



ECTH 2016

European Congress on
Thrombosis and Haemostasis

The Hague, The Netherlands

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Dear colleagues, dear Henry,

After discussions with various people across European countries, we have come to the conclusion that the time is ripe for organising a European Congress on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ECTH). The first Congress will be at the World Forum Conference Center in The Hague, 28-30 September 2016, hosted by the Netherlands Society for Thrombosis and Haemostasis. Our aim is to host the event every two years, each time with a different national society as the host (rotational). With the above-proposed plans in mind, this letter is intended to inform you about this initiative.

Conversations with senior individuals indicate that currently there are national, regional and global meetings in the field of thrombosis and haemostasis, but not in Europe, even though the greatest concentration of clinicians and scientists reside here. The ECTH initiative therefore aims to bridge this gap, by organising a meeting of the highest scientific level, providing the newest findings and insights to clinicians and scientists alike. This would be particularly relevant in the even-numbered years, where there are no international meetings of high level in this field, or if they are being hosted, they often require international travel posing challenges for European clinicians and scientists to attend. With this being said, a biennial meeting in Europe will provide an easy accessed platform for the largest contingent of experts in thrombosis and haemostasis.

In order not to further increase the number of meetings being held, the idea is for ECTH meetings to always be organised in collaboration with one of the national societies. This will mean that the national society will not only act as the host, but may also blend its own meeting with the congress.

The ECTH strives to be innovative and inclusive. Foremost, is excellent science with educational sessions and scientific exchange of ideas from invited speakers and submitted abstracts. These will follow new formats and presentation styles, with a focus on electronic techniques. A novelty will include sessions where pharmaceutical companies are invited to present their newest research.

The idea is to organise this meeting under the auspices of the major national (regional) societies in Europe, and for this would like to request your support, also to publicise the Congress in collaboration with your society.



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Further, we would like to extend an invitation to the chairman of your society, for him/her to occupy a seat on the Advisory Board of the Congress, which will have an important voice in developing the scientific programme for the event. We also intend to give members of participating societies a reduced registration fee, and in return, we request that you will assist us in informing your members of the meeting.

Please do let us know if you are willing to become a partner in this new initiative. Further information can be found at our website, at www.ecth2016.org.

Kind regards, on behalf of the ECTH Board,

Frits Rosendaal

Tilman Hackeng