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Message from Council Chair

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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 create a forum for discussion of these problems; to encourage research on these problems by scientists of all relevant disciplines; to foster diffusion and exchange of ideas through scientific meetings and publications; to standardize nomenclature and methods as appropriate and timely...

These are the goals of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis and the principles which drive the Society's international mission.



Henri Bounameaux, MD

Looking back at the past two years, I am convinced that our Society has continued on its way to a successful future under past-chairman

Frits Rosendaal's guidance.

In May, our 56th SSC meeting convened for the first time on the African continent: with its strong educational program and its rich post-congress cultural tours, the Cairo meeting attracted more than 1000 participants, many of them coming from the region, thereby fully meeting our goal of disseminating basic and clinical science of our field all over the world.

Nevertheless, as reported to you in June, intrusion of international politics could not be avoided, and the Israeli attendees, including our Council member and past-chairman Uri Seligsohn, could not participate. As our Society has no political agenda, all our leaders and members can only regret what happened in spite of the earnest efforts of many of us, particularly Frits R. Rosendaal and SSC meeting President Nevine Kassim. Whatsoever, lessons for the future will be drawn from this unfortunate experience, and the Society will uphold its Mission above and apart from external conflicts and interests.

Following the resolutions that were pre-

pared during an extraordinary Council retreat in early 2010 in Amsterdam, the modernization of ISTH has begun: changes in the bylaws have been proposed to enhance empowerment by Council and increase efficiency at Headquarters. These changes are presently being submitted to the vote of membership. At this stage, our long-standing Executive Secretary, Cathy Cole has decided to step aside to "make room for new blood in the management of ISTH", as she writes in her retirement letter. Nobody has invested more of her time, enthusiasm and interest in our Society than Cathy since 1987, and looking for an Executive manager to succeed her and expand the role of HQ will be a difficult challenge in the next months.

We will pursue our goals of expanding the Outreach program to the less financially-favored countries, and in parallel we will also enhance our educational mission toward the developed countries, preparing our academic offspring of tomorrow. We have started developing guidelines and guidances for various clinical situations, and we have embarked on an e-learning program and joint activities with other scientific societies, all projects with a clear added value for our membership.

One additional, important issue for the immediate future will be the professionalization of our congress organization, aiming at more continuity and coherence from one event to the next. Building on innovations and improvements in a more cohesive and professional fashion will provide consistency to congress presidents, ISTH administration, industry sponsors, and most importantly to

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From Tokyo to Kyoto: ISTH Congress returns to Japan



It has been 21 years since ISTH convened a congress in Japan. In 1989, the XII Congress of the Society was organized in the 'eastern' Capital City of Tokyo under the Presidency of Dr. Takeshi Abe. It was the first ISTH congress in the Pacific Rim. Two thousand abstracts were submitted to the meeting and 2,904 attendees (539 ISTH

members, 1,780 non-members, 152 invited speakers, 196 students and 237 accompanying persons) made the journey. Among the attendees were many from then-Communist controlled Eastern European nations, Japan being a more acceptable destination than the traditional ISTH venues in Western Europe or the US. These delegates came at great personal expense and despite risk of drawing attention from their national security agencies. A delegate confided in whispers that the political risks of participating were worth the research, educational and clinical information that would be taken home. The Society and the Local Organizing Committee, aware of the financial constraints—particularly of new researchers—inaugurated the first 'Reach the World' travel grants, supported in part by surplus funds of the previous ISTH Congress in Brussels and income raised by the Tokyo congress. The handwritten draft of President Abe's message to the delegates announcing these grants is shown on page [four](#) of this newsletter.

On **July 23, 2011**, ISTH will convene its XXIII Congress in the ancient 'western' Imperial Capital of Japan—the World Heritage city of Kyoto. The venue of the congress will be the Kyoto ICC, site of the historic Kyoto 'Accords,' with Dr. Yasuo Ikeda



ICC Kyoto

as Congress President and Dr. Hidehiko Saito as Honorary President. The latest science will be offered in the setting of one of the most historic cultural sites of the world. Much has changed in the world since 1989, but ISTH is still mindful of the challenges for delegates to participate in this important meeting. The tradition of travel awards to young investigators and established professionals from financially limited regions will continue through financial support by the ISTH Reach the World Initiative. In addition to these awards, the Japanese Society on

Thrombosis and Haemostasis and the 2009 Boston Congress Presidents' Fund will also offer special travel grants to encourage participation of the next generation of specialists and to support the travel of those with limited funds.

In 22 years the goal of ISTH to support the next generation of researchers, teachers and clinicians remains steadfast. Your Society looks forward to greeting you in Kyoto, and your Society encourages you to involve your colleagues, protégés and students in this congress.

Let them know about the opportunities to participate in the science and encourage them to become part of ISTH as Regular or Associate Members. The benefits are solid and the tradition is unmatched.

Bounameaux Message

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delegates for a better quality meeting experience. This standardization will not oppose the long-standing spirit of our congresses that are held in various countries and continents, a strength both scientifically and socially. Our Council, assisted by Executive Officer Bruce Furie and a highly dedicated staff at our Headquarters in Chapel Hill, is committed more than ever to make our Society the leading worldwide scientific organization devoted to the field of thrombosis, hemostasis and vascular biology for the ultimate benefit of patients suffering from thromboembolic or hemorrhagic disorders!

ISTH Bylaws Amendment

The Council at its meeting in May, 2010 accepted the revisions suggested by the Bylaws Committee. These revisions were reviewed by the Society's corporate legal council. A copy of the current Bylaws, with [revisions noted](#), is available on the ISTH website. A [summary of the changes](#) by Section is also available.

The ISTH Council strongly recommends that ISTH members now vote to change the Bylaws. Please read this information carefully and send your vote to ISTH Headquarters as indicated on the ballot instructions. The deadline for voting is **November 21, 2010**.

[Vote Here](#)

Standing Committees of Council	
Committee	Chair
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Clinical Guidelines Working Group	G. Johnson , Chair

ISTH 2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS BEGAN ON OCTOBER 13, 2010

To renew, kindly login with your Username and Password on the [ISTH website](#). The renewal form is located on the ISTH website at 'Membership'/Renewal Form: <https://www.isth.org/Default/index.cfm/membership/renewal-form/> To avoid interruption of JTH subscription and for inclusion in the 2011 ISTH Membership directory, renewals must be received by December 31, 2010. If your membership is renewed for multiple years, make sure address for delivery of JTH is current. Please use the address change instructions to make updates.

CAN'T REMEMBER YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD? Go to the [ISTH website](#). At the member login section of the home page, click "Sign In" to access the "forgot username" page. Enter your email address and click "Get Password," and your username and password will be sent to you.

ADDRESS CHANGES for delivery of JTH or directory listing can be updated at the [ISTH website](#). Kindly login with your username and password and click "Sign In." Then choose "Edit Profile". Make any changes and remember to click "Update Profile" when completed. If you prefer, you may contact Sharon Overcash by phone at 1 919 929 3807 or by email at membership@isth.org to change your address.

Updates to Council Standing Committees

During the 2010 Executive Meeting at ISTH headquarters, the 2010-2011 Standing Committee roster was approved by Henri Bounameaux and the rest of the Executive Committee. Chairs will remain in their positions for 2 years, and the vice-chairs will succeed to the position of Chair after these 2 years.

Goals and Objectives for each of these committees were discussed and decided upon at the Executive meeting. Please contact the chair or vice-chair of any committee if you have questions or need more information about a particular issue. The names and contact info of the chairs and vice-chairs can be seen to the left.

10 Questions with Dr. Yasuo Ikeda, President, XXIII Congress

1. Where were you born?

I was born in Tokyo in 1944.



2. Did you always want to be a physician?

As you may know, people go to medical school right after they graduate from high school at the age of 18. When I graduated from high school, I wanted to become a diplomat or business man working in a trading company, so that I could work outside Japan. I realized physicians can also work globally, and entered Keio University School of Medicine. My father was a general internist, who strongly encouraged me to be a physician.

3. Who was your most influential teacher?

My most influential teacher is Prof Mario G Baldini, who was my mentor at Brown University when I started my career in platelet research in 1973-76.

4. Which piece of work have you done that makes you the most proud and why?

I like my research work on "Shear stress-induced platelet aggregation" because this was my first attempt to work together with people in the field of medical engineering. We first made an apparatus to measure shear-induced platelet aggregation. The apparatus has been very useful to study mechanism of vWF and Platelet interaction.

5. What do you enjoy about your present job?

After I retired last year from Keio University School of Medicine, which is mandatory in Japan due to age, I moved to Waseda University, which has no medical school.

I enjoyed very much working in Faculty of Science and Engineering, Life Science and Medical Bioscience.

6. What are "hot topics" in thrombosis and hemostasis research in Japan?

Many scientists and physicians are much interested in new development of anti-thrombotic agents. Discussion about risk/ benefit of these agents and regulatory issues is one of the hot topics. Basic science topics they are interested in are "megakaryopoiesis and thrombopoiesis," "Mechanism of inhibitor development in hemophilia," "ADAMTS13," etc.

7. What would you propose as the ideal funding system in Japan?

I personally feel a more efficient system is needed to evaluate and

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Important Kyoto 2011 Dates:

November 8: Abstract Submission and Member Registration opens

November 18: Registration opens to public

February 11, 2011: Abstract submission deadline

March 30, 2011: Notification acceptance/rejection of abstracts

April 30, 2011: Early registration and accommodation reservation deadline

For more information, visit the Congress website,

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

November 23, 1988
Dear Colleague:
The Organizing Committee of the XIIth Congress of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) is pleased to announce the availability of special travel funds for young scientists to attend the meeting in Tokyo, Japan, on August 19-25, 1989. We will provide 200 awards of US\$ 500 each to individuals 35 years of age or younger whose abstracts receive meritorious grades. We encourage your participation and look forward to seeing your abstracts.
Sincerely,
(signed)
Takeshi Abe, M.D.
小野薬品工業株式会社

XII ISTH Congress President Takeshi Abe's letter to potential Reach the World participants.

Dr. Yasuo Ikeda, President

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accredit research proposals and go to site-visits for funding of big money in Japan. We need many scientists capable of doing such jobs. More funding to young scientists is also very important.

8. Which thrombotic or bleeding disorders should get more attention in your country?

In Japan, DVT/PE should be more paid attention to, especially by surgeons, orthopedic surgeons and general physicians.

9. Which city/town is the best place to live?

Tokyo or Kyoto! Both places are very safe and clean. The food is excellent, including every type of food, Japanese, Chinese, French and Italian.

10. Which other ISTH member would you like to ask the same questions?

Definitely Frits [Rosendaal]! He is the next President.

Åland Conference, Sweden

The Åland Conference was held in Sweden on 22-25 September 2010. This was a meeting on von Willebrand factor that coincided (and celebrated) the 140th birthday of Dr. Erik A. von Willebrand. Dr. Gil White presented a talk at this conference, and shares these pictures with the ISTH.



Grave on Föglö Island of the Sundblom family, showing a number of children who died young and including Hjördis Dorothea Sundblom who was the propositus in the family described by Dr. von Willebrand.



House in the town of Sunboda on Föglö Island in which the Sundblom family and Hjördis lived. This house is still occupied by descendants of the Sundblom family.



Dr. Otto Lindberg, great grandson of Erik A. von Willebrand, holding the journal opened to the page of the original article on VWD. Dr. Lindberg is an internist in Helsinki and only very rarely sees a patient with VWD, but Dr. von Willebrand's home is still in the family and the attic is a treasure trove of old family photographs as well as the art work from the original article.

Photos courtesy Dr. Gil White

Upcoming Meetings of Interest

4th Joint Advanced Educational Course on Thrombosis

November 12, 2010—Organized by the Lebanese joint Collaboration Against Thrombosis (LJCAT) with support of ISTH and the Mediterranean League Against Thromboembolic Diseases

[Registration](#) and [Contact email](#)

Venue: Habtoor Grand Hotel, Beirut-Lebanon

[51st Annual Conference of Indian Society of Haematology and Transfusion Medicine \(ISHTM\) HAEMATCON 2010](#)

November 19-21, 2010, Kolkata, India

[4th Annual Congress of the European Association for Haemophilia and Allied Disorders](#)

[Allied Disorders](#)

February 2-4, 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

[4th International Symposium on Women's Health Issues in Thrombosis and Haemostasis](#)

February 4-6, 2011, Berlin, Germany. Symposium organizers are Prof. Benjamin Brenner and Prof. Ian Greer.

Update on SSC 2010 Webcasts



The Educational Sessions at this meeting were filmed, and the presentations are currently available to view online.

As of Sept 2, 2010, the following stats indicate how the webcasts

have been used.

- 445 Unique ISTH visitors
- 984 Presentations viewed
- 571 Downloaded power-point presentations
- 212 Podcasts downloaded

Previous stats available on page 5 of the [July ISTH newsletter](#)

These important presentations are now free open access.

RTW Advanced Fellowship Deadline

ISTH announces a program targeted to Advanced Fellows from underprivileged countries who wish to pursue knowledge and expertise in one or all of the following areas: medical care, laboratory methods, or research related to thrombosis and hemostasis. Applicants should be 37 years old or younger. Fellowships will be up to a four month period, and will include economy class travel and housing. Applications will be approved on a competitive basis by the ISTH Educational Committee.

Deadlines for submission of applications are 1 January and 1 June of each year, and can be found on the ISTH homepage, <http://www.isth.org>, at the Reach the World Fellowship Announcement. For more information, contact ISTH headquarters by email (headquarters@isth.org).

Call for Congress 2019 Proposal

A call for Letters of Intent to organize the 2019 ISTH Congress will soon be sent to all active ISTH members via a list-serve email. These Letters will be accepted from ISTH members in good standing who are interested in hosting this event. Information included in the Letters of Intent includes the names of the proposed Local Organizing Committee, the name of the proposed convention center, and the proposed meeting dates. Email coming soon!

Quick Poll

The ISTH is gauging interest in the various formats of the Membership Directory. Please respond with your preference by clicking the image below. It will take you to the online voting page.

Should the Society continue to provide a printed version of the membership directory to its members? *

Yes

No

Note: Your selection will not change the way you currently receive the Membership Directory.

**Full Membership Satisfaction Survey
Coming Soon!**

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ISTH Associate Membership

ISTH offers a category of membership for students, fellows, trainees, nurses and mid-level professional and/or research staff. To apply for Associate Membership, applicants should complete a New Member application form available on the ISTH website, and send a letter from their director or supervisor confirming their status.

Students, fellows and trainees normally remain in Associate status for up to three years upon annual re-confirmation of status. Mid-level Associate Membership is not time-limited, but requires re-confirmation of employment from a supervisor on an annual basis.

Associate Membership dues are \$35 per year and carry an Online-only subscription to *JTH* and all other benefits of membership.

For questions or additional information, you may contact the Membership Secretary, Sharon Overcash at membership@isth.org

In Memorial

Prof. Dr. Bernd Binder passed away on August 28th 2010. Dr. Binder was a member of ISTH since 1974 and an active participant in the work of the Scientific and Standardization Committee, formerly the ICTH, as an elected leader of its Central Committee and as a co-chairman of the Fibrinolysis Subcommittee.

ISTH gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a memorial donation from DiaPharma in honor of Dr. Binder, whose company was a product manufacturer for DiaPharma.

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 the locations below. Those interested in sponsorship should contact Margo Price, Director of Corporate Relations. Phone: (919) 929-2381. email: margo_price@isth.org

New

Date!

XXIII ISTH Congress
Yasuo Ikeda, President
Kyoto, Japan
with **57th Annual SSC Meeting**
July 23-28, 2011
<http://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**
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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