The ISBT Young Professional’s Council (YPC) organized a number of activities at the 29th Regional Congress held in Basel. The aim of the young professional’s breakfast was to give youthful transfusion scientists and practitioners an opportunity to meet up with the experts in the field of transfusion. The 1-hour event brought together 42 transfusion researchers/scientists from 19 countries.

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Below are the feedback comments from attendees:

"I think the Young Investigator’s Breakfast is a great initiative to discuss young researcher’s work with experts, besides the speed-date session as the perfect networking initiative. Both sessions encourage young investigators to get connected and be involved in transfusion medicine research."*

"Thank you for the time you spent organizing the different events for the congress and throughout the year. It’s nice to feel that there is some space for YPC in ISBT."

"It was my first ISBT congress and I enjoyed the congress and the initiative to encourage the young professional investigators. I hope to have other opportunity to participate to the ISBT congress. Thank you!"

The YPC team looks forward to having an even more engaging meeting next year. We intend to give the young investigators more time to interact with the experts and have more in-depth discussions on career paths in transfusion science. We look forward to meeting more young transfusion scientists and practitioners at the ISBT European Congress in Barcelona next year.

Follow the Council’s hashtag #ISBTYoungBlood on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn for updates on the council activities. Your participation and engagement matters!

*AMMTAC is a Mexican Society of Transfusion Medicine that includes physicians, scientists, nurses, and allied health professionals dedicated to the activities of blood collection, transfusion, immunohematology, apheresis, and cellular therapy. The mission of the AMMTAC is to promote the training and continuous updating of personnel involved in Transfusion Medicine through high-level educational activities, consensus and discussion forums that allow the exchange of ideas, the scientific, technological and academic development of its members in order to raise transfusion safety in Mexico.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

In September 25 to 28, 2019, we celebrated our XVII National Congress in the city of Monterrey, Nuevo León, which is a city in the north of the country, where we carried out 8 workshops, 5 plenary sessions, 12 symposiums, 9 satellite symposiums, with various topics of transfusion medicine, apheresis medicine, cell therapy, immunohematology, infectious diseases, clinical transfusion, PRM, hemovigilance among other important topics, with national and international professors. We had a successful congress, the total attendance was 1,846, of whom almost 1,000 were delegates, 47 national professors, 4 foreign professors and the rest of the organizing committee, exhibitors, staff and companions.

We also launched an app, to integrate our website and social networks in a practical way for our users.