MESSAGE FROM GENEVA: XXI ISTH Congress, July 6-12, 2007

In just a few short months, we shall meet in Geneva, Switzerland for the XXI Congress and 53rd SSC meeting of ISTH. Held in the heart of Europe from 6 - 12 July 2007, we offer you the best of both worlds – the beauty and hospitality of our city combined with a high-level educational programme.

The scientific programme will cover the breadth of key topics in our fields. As this newsletter goes to press, more than 300 experts are selecting among the 3200 abstracts submitted by deadline those to be presented as oral communications and those to be featured as posters.

What are the next steps you can look forward to?

If you are an author, you will be informed about the fate of your abstract by March 30. Then you will have the possibility to register at the "Early Bird" rate until April 13. Two weeks before the Congress opening, the final programme will be available to all of you on the website, thereby allowing you to prepare your own programme and print your personal Abstract Book.

Please visit www.isth2007.com for more and the latest details.

Speaking for our Local Organizing Committee, we all are truly excited to host the XXI Congress. This pleasure is not just for the chance to offer quality science, but for the opportunity to bring full circle a sense of history.

Some of you may recall that the first ISTH Congress gathered together in 1970 in Montreux, Switzerland. This inaugural event gathered only 200 participants. Some of you who attended the Montreux Congress 37 years ago may still be active in the field and plan to attend the Geneva Congress. If so, I would appreciate having you contact me by e-mail as soon as possible.

We are all enjoyable busy at this time in Geneva as we commit ourselves to making the 2007 Congress a scientifically sound and a socially memorable event.

See you soon!
Henri Bounameaux, MD
President of the ISTH 2007 Congress
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NEW ENDOWED LECTURE Named After ISTH Leaders

The International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis announces the creation of an endowed lecture in honor of ISTH leaders Dr. Kenneth M. Brinkhous and Dr. Harold R. Roberts to take place at the Society’s biennial Congress. The inaugural lecture, called the Kenneth M. Brinkhous Memorial Lecture, will be given in Geneva at a Plenary Session of the Society’s XXIst Congress to be held July 6-12, 2007.

This endowment is sup-

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Message from the Editors-in-Chief
Mike Greaves and David Lane

Dear Fellow ISTH Members,

As many of you will know, as the new joint Editors in Chief of the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis, we have been handling all new submitted manuscripts since the beginning of 2007. We have expanded the number of Associate Editors in order to give prompt and expert advice to manuscripts. We also have expanded the Editorial Board so that we can receive timely advice about how to adapt to our rapidly changing discipline.

We would now welcome nominations from those of you who wish to join our panel of expert reviewers. Editors depend heavily upon impartial and critical reviews. These reviews take time to prepare but help maintain JTH in its position as the foremost specialist journal for research in thrombosis and haemostasis. If you are interested in joining the panel, contact one of our editorial offices, either Fee Johnstone (jth@abdn.ac.uk) in Aberdeen for clinical papers, or Chris Harris in London (editorialofficejth@imperial.ac.uk) for basic papers.

We trust that you will find the review process one that is both educational and rewarding.

Institutional Subscription Initiative

ISTH Headquarters has been cooperating with our publisher, Blackwell Publishing, to contact ISTH members at educational institutions whose libraries are not currently subscribing to JTH. Blackwell provided a list of these libraries and Headquarters continues to send letters to our members asking their support by recommending JTH to their Periodicals Acquisitions department.

With tight budgets, libraries must limit their subscriptions to the major publications in each specialty area.

If you agree that JTH is one of these essential publications, let your library know.


ISTH General Membership Assembly

The first ISTH General Membership Assembly took place in 1970 at the "The First International Conference of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis" in Montreux, Switzerland.

Due to the importance of this membership meeting, the officers and meeting organizers agreed that the Society’s governing Council should be convened in advance to prepare for the membership assembly. Over the years, the priority of these meetings reversed: Council meetings increasing in length and agenda while the General Membership Assembly contracted, sometimes with more participants on the dais than in the hall.

Nonetheless, the Assembly is your meeting; your opportunity to receive reports from your elected leaders; and your opportunity to speak—in real time. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Mark Your Calendar: The 2007 General Membership Assembly will take in conjunction with the XXI ISTH Congress in Geneva on Tuesday, 10 July from 13:00 to 13:15, immediately after the Presidential Symposium.

HISTORY: Meetings in Switzerland

1965 St. Moritz: 11th Annual Meeting of the International Committee
1970 Montreux: First Congress of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis, and 16th Annual Meeting of the International Committee
1974 Basel: 20th Annual Meeting of the International Committee
1994 Basel: 30th Annual Meeting of the International Committee
2007 Geneva: XXI Congress of the International Society and 53rd Annual Meeting of the Committee
THE SOCIETY IN 2007

Members know that the membership year coincides with the calendar year. On the other hand, the Society’s programmatic year begins and ends with each annual meeting. There are a number of transitions for 2007. Here are the current elected and appointed officials of the ISTH. Email links and contact information may be found on the ISTH webpage, www.isth.org

Society Officers

XXI Congress Honorary President: Fedor Bachmann
XXI Congress President: Henri Bounameaux
XXI Congress Vice-president: Bernhard Lammle
Chairman of ISTH Council: Ian Peake
Secretary/Chair-elect of ISTH Council: Frits Rosendaal
Immediate Past Chairman: Ken Bauer

Members of Council

Class of 2008: T. Barrowcliffe; G. Broze; D. Meyer; Fr. Rosendaal; A. Yoshioka
Class of 2010: Ph De Groot; D. Lane; I.R. Peake; U. Seligsohn; D. Wagner
Class of 2012: M. Berndt; H. Bounameaux; A. Nurden; B. Østerud; P. Reitsma

Journal Editors and Staff

Co-Editors of JTH Mike Greaves and David Lane
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Finance Ken Bauer & Ph de Groot
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Strategic Planning Ken Bauer

Scientific and Standardization Committee Officers

President of 54th Annual Meeting (2008) Paul Kyrle
SSC Chairman Nuala Booth
SSC Secretary/Chair-elect Gerhard Johnson
Immediate Past Chairman Bob Montgomery

Awards

ported through an independent education grant from Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

“Our scientific discipline and the Society that fosters that science owe a great deal to these two pioneers in hemophilia,” said Gilbert C. White, II, M.D., Executive Director, ISTH.

Dr. Brinkhous was a founder of the ISTH and Secretary General for 12 years. Dr. Roberts was a charter member of ISTH when it was organized in 1970. He subsequently served ISTH a combined 21 years, holding key posts such as Secretary General and Executive Director during his tenure.

“It is an honor to contribute to scientific dialogue at the ISTH Congress – and to be associated with Dr. Brinkhous and Dr. Roberts,” said Angela Rossetti, Assistant Vice President and Global Business Manager, Hemophilia at Wyeth.

Dr. Brinkhous was an Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He died in December, 2000 at age 92.

Dr. Roberts is the Sarah Graham Kenan Professor of Medicine and Pathology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Archives

If you have memorabilia of past meetings or other ISTH activities that you would care to donate, the Society's archives would be pleased to provide a permanent home.

For more information about the records of the Society or to make a donation, you may contact the Executive Secretary at coke@med.unc.edu.
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.

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. Below are the chairmen of the scientific subcommittee for this year. Their complete contact information along with minutes and reports of scientific subcommittee work is found on the ISTH webpage at the SSC section, www.isth.org

Animal, Cellular & Molecular Models of Thrombosis
   Hartmut Weiler

Biorheology
   J.W.M. Heemskerk

Control of Anticoagulation
   Sam Schulman

DIC
   Cheng-Hock Toh

Registry of Exogenous Hemostatic Factors
   Neville Marsh

Factor VIII & Factor IX
   Alok Srivastava

Factor XIII & Fibrinogen
   Moniek de Maat & Rainer Seitz

Fibrinolysis
   Colin Longstaff

Hemostasis & Malignancy
   Martin Prins

Lupus Anticoagulant/Phospholipid-dependent Antibodies
   Vittorio Pengo

Perinatal/Pediatric Thrombosis and Haemostasis
   Gili Kenet

Plasma Coagulation Inhibitors
   Elaine Gray

Plasma Kallikrein-kinin System
   Keith McCrae

Platelet Immunology
   Ted Warkentin

Platelet Physiology
   Alan Michelson

Predictive Hemostatic Variables and Cardiovascular Disease
   Gordon Lowe

Vascular Biology
   Jean-Marie Freyssinet

Von Willebrand Factor
   David Lillicrap

Women’s Health Issues in Thrombosis and Haemostasis
   Andra James

Subscription Donation Initiative

In conjunction with the 2007 ISTH Membership Renewal drive, members have been offered the option to donate unwanted print subscriptions of JTH to researchers in developing parts of the world who might not have access to the journal. Seventy-eight (78) members requested that their 2007 print issues be donated.

Recommendations for recipients are welcome. Please contact Mrs. Overcash, ISTH Membership Secretary, membership@isth.org
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of this date, 2,151 individuals have renewed their membership in ISTH for 2007. There are still 488 (23%) who have not yet renewed, but are welcome to do so. Third and final reminders were sent on January 18th.

Only members “in-good-standing” may hold elected and appointed positions within the Society. Certain benefits, such as the complimentary subscription to the Society’s journal, this E-Newsletter, and Listserv communications are reserved for members-in-good standing.

After two consecutive years of non-renewal, members become Inactive and no longer receive communications, including calls for nominations or ballots for Society-wide elections. Inactive members are restored to Active status upon payment of dues.

Every year the Society loses some members and gains new members. To date, 202 new members have joined the ISTH for 2007.

Special thanks to all members who have encouraged their young colleagues to join the Society as Associate Members. It is noticed and appreciated!

Total active membership for 2007 currently totals 2,841.