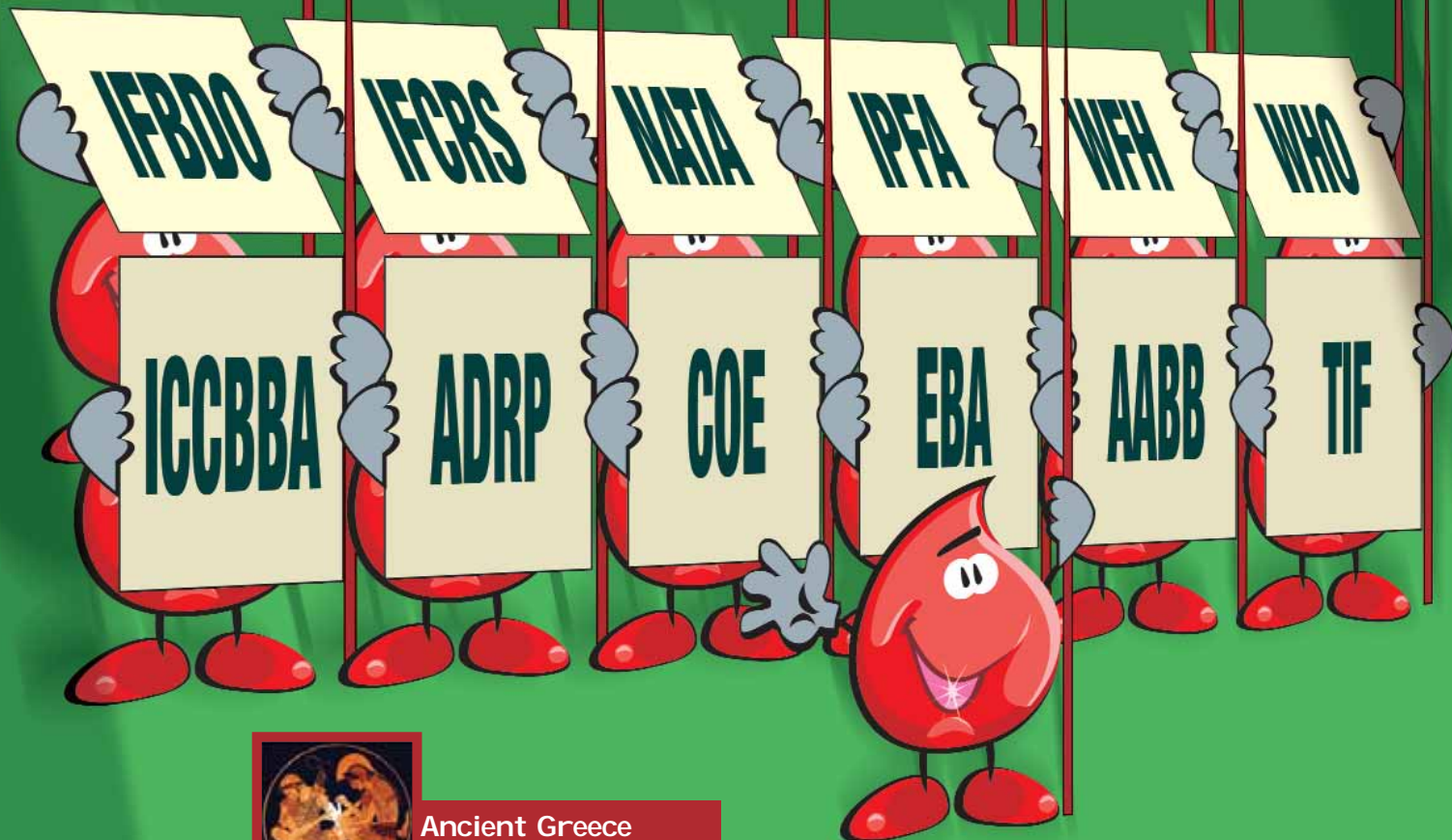




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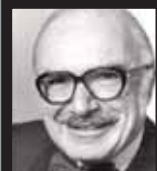


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Editorial

Promoting and learning from mutual action

This issue of Transfusion Today is focusing on ISBT's partners. Partnership can be defined as "a relationship between individuals or groups that is characterized by mutual cooperation and responsibility, as for the achievement of a specified goal".

It is true that we can no longer view reality from our own unique perspective, only a community of minds can lead us to progress. There is a strong need for increased networking and co-ordination in order to ensure mutual learning around effective strategies and methodologies as well as to maximising impact.

Promoting networking and the exchange of information through such partnerships give ISBT members the feeling of belonging to a larger community and of developing dialogue and information exchange.

At first, ISBT partnerships have been linked to donor organisations and health authorities (LRCS, WHO, FIODS, Council of Europe...); however further needs emerged like the relevance and effectiveness of organising mutual meetings like with the ISH, the AABB and today NATA... other working relationships have also recently been implemented.

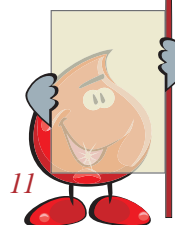
Partnership helps promoting and learning from action, promoting innovative cooperation activities and the assessment and diffusion of these experiences; *World Blood Donor Day* on June 14 is a relevant immediate example of the collaboration between WHO, IRCRCS, FIODS and ISBT.

Further developments will emerge from the cooperation with ISBT partners, which you'll discover in this TT issue.

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