how to become involved in the work of the SSC? Express your interest to the chairman of the appropriate subcommittee.

The roster of Subcommittees and Chairs with contact information is available at, http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/ssc_home.htm

COUNCIL NEWS

New Chairman of ISTH Council

Council is the governing body of the Society, consisting of elected members, and officers of the Society, such as the Executive Director, the President(s) of the next Congress, the SSC Chairman and the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the Society's journal. The Chairman of Council is elected by the Council members as the Chief Executive Officer of the Society to serve for a term of two years. Council members, as well as some other Society members, serve in committees that coordinate important functions, such as Publications and Education.



At the Council meeting in Vienna last July, Ian Peake completed his term as Chairman and was succeeded by Frits Rosendaal, who had been Chairman-elect for two years. Henri Bounameaux was chosen as Chairman-elect, to become Chairman two years from now.

During the Chairmanship of Ian Peake, much has been accomplished. The Society has held two successful meetings, in Geneva and in Vienna, and the Journal has improved its position as a top journal in the field. The funds the Society spends on education have substantially been increased, to enable support for more educational symposia throughout the world, and to fund a training fellowship and visiting professor programme. Steps to innovate the Society's governance have also been initiated.

Says Frits Rosendaal: "I am impressed by what Ian Peake has accomplished during these last two years, and I look forward to continue what he has started. I am particularly keen to involve more people in the work of our Society, from all parts of the world, and of all ages".

For that reason, Frits Rosendaal encourages members who have ideas or concerns about the Society, or who wish to volunteer for any of the many functions in the Society, to contact him, at f.r.rosendaal@lumc.nl.

Executive Director

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various roles with distinction and he has been an innovative and effective leader for the Society in all of these roles. Likewise, Nuala Booth completed her term as Chair of the SSC this year. She, too, has served in many ways, as Chair of the Fibrinogen Subcommittee, as Chair of the SSC, and she currently is a member of the ISTH Council; and, like Ian, she has performed her duties ably and with distinction. Our thanks to both of these individuals for their efforts that have made us a stronger and better scientific organization. I also want to thank the staff at ISTH Headquarters for their efforts this past year. They work hard, are committed, and keep this Society running smoothly and efficiently.

We look forward to gathering with you again, in Boston, in 2009.

Gilbert C White, II
ISTH Executive Director

Archives

In each issue of the ISTH Newsletter, there is a brief invitation to contribute archive materials to the ISTH. ISTH materials prior to 1988 are scarce. If you are reorganizing your bookshelves and filing cabinets and have ISTH memorabilia that need a new home, kindly contact the ISTH Executive Secretary <ccole@med.unc.edu> Print and non-print media are welcome.

Upcoming Meeting of Interest

Venous Thromboembolism: From Bench to Bedside will be held September 11-13, 2008 in Chapel Hill, NC, USA.

Go to <http://www.med.unc.edu/cme/events/thrombosis-meeting> for meeting information and registration.

OPINIONATED?

ISTH Members have been gracious participants in a couple of recent surveys. We had better than expected response to our recent online survey about the ISTH webpage.

The Society values your opinions and appreciates the time you share to make the Society better.



JTH News

Mike Greaves and David Lane, Co-Editors

The ISTH **State of the Art** issue of *jth* is the definitive collection of 42 topical reviews in thrombosis and haemostasis by internationally recognized experts and may be accessed at this link on the *jth* Online site:

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/117993981/issue>

The Society is proud to report that *jth* currently carries an **Impact Factor** of 5.947. The strong scientific reputation of the journal is built on the foundation laid by a succession of distinguished editors, particularly by Professors Mannucci and Roberts who steered the journal through the transition to Society ownership in 2003. Congratulations to Co-Editors David Lane and Mike Greaves for advancing the journal to new successes.

Optimize your access to *jth* by visiting the **Editors' Webpage** at www.journalth.com

Not only will you find highlights from the current issue of *jth*, you can submit your manuscripts and communicate with *jth* Editorial Offices.

WEBSITE AUDIT and SURVEY

Recently, ISTH headquarters engaged an external audit of the ISTH website. The audit revealed many positives of our site as well as ways to improve and enhance it. The greatest find is that the website has a very dedicated readership. The SSC pages are the most used pages, followed by the Future Meetings and Publications. The data indicate a growth in website popularity as well as a healthy number of readers who stay to use and explore the site. We have also found that we benefit from other third party websites that refer back to the ISTH site. Referral links like those from our sister organizations, e.g. JSTH, SETH, help to generate more traffic to our site.

We received comments from members who participated in a website survey that covered the realm of those who really enjoy the website to those who rarely use the site, at all. Said one respondent, "Now that the website has been brought to my attention, I'll use it more--not sure why I was not so aware of it... "

Overall Experience with ISTH Website*

Not Satisfied	4.8%
Somewhat Satisfied	15.9%
Neutral	29.1%
Satisfied	47.1%
Very Satisfied	3.1%

*Total number responding to this question = 227

Improvements were suggested on ways the website could better serve our members, such as easier access to JTH and means to communicate with other members.

These suggestions will be addressed and changes implemented in time for reporting in the next Newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who took the survey! It is a great help.

MEMBER SERVICES

ISTH Membership is on a calendar year and the annual **renewal** cycle for **2009** is set to begin on **1 October 2008**. The renewal drive is being moved back a month due to the success of the 2008 online renewal. The majority of members now renew online, a quick and efficient alternative to the old back-and-forth mailing process.

Members who do not renew by 31 December will experience an interruption in the journal subscription as the membership information must be provided to our publisher on 1 January each year. **Watch for the renewal instructions and login on October 1.**

SSC CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

Gerhard Johnson



Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I greet you as the Chairman of the Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC) of the ISTH. I was highly honored by my election as Chairman-Elect at the SSC meeting in Oslo in 2006, and after two years of mentoring by my extremely effective predecessor, Professor Nuala Booth, I assumed the Chairmanship at our annual meeting in Vienna in July 2008. The Vienna meeting was highly successful from every perspective. It had record-breaking attendance, an excellent Educational Program, and substantive Subcommittee deliberations, all of which occurred in the delightful hospitality of Vienna. The SSC is deeply indebted to the Organizing Committee, directed by Paul A. Kyrle, President, Sabine Eichinger, and Bernd R Binder, for their masterful organization of this meeting.

As the working arm of the ISTH, the SSC, through its Subcommittees, Registries, and Working Groups, is actively engaged in analysis and classification of multiple facets of the broad fields of thrombosis and hemostasis. From testing and certification of coagulation factor standards to be submitted to the World Health Organization for adoption as International Standards, to development of guidelines for diagnosis and classification of thrombotic and hemorrhagic disorders, to formulating new educational programs, the SSC is an invaluable contributor to the work of the ISTH. Since the activities of the SSC are purely voluntary and motivated by a desire of its members to advance the science of our disciplines without personal gain, the organization enjoys a level of prestige and influence that befits a truly significant international organization. To members of the ISTH who have contributed time, energy, and resources to the work of the SSC, I thank you lavishly. To those who have not been active in the SSC, I invite your contributions. The organization is big enough for all who wish to contribute. I invite your inquiries, and I value your suggestions regarding means to further improve the function and contributions of the SSC. The next two years will be a great adventure for me. I hope that you will share it with me.

Sincerely,

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SSC MISSION

from "Statement of Purpose" SSC Rules and Operating Procedures:

The Scientific and Standardization Committee is a permanent committee of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis that accomplishes the day-to-day, practical work of the Society and supports the mission of the ISTH by

- *providing a forum for consideration by internationally recognized experts of practical issues related to thrombosis, disorders of hemostasis and their underlying vascular biology;*
- *supporting scientific subcommittees of international expert researchers working on these problems and their application to clinical issues;*
- *promoting education and the exchange of ideas through scientific meetings and publication of official reports, recommendations and deliberations;*
- *standardizing nomenclature and research methods as appropriate and timely;*
- *providing expert consultation to standards-setting bodies;*
- *liaising with other research organizations and collaborating on timely and important research matters.*

INSTITUTIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS?

Institutional Subscriptions? Is your library currently subscribing to the official journal of ISTH? The Faculty-to-Acquisitions-Librarian link is most important in an institutional library's decision to acquire a publication.

ISTH Members at an institution are a strong motivation for teaching libraries to provide JTH to students and researchers.



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**DO YOU KNOW?**

No one answered, or perhaps no one remembered, the first dues assessment to join ISTH: It was \$10! Dr. Jim Stengle, ISTH Secretary, sent the invitation to prospective members on 5 December 1969.

A total of 199 visionaries realized the potential and responded.

ISTH is still a gathering point for visionaries, and we trust that current dues of \$160 for the 2009 membership year is still a worthwhile investment. Spread the word...

New *DO YOU KNOW* your Society question?

Frits Rosendaal, newly installed Council Chairman, is what # in the succession of Council Chairmen since the Society's founding in 1969?

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:

XXII ISTH Congress
Bruce and Barbara Furie, Presidents
Boston, MA, USA

with
55th Annual SSC Meeting
July 11-16, 2009
www.isth2009.com

56th Annual SSC Meeting
Nevine Kassim, President
Cairo, Egypt
May 22-25, 2010
www.ssc2010.org

XXIII ISTH Congress
Yasuo Ikeda, President
Kyoto, Japan

with
57th Annual SSC Meeting
July 23-29, 2011
www.isth2011.com

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
2013

XXV ISTH Congress
Sam Schulman, President
Toronto, Canada
with
61st Annual SSC Meeting
2015

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