

WPOP Appendix 7

The role of the Board Liaison



Glossary

ISBT CO – ISBT Central Office

ISBT BoD – ISBT Board of Directors

WP – Working Party

Background

The ISBT Board is seeking better engagement between the Working Parties and the Board of Directors and the Society. There are goals in the strategic plan which require action from Working Party chairpersons.

Board Liaison

This document outlines the role of the ISBT Board Liaison in relation to the Working Parties (WPs). The Board Liaison acts as a communication link between the WP and the ISBT Board of Directors (BoD). The Liaison is available to offer support, advice, and to ensure alignment with ISBT's broader goals. The following points explain what WPs can expect from their Board Liaison:

1. Pre-Board Meeting Contact

The Board Liaison will contact the WP Chair in the weeks leading up to each ISBT Board meeting to check if there are any questions, issues, or updates the WP would like to bring to the Board's attention. This is also a chance to review ongoing WP responsibilities related to ISBT—such as ensuring business meetings are held, elections take place as needed, and contributions are submitted to the Transfusion Today magazine and the ISBT resource library.

2. Annual Plan and Budget Discussions

Each year, the Liaison discusses the WP's annual plan and budget proposals with the WP Chair. This helps ensure that the Liaison can accurately represent the WP's needs and provide relevant context during BoD discussions. The Liaison may also keep notes of these interactions and update the Executive Director on relevant matters.

3. Participation in WP Meetings

The Board Liaison attends in-person WP business meetings during the International and European Congresses (held typically in June). Online WP meetings are attended as needed, depending on the WP's current activities. For newly appointed WP Chairs, individual induction meetings are arranged by the ISBT Central Office; including the Board Liaison in these introductions helps establish effective communication from the start.

Board liaison list

The table below shows the list of BoD member links to the WP's 2024-2026.

Working Party	WP Chairperson	2024-2026
Basic Transfusion Biology	Karina Yazdanbakhsh / Rick Kapur	Lin Fung
Big Data	Christian Erikstrup / Angelo D'Alessandro	Mike Busch
Blood Components	Denese Marks	Maha Badawi
Blood Supply Management	Rada Grubovic Rastvorceva	Pierre Tiberghien
Cellular Therapies	Reinhard Henschler	Mickey Koh
Clinical Transfusion	Richard Gammon	Katerina Pavenski
Donors & Donation	Rachel Thorpe	Christian Erikstrup
Global Blood Safety	Jay Epstein	Cynthia So-Osman
Platelet & Granulocyte Immunobiology	Maria Therese Ahlen, Petter Höglund	Nelson Tsuno
Immunohaematology	Nicole Thornton	Jill Storry
Information Technology	Karen Moniz	Marion Vermeulen
Haemovigilance	Gopal Patinder	Satyam Arora
Quality Management	Nigar Ertugrul Oruc	Martin Smid
Rare Blood Donors	Vered Yahalom	Gwen Clarke
Red Cell Immunogenetics	Catherine Hyland / Christoph Gassner	Yanli Ji
TTID	Brian Custer	Jose Levi