As my tenure closes as the 20th ISTH Chairman of Council, I find myself reflecting on the past two years. The 2014 - 2016 term at the ISTH has been an exciting time of strong growth, innovation and discovery. As a result of the dedication and commitment from members like you, the ISTH continues to stand as the world’s preeminent thrombosis and hemostasis scientific/medical membership organization. Back in 1969, the Society began with 200 members, and I’m delighted to share that today we have reached more than 4,000 members representing 94 countries. This is an exciting milestone that we should all be proud to reach.

With a strong commitment to the professional development and education of medical professionals of all career stages, the ISTH has created a dynamic forum for the exchange of the latest scientific discoveries and medical advancements. The efforts of the ISTH and its members reach every corner of the globe, building medical and scientific professional capacity and improving the lives of countless individuals.

Over the past two years, the ISTH has embraced its forward momentum to unite a global community and build critical intellectual capacity, while also establishing new activities to advance the mission of the Society. Educational opportunities have been developed and enhanced including ISTH Advanced Training Courses, Reach-the-World offerings and the launch of the online ISTH Academy. In addition, thousands of articles and dozens of webinars, webcasts and presentations are now available virtually from anywhere in the world. There has never been more accessible academic content than we currently have available for the ISTH community, which is an exciting step forward.

Additionally, the ISTH recently established a first of its kind awareness campaign to educate the global public about thrombosis as a significant public health issue. Founded in 2014, the award-winning World Thrombosis Day (WTD) campaign has already reached more than 440 million people and continues to make a significant impact. This international effort is growing awareness of thrombosis, with the ultimate goal of reducing death and disability caused by the condition. While WTD culminates on 13 October, the campaign is a year-round program with partners hosting thousands of activities around the world.

During my term as Chairman, the ISTH built upon its legacy as a convener of the most notable experts and organizations in the field of thrombosis and hemostasis, bringing them together to exchange the latest science and create international networks to advance research and clinical application. Notably, ISTH SSC 2014 in Milwaukee, USA, and ISTH 2015 in Toronto, Canada, showcased the best of what the ISTH membership has to offer by providing an innovative and engaging forum for education and collaboration.

The Scientific and Standardization Committee (SSC) of the ISTH continues its long-standing role as the premier body that evaluates and standardizes clinical and laboratory criteria, methodologies and current and upcoming treatment products. Fostering the development of new standards, methods and nomenclature, the SSC works year-round to support the Society’s mission through its education, annual meetings, registries and databases. SSC has also recently expanded its role by leading the development of clinical guidance documents. International experts within the Subcommittees are producing guidance to address clinically important topics where high level data from randomized trials is limited. With 10 guidance documents published over the last few years, we will continue to produce expert advice on difficult management issues.

From research activities and scientific meetings, to peer-reviewed publications and expert committees, the ISTH continues to propel our field forward by building collaborative partnerships and fostering innovative communication. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your commitment and dedication, and I look forward to the exciting future that lies ahead for the Society.

Nigel Key
ISTH Chairman of Council
2014 - 2016
The ISTH has developed a variety of educational and outreach programs to benefit members of all types and from all corners of the world. This programming is informed by the ISTH Core Curriculum, created and published to inform a set of minimum knowledge required for a medical doctor to be considered as a clinical specialist in thrombosis and hemostasis.

**ISTH Academy**
- 6 Accredited course modules
- 22 Webinars
- 250 Webcasts of presentations
- 1,391 ePosters
- 6,267 JTH articles

**MEETINGS**
The ISTH Congress takes place every two years, while the SSC and its scientific subcommittees meet every year. Clinicians, researchers, educators, students/trainees, allied healthcare professionals and industry partners attend these events to exchange the latest in scientific innovation and to advance the overall understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombotic and bleeding disorders.

**ISTH 2014 SSC**
- 1,439 People attended
- 284 Abstracts received
- 63 Travel grants awarded
- 28 Sponsors / exhibitors

**ISTH 2015 Congress**
- 7,273 Attendees
- 2,713 Abstracts received
- 278 Travel grants awarded
- 59 Sponsors / exhibitors

3 presentations with simultaneous publications in the New England Journal of Medicine

**Reach-the-World Training Collaborations**
- 3,274 Attendees participated
- 13 Courses in Europe, Asia and Latin America
- 7 Reach-the-World Fellowships granted
WORLD THROMBOSIS DAY: ENERGIZING A GLOBAL AWARENESS MOVEMENT

World Thrombosis Day (WTD) is a year-long global movement that culminates on 13 October and focuses attention on the serious, but often overlooked disease of thrombosis. The goal of the WTD campaign is to increase global awareness of thrombosis, including its causes, risk factors, signs/symptoms and evidence-based prevention and treatment. The movement strives to reduce death and disability caused by the condition.

CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

WTD Focus in 2014/2015:
Venous thromboembolism (VTE) and increased risk for VTE during or shortly after hospitalization. After all, 60% of all VTEs are hospital-associated.

Global Campaign Reach:
440+ million
170% Growth from 2014

Global Campaign Growth:
175 Partners in 45 countries in Year One
320 Partners in 70 countries in Year Two

11 Sponsors

400 Events in Year One
6,500 Events in Year Two

350 million media impressions
Up 127% from 2014

78.7 million social media impressions
Up 670% from 2014

CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES:

Patient Empowerment
- Think VTE
- Know hospitalization is a risk factor
- Ask for a VTE risk assessment
- Build survivor awareness

Healthcare Systems Professionals Education
- Make VTE prevention a priority
- Call for mandatory risk assessment
- Provide appropriate prevention
- Educate systems and professionals

JOIN THE MOVEMENT!
Become a partner at www.WorldThrombosisDay.org

Together, we can prevent hundred of thousands of unnecessary deaths worldwide from thrombosis.
LEADERSHIP

The Council is the governing body of the ISTH. It authorizes and exercises all of the Society’s corporate powers and oversees its activities. Every two years, members of the Society elect five of their peers to serve on the Council, replacing one-third of elected Council members. Council members serve for a term of six years. The Council also includes ex-officio voting members who are members by virtue of holding another office with the ISTH, as mandated by the Society’s Bylaws.

LEGEND | Officers | Elected Members | Ex-officio Members

Andreas Greinacher  
Germany  
Council Class 2016

Johannes Oldenburg  
Germany  
President  
XXVI ISTH Congress Berlin 2017

Jeffrey Weitz  
Canada  
Council Class 2018

David Lillicrap  
Canada  
Council Class 2020

Sam Schulman  
Canada  
Past President  
XXV ISTH Congress

Nigel Key  
USA  
Chairman  
2014-2016

Paula Tracy  
USA  
Council Class 2016

James Morrissey  
USA  
Council Class 2018

Jose Lopez  
USA  
Council Class 2020

J. Evan Sadler  
USA  
Secretary General  
ISTH

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Italy  
Council Class 2016

Anna Falanga  
Italy  
Council Class 2020

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France  
Council Class 2018

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UK  
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Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis

Pieter Reitsma  
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Japan  
Council Class 2016

Michael Berndt  
Australia  
Immediate Past Chair  
ISTH Council

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3 standing committees
19 subcommittees
+ 1 working group

Collaborated together on more than 70 projects covering standardization and guidance across the entire field of thrombotic and hemorrhagic disorder, resulting in 25 published SSC Communications in the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH).
A Look Ahead: Incoming ISTH Chairman of Council Shares Excitement to Build Capacity, Grow Impact Around the World

As the 21st ISTH Chairman of Council, I am honored to serve during an exciting time of global capacity building and growth as the Society continues to make great strides to fulfill its mission.

As a long-standing member of the ISTH, I have been fortunate to participate in its evolution to become a Society with a strong commitment to professional development and education of professionals at all career stages. I’m particularly proud of the Society as it continues to innovate with its enhanced meetings format and new outreach, education and training activities including ISTH Advanced Training Courses, Reach-the-World opportunities and the online ISTH Academy. The SSC has also evolved and leads the way beyond standardization into novel global research activities and the development of guidance documents.

The success of the ISTH as the leading international thrombosis and hemostasis scientific/medical membership organization provides an excellent platform for the continuation of advancement, innovation and collaboration. Poised to make great headway in the next two years, we look forward to fostering scientific discoveries and exchanges that drive innovation and progress. We also plan to advance the scientific, clinical and professional development of ISTH members in developed and developing countries and expand organizational capacity to drive peak performance and ensure sustainability.

With a robust international network of scientists, physicians and allied health professionals, there are countless opportunities to grow the ISTH network and provide the latest and best approaches for patient care. Through online education, the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (JTH) and the exchange of science at meetings, the ISTH is dedicated to equipping its members with the best tools to transform and constantly improve today’s health care. We also encourage your participation in World Thrombosis Day on 13 October as we continue to build awareness and prevent death and disability from thrombosis.

As we move forward, we will continue to build upon and reinforce the legacy of the ISTH through education and outreach, as well as our upcoming ISTH 2017 Congress in Berlin and the ISTH SSC 2018 meeting in Dublin. We encourage you to mark your calendar, prepare your best work and use the ISTH as a platform to share the most exciting discoveries. Furthermore, attending the meetings of the Society offers you the best opportunity to expand your network and build important relationships. I look forward to personally meeting you at both of these exciting meetings.

Join me as we strive to fulfill the Society’s mission. Together, we can improve understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thrombotic and bleeding disorders to improve the care and lives of patients around the world.

Ingrid Pabinger
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