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Judith Chapman

Editorial

The 21st regional congress of the ISBT held in Lisbon in June was a great success, the atmosphere was genuinely warm and welcoming and the sun shone. Around the congress centre I heard delegates engaging in discussion on topical issues from our field. The ISBT stand was busy with delegates wanting to join the Society or current members asking questions. We are looking forward to the 22nd regional congress in Taipei in November; there is further information on this congress in this issue.

Part of the new strategy of ISBT will be to ensure that we engage with new forms of communication and make the best use of current forms. To this end we have employed a communications co-ordinator and are pleased to welcome Monique van Dorp as a new staff member in the Central Office. This issue contains an article on the launch of the new membership database, we would like you as members of the Society to help us by uploading additional information into the database.

The ISBT Academy is growing and developing under the leadership of the ISBT Vice President Anne Husebekk. National Blood Transfusion Societies and organisations are encouraged to apply for an activity to be run under the auspices of the ISBT Academy. Read more about the Academy in the focus section.



Anne Husebekk
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ISBT Supporting Transfusion Medicine Education ACADEMY

Worldwide education in transfusion medicine is one of the main goals of ISBT. In order to strengthen the leadership and the efforts of the Academy, the two vice presidents of ISBT are appointed to head the Academy with the senior vice-president as the chair and the junior vice-president as the co-chair.

In addition, the Standing Committee of Education is discontinued and a new Standing Committee of the Academy was formally established during the 21th Regional Congress of ISBT in Lisbon. The committee is presented in this issue of Transfusion Today.

The goals of the Academy

- Hosting workshops or educational activities in association with a national and international symposium or congress
- Supporting educational activities in association with a national and international symposium or congress
- Supporting educational activities by use of the ISBT logo (+/- funding)
- Facilitating core curriculum courses in TM
- Other educational activities in accordance with the ISBT strategic plan

The board is eagerly supporting these goals and money is dedicated to Academy events in the ISBT budget.

What has the Academy achieved so far?

The Academy day is well established in regional and international ISBT congresses. The Standing committee will be more involved in the program of the academy days in the future. Seven regional or national events have been supported within the last year and reports of four of these events are presented in this issue of Transfusion Today. An outline of core curriculum courses in transfusion medicine has also been made

Future plans

The Academy events of ISBT must be regarded as educational activities based on the work in the Working Parties which represent the core activities in transfusion medicine. The standing committee will facilitate organisation and presentation of educational material that is already present in the transfusion community. The ISBT website will be a node for communication to the ISBT members and for publication of educational material. The application form for ISBT support for events will be placed on the website and forms used for evaluation and reports from events as well as the reports themselves. The standing committee wants to use modern electronic technologies where it is appropriate and suitable to reach the membership.

Hopefully, strengthening of the Academy will increase the availability of educational material in transfusion medicine, the knowledge in the membership and thereby the quality of transfusion medicine world wide.

An application form for applying for an Academy event and the procedure to be followed are available on the website.



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Standing Committee of the ISBT Academy



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NORWAY, CHAIR

Anne is Professor in immunology in the northernmost university in the World; the University of Tromsø, Norway. She is senior consultant in transfusion medicine at the University Hospital, North Norway, and vice dean of the faculty of health sciences. Platelet immunology in particular

related to fetal/neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia is her main interest of research. Anne is engaged in the development of transfusion medicine in developing countries, at present teaching immunology and transfusion medicine in a master study in public health in Battambang in Cambodia.

Anne is vice president of ISBT, appointed head of the ISB Academy and chair of the Standing committee of the Academy.



Roger Dodd
USA, VICE CHAIR

Roger is currently Vice President, Research and Development for the American Red Cross, and Director of the Holland Laboratory and is responsible for the Red Cross research programs supporting its blood program. He has more than 175 publications and has

edited three books on transfusion transmitted infections. He has been an Advisor to WHO and he serves on the Editorial Boards of Transfusion, Transfusion Medicine, and Transfusion Medicine Reviews and is a Past President of the American Association of Blood Banks. He currently serves on the Board of ISBT as a Vice President. He has received the Morten Grove-Rasmussen and Emily Cooley Memorial Awards from the AABB, a Tiffany Award from the American Red Cross, and the John Snow award from the American Public Health Association. Roger is vice president of ISBT.



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Beryl Armstrong
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Beryl Armstrong is the Communications Director for the Africa Society for Blood Transfusion (AfSBT). She has three major areas of work responsibilities. As editor AfSBT journal, Africa Sanguine published twice a year which includes features on Education and Quality. As project leader

AfSBT Step-Wise Accreditation, which is a programme being developed for blood services and facilities in Africa. Beryl is also accountable for Education at AfSBT. With the help of partners, educational materials are being distributed to African countries according to identified need. A skills database is being compiled and, with sufficient funding, the aim is to use identified trainers to conduct capacity-building courses.



Peter van den Burg
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Peter van den Burg is a consultant in transfusion medicine for Sanquin blood supply in Amsterdam. The educational aspects of transfusion medicine are his special interest with the challenge to find international means to promote

and develop education and training. The field covers the care for patients and the care for donors and should, in his opinion, justify attention to donor medicine as a new field. With respect to education Peter is involved in various (inter)national working parties and organisation such as the ISBT Academy, EBA working party on education and the Dutch association of Donor Medicine.



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Coordinating Council of Blood Services of CIS Member States and ISBT Regional Director, Eastern Europe. In Russia Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine is separate medical specialty named "Transfusiologia". Pirogov Center has own Institute of Doctors Postgraduate Education which train transfusionists. The Pirogov Center conducts two international workshops for advanced level professionals in broad Transfusion Medicine.



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Reports from Meetings Supported by the ISBT Academy

May–July 2011

2nd International Congress on Transfusion Medicine – Plasma Industry, Tehran, Iran

May 10–11, 2011

Paul Strengers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands



The 2nd International Congress on Transfusion Medicine was successfully held in Tehran, Iran from 10–11 May 2011 focusing on the theme of Plasma Industry. Hosted by the Iranian Blood Transfusion Organization (IBTO), the congress welcomed more than 400 participants from 15 different countries i.a. Iran, Syria, Pakistan, Iraq, Turkey, Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Jordan, Egypt, and Malaysia.

With the contribution of speakers from international organizations such as ISBT, WHO, International Plasma Fractionation Association (IPFA), and Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association (PPTA), participants deliberated on various aspects of the supply of plasma and the need for plasma derived medicines.

The congress provided an interactive forum for scientists, experts, policy makers and industry leaders to discuss about the main topics on plasma namely: Availability and safety of plasma for fractionation; Technical aspects of plasma fractionation; Types, indications and quality of plasma products; and Costs, quality and collaboration in plasma fractionation. The congress formulated in two types of sessions: keynote speeches and panel discussions which resulted in 20 presentations. The moderators of the panel briefly summed up the deliberations as follows:

1) Role of International Organizations

International organizations such as WHO should play a more active role in developing countries for improving blood safety and quality in general and specifically improving quality of plasma produced in these countries to the level of fractionation quality. This could happen through regional and international cooperation. Similar educative efforts are needed for the prescribers and patient communities. Fractionators associations such as PPTA and IPFA and regulatory authorities such as Paul Ehrlich Institute (PEI) should contribute more efficiently in training activities and educational workshops on the theoretical and practical aspects on the requirements regarding plasma for fractionation especially by holding these workshops in developing countries.

2) Supply of plasma

Fractionation of plasma produced in such blood establishments could play a substantial role in improving availability and affordability of plasma derived medicines. Establishment of well regulated plasma-pheresis centers in countries will greatly contribute in providing sufficient plasma for furnishing national markets. This is especially important when the supply of recovered plasma cannot be increased without wasting red cells.

3) Clinical use

Evidenced based medicine is an effective tool for improving accessibility and rational use of plasmas derived medicines. Management of patients in need of such life saving medicines based on EBM will not only significantly improve treatment outcomes in these patients but also contribute in



cost containment strategies attributed to use of these medicines.

4) Blood Safety & Quality Management

Patients have recently expressed their view that they consider not sufficient supply as a safety risk. Pathways for reimbursement have to be developed taking into account the special features of rare plasma protein deficiencies. Quality management is the key to success. Quality oversight and strong commitment of the leadership of the blood institute are the primary condition to the provision of qualified plasma for fractionation which is the source to high quality plasma derived medicinal products. Improving quality assurance systems of national blood establishments will greatly contribute to safety of blood and blood products. However cost effectiveness of such activities should always be considered.

5) Risk Management Plans

Risk management plans should include not only appropriate donor selection, testing and viral inactivation but also epidemiology. Scientists are requested to analyze the prevalence and incidence of TTI and emerging TTI, and also advise regarding scenario's of implementation of different techniques based on evidence, compliance, costs and common sense.

6) Documentation

Documentation such as the Plasma Master File or equivalent documentation is needed to describe all aspects on quality, safety and risk estimates of plasma. The documentation needs to be updated annually. Efforts to harmonize regulation requirements should be applied to assist countries in accessing contract fractionation.

Final remarks

At final, IBTO took as an example for many on what can be achieved with vision, commitment and input of all employees in every single aspect of the blood chain. The participants expressed their willingness toward holding the 3rd International Congress on Transfusion Medicine. The presentations of the 2nd International Congress can be found on the IBTO website.

XIII International Annual Symposium, Hospital Sírio Libanês, São Paulo, Brazil

May 19–21, 2011

Silvano Wendel, São Paulo, Brazil

The ISBT Academy was present in Sao Paulo, Brazil in May during the XIII International Annual Symposium, organized by Hospital Sírio Libanês, and coordinated by Silvano Wendel and Rita Fontão Wendel. This year the covered topic was Immunohematology.

There were a total of total of 234 attendees from 11 different Brazilian States, plus 22 speakers, 5 of them international (picture enclosed): JoAnn Moulds (USA), Geoff Daniels (UK), Gregory Denomme (USA), Sentot Sentoso (Germany), and John Moulds (USA, who due his medical condition was very kind to record his lecture and deliver it electronically). In addition, there were approximately 50 exhibitors and staff members, totaling nearly 300 people.

The main topics covered were: Overview and updates of RBC, platelet, and granulocyte group antigens; Molecular Basis of Blood Group Expression; Challenges in RBC serology; Serology and Molecular Tests; Perinatal Diseases; Antibodies and Transfusion Reactions; Discrepancies in Blood Donor Typing; and an Overview on "HTLAs". All these subjects were also discussed with practical cases brought to the audience via interactive devices, allowing all attendees to put in practice the concepts discussed by the speakers.

One of the most rewarding issue from this meeting was that nearly 75% of attendees are \leq 40 years, which is one of the main purpose of the ISBT Academy: to provide educational support to young professionals from several levels. From the audience, apart from physicians and nurses (13%), there were a considerable amount of pharmacists, medical technologist, biologists (70%) and students (9%).

As part of the strategic ISBT plan to strengthen education aspects and promote global inclusiveness, the support of ISBT Academy is of utmost importance in many countries of the world.





Thalassaemia International Federation Conference, Antalya, Turkey 2011

Faten Mofteh, Cairo, Egypt

The international conference of TIF which took place in Antalya this year included a satellite symposium on blood transfusion and its contribution to the welfare of thalassaemia patients. The session was co-sponsored by ISBT, the Iranian Blood Transfusion Organization and the Blood Banking and Transfusion Society of Turkey and the Turkish Blood Foundation. Faten Mofteh and Salwa Hindawi represented ISBT and spoke on blood safety, and haemovigilance respectively.

Faten's presentation focused on the relevance of blood safety to safe treatment of thalassaemia Patients.

The presentation went through the following topics:

- Basics of blood safety
- Tools to achieve blood safety
- Sustaining blood safety
- Impact of safe blood on thalassaemia prognosis

As an introduction to the presentation the following points were illustrated:

- ISBT & WHO recommendations related to the topic
- Success stories
- Modern transfusion medicine in relation to modern surgery and medicine
- Alternatives to blood, and blood as a pharmaceutical biological
- Global problems and needs of blood
- Recent developments in blood transfusion

The basics of safe blood should include competent blood organization, national donor program, testing of all units for viral and red cell serology, comprehensive quality system, and rational appropriate use of the available blood components resources.

All countries must establish an independent efficient blood regulatory authority. This body will ensure through audits, licensing, plans, standards, and follow up the ultimate safety and adequacy of blood needed for all patients including thalassaemia.

Blood programs directors need to provide thalassaemia patients with adequate red cell supply. They should as well introduce the NAT testing, extended red cell phenol typing, and leukodepletion for these lifetime therapy. Vaccination and chelation must be considered in these programs.

It is mandatory that authorities look into the formal education and training of all categories working in blood services. Availability of career prospects by under and post graduate degrees for medical and paramedical staff is directly related to the level of staff performance. Continuous education and competency exams contribute in the sustainability of the desired professional standard.

The recommendations included the commitment of countries to follow clear blood plans. It advocated to establishing regulators, formal training and development of human resources. Elaborating on national standards and guidelines with the advice on twinning with successful country models was highlighted.

Salwa Hindawi spoke on the development of haemovigilance in the Eastern Mediterranean region, Salwa has written about the developments in the December 2010 edition of Transfusion Today.

Other topics covered in the symposium included donor recruitment and blood inventory in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, advances in the treatment of thalassaemia in the last 20 years from the blood transfusion perspective.

Although the number of delegates attending the session was small it was very much appreciated.

This symposium was financially supported by the ISBT Academy.



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7th IABS Symposium on Advances in Transfusion Safety, Singapore

July 15-17, 2011

Garnet Suck and Diana Teo, Blood Services Group, Health Sciences Authority, Singapore

The 7th International Alliance for Biological Standardization (IABS) Symposium on Advances in Transfusion Safety was held in Singapore from 15th July to 17th July 2011. This symposium was organized by the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) Blood Services Group in partnership with the Asia Pacific Blood Network (APBN) and the Singapore Agency for Science, Technology and Research. It was supported by the ISBT and the Singapore Red Cross, with participation from the International Plasma Fractionation Association, the Network for Advancement of Transfusion Alternatives, and the International Society for Cellular Therapy, as well as support from the industry. The IABS Symposia on Advances in Transfusion Safety is a series of biennial symposia dedicated to safety issues relevant to transfusion medicine from the perspective of both developed and developing countries.

The event was an excellent opportunity for transfusion specialists, clinicians, scientists, regulators, nurses, health service professionals, and industries to broaden their understanding of the different areas concerning transfusion safety and exchange their experiences. Thirty-one distinguished local and international speakers presented on a broad range of critical transfusion safety topics which ranged from cutting-edge technologies such as cellular therapies, pathogen reduction and RFID, to day-to-day issues of equal importance such as donor recruitment, component processing and transfusion practices. The two Clinical Transfusion sessions, which were kindly supported by ISBT, was well attended by many clinicians in hospital practice in Singapore.

A total of 326 participants attended the three day meeting, coming from 30 countries across the globe. In addition to the talks given by the speakers, both participants and speakers engaged in lively in-depth discussions of the various topics during the panel discussion, adding extra dimensions and views to the issues and sparking new ideas for future thought and investigation. The programme was expertly managed with the help of skilled moderators who also ensured that heated discussions were completed just in time for everyone to enjoy the wide spread of refreshments between sessions. Tea and lunch breaks also provided excellent opportunity for further networking and catching up with old friends.

In addition to the main symposium, a series of accompanying events helped to make the meeting a full and worthwhile experience. In guided pre-event tours, symposium participants had the opportunity to visit the blood centre at HSA, which collects, processes, tests and distributes the blood supply for Singapore.

This was followed by tours to the biomedical research facilities at the Biopolis international research and development hub, including the Genome Institute of Singapore and Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology. The HSA organized a special half day symposium as part of its HSA Academy series on the 14th July, which focused on "Scientific Advances and Regulation in Blood and Cellular Therapy". A post-symposium trainee session was also conducted for medical trainees by Dr Dafydd Thomas and Dr Erica Wood, which focused on clinical aspects of transfusion medicine practice.

The conference dinner proved a most memorable experience for all. The warm and sunny weather in Singapore was beautifully reflected in the beach party held at the Rasa Sentosa Resort overlooking the South China Sea. Everyone was encouraged to come in beach party attire, kick off their shoes and enjoy the sand between their toes. Our overseas guests were introduced to the different cultural costumes and songs of Singapore by a cheerful team from the blood service, as well as entertained by a gifted duo of singer and pianist who had joined us (voluntary non-remunerated performers) for the occasion. The culinary highlights of Singapore were enjoyed in the relaxed and scenic beach setting which allowed everyone to relax, unwind and let their hair down. The highlight of the party must have been the "Happy Feet" competition, which allowed many of our distinguished colleagues to show off their skills outside of transfusion medicine, and dazzling the audience with their nattily dressed feet and impressive moves. The sight of such slick footwork just motivated everybody else to end the night dancing to the likes of Thriller, Kung Fu Panda and YMCA!

After three days of intense scientific discussion and sharing of knowledge, not to mention the networking (and of course the partying), it was sad to see our friends both old and new depart for home. But we were very happy for the success of the symposium, and very satisfied with the very strong scientific content and information that has been achieved and which will be published in the journal Biologicals. Events such as these are valuable in building the knowledge amongst all who are involved in improving transfusion safety, and sharing of experiences allows new ideas and collaborations to form to benefit our patients.



Transfusion Seminar, Pirogov Center, Moscow, Russia

May 18-20, 2011

Eugene Zhiburt, Moscow, Russia

The Russian National Medical Surgical Center was named in honor of the famous surgeon Nicolay Pirogov (1810 – 1881). Nicolay Pirogov was named in honor of St. Nicholas. The Russian Orthodox Church has two days of St. Nicholas: in May and in December.

On the eve of these holidays, we held two scientific sessions including workshops on transfusion medicine to discuss new developments and advances, technologies and documents.

Four years ago the Russian Federal Service on Surveillance in Healthcare registered medical technology for plasma virus inactivation with methylene blue. After four years evaluation due to absence of adverse events and good clinical results in May 2011 the Federal Service has given the permission for permanent use of the technology.

Interesting news is that Russia became the second (after South Africa) country in the world where haemoglobin-based oxygen carrier Hemopure is registered for clinical use. During the seminar Dr Colin MacKenzie from Baltimore, gave a very interesting presentation on the USA experience of using Hemapure, an artificial oxygenator.

The seminar was supported by ISBT and we had speakers from five countries: Belarus, France, Russia, USA and UK.

The most questions were after the lecture "Application of Quality System Principles" given by Alan Slopecki, Head of Quality Assurance, NHS Blood and Transplant (England). The special position of quality manager only emerges in post-USSR countries. Alan Slopecki generously shared the experience to separate two key roles: The Operations and Quality Managers.

The Operations Manager works to specification and identifies errors.

The Quality Manager:

- Ensures processes are validated and followed;
- Audits to confirm their effectiveness;
- Ensures that adverse events are learnt from;
- Can stop unsafe procedures and initiate a recall;
- Agree concessions with Clinical colleagues to release valuable components which don't meet specification.

Quality management:

- Keeps an overview of the performance of the system and suppliers through real time analysis of data and audit;
- Ensures that validation of procedures and supplies is completed before they are placed into use;
- Insists on realistic timescales for effective corrective and preventative action which address the root cause of human error;
- Act as the bridge between the organisation and regulators during inspections, good way of benchmarking your performance;
- Ensures the QMS is effective.

All colleagues are kindly invited to join blood transfusion workshop in Moscow in December (14-16) 2011 and in May 2012. Our winter workshop will be probably be devoted to blood service and transfusion medicine in emergencies.

Membership Database Online

Part of the strategic development of ISBT over the next three years includes improving the ISBT website. One of the goals is to involve more ISBT members online and to make the website the main portal for communication. Therefore ISBT has renewed its membership database.

Your personal information – Edit profile

To ensure that the information on the membership area of the website is correct, you are asked to update your membership profile, if necessary. You can do this via membership only page and click on **“Edit Profile”**.

We need you to check all areas of your profile, particularly your mailing address, email address, specialty and position.

We use your work address as the main address for all correspondence. However you can also add your private address and indicate that you would like to receive the correspondence there.

You can also add a variety of information to your profile including Twitter and LinkedIn accounts and upload your c.v.

When you update your profile you have a number of benefits:

- You can stay in touch with the other ISBT members and learn more about the Transfusion Medicine field via LinkedIn and Twitter;
- If you have uploaded your c.v., ISBT can approach you for speaking at meetings and/or workshops as appropriate.
- Easy access to information from Working Parties on the membership part;
- Being the first to know about new and interesting events and congresses organized in the field.

All together, updating your profile will provide you great benefits and it will only cost a minute of your time.

Search colleague members

You can search the membership database to find other colleagues among the members. You can search on first name or family name, country or specialty. If only the members private address is known, only the e-mail address will be shown. If the member’s institute address is registered then the complete address details of this institute will be shown.

We are looking forward to your updated profile!

The ISBT Central Office



Silvano Wendel

“See you soon in Taipei!”

I will start this column with a Portuguese phrase: “Obrigado meu querido Portugal” (“Thanks my dear Portugal”). The congress in Lisbon was a remarkable success, thanks to all of us, but above all due to the hard work of the team led by Helena Gonçalves (including the Scientific Committee), with full support by the Central Office, MCI/EuroCongress, and all attendees. There were more than 3100 attendees from 100 countries. To my understanding, the regional Congresses in Europe cannot be envisaged as regional anymore; on the contrary, there is evidence that ISBT now has a new mini International Congress based in Europe, in addition to the current International Congress organized every other year (the next one to be held in Cancun, Mexico in 2012). The scientific level was excellent; I heard only compliments in the corridors. The programme was very comprehensive, allowing opportunities to please all attendees in several aspects of Blood Transfusion. The atmosphere was very friendly and cozy and people could enjoy the beautiful country. The weather, as expected was superb. In addition, unlike most of the previous regional ISBT congresses, nearly all ISBT Working Parties organized a meeting there, a clear signal of the continuous strength and interest manifested by Working Party members. I also had the privilege to meet people from over the world however; there were 3 occasions that honored me a lot. To provide the Harold Gunson award to young recipients (the ISBT “blood” for the future), the meeting with a big Russian delegation (thanks to Eugene Zhiburt), and the meeting with the National Societies representatives (started in Berlin by Erhard Seifried), which is one of our mechanisms to promote additional global partnerships and inclusiveness.

In Portugal, the Board also met and worked during two consecutive days in Estoril, elaborating the new ISBT strategic plan for the next 5 years. In addition to the current policy to increase the Central Office permanent staff members, it was also defined that our future activities shall strengthen even more the Working Party network and activities, broaden the international membership base, promote more clinically oriented

actions, and extend the scope and range of the ISBT Academy on a global scale. In this respect, the recent meeting in Singapore (July), where ISBT sponsored a joint session with NATA during the VIIIth IABS meeting was a success, in alignment with our new strategic plan. We expect to have more sessions like that in Cancun.

In addition, the ISBT Academy is thriving. It is expected to have supported more than 14 different activities in the current fiscal year, a good signal of ISBT success.

ISBT has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Shanghai Blood Center by contributing to develop its already famous Education Course for Leadership of Blood Services (ECLBS). ISBT will join AABB and the Chinese Society of Blood Transfusion (CSBT), which were already partners with the Shanghai Blood Centre in this activity. A good, initial step to strength our bonds with China.

Our next congress (regional) will be in Taipei, in November. More than 440 abstracts were submitted. I am confident that ISBT will excel its activities in this important part of the world, which bears more than half of the global population; a region that deserves our full attention and priority.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the people of South Korea, which was chosen to host the International Congress in Seoul, in 2014. A great, albeit rewarding challenge.

See you soon in Taipei.

Silvano Wendel
ISBT President

In Memoriam

John Moulds

It is with great sadness that we heard that our good friend, colleague and ISBT member John Moulds passed away on June 13, 2011.

John Moulds was active in the field of blood groups for many years. He was the initiator of the Serum, Cell and Rare Fluids Exchange, SCARF programme. The SCARF exchange scheme still exists as a web-based facility. John joined Gamma Biologicals in 1975 as director of consultation and education, where he became very involved in the production of monoclonal antibodies.

He was involved in research into blood groups, having identified several new blood group antigens and, in collaboration

with Wolfgang Dahr, on the biochemistry of glycophorins.

He was a member of the ISBT Working Party on Terminology for Red Cell Surface Antigens, now the Working Party on Red Cell Immunogenetics and Blood Group Terminology, since its inception in 1980 until very recently, always coming forward with new suggestions on the classification of red cell surface antigens. He was chair of the Working Party from 1990-1994.

John will be remembered as one of the main leaders in immunohematology, who contributed to the development of blood group serology, and helped many professionals all over the world for more than two decades.



Welcome to our new members

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Africa

- **KENYA:** Margaret Oduor
- **SOUTH AFRICA:** Glynis Bowie

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- **ARGENTINA:** Claudia Fabiana Bastos
- **BRAZIL:** Marcelo Addas-Carvalho, Renato Amaral, Fabiana Conti, Laercio De Melo, Ricardo Feitosa Maria de Fátima Fernandes, Marcia Otta, Jordao Pellegrino Junior, Claudio Pessoa de Melo
- **CANADA:** Heather Hume Sandra Ramirez-Arcos
- **MEXICO:** Ruth Bonilla, Miriam Villanueva Mendez
- **USA:** Michael Bavonese, Guy Cogan, Caroline Corner, Timothy Costello, Mark Eaton, Marc Feiglin, Odilo Mueller, John Niemiec, Ilke Panzer, Richard Siderits, Jonathan Waters

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- **IRAN:** Abdol Majid Cheraghali, Mostafa Moghaddam
- **KUWAIT:** Ghadeer Alkandari
- **QATAR:** Aysha Al-Malki
- **SAUDI ARABIA:** Faisal Alseraye, Adel Ashi, Adil Monshi

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- **BELGIUM:** Piet Waterkeyn
- **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:** Slavica Mott-Divkovic

- **BULGARIA:** Rumen Popov
- **DENMARK:** Eva Haastrup
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- **GERMANY:** Dina Hammad-Zulfoghari
- **IRELAND:** Nessan Rickard
- **ISRAEL:** Veronica Gendelman, Aharon Weinstein
- **ITALY:** Rino Biguzzi, Luigi Dell Orso, Carla Giordano, Marco Lai, Maria Mottola
- **KAZAKHSTAN:** Sundet Rahimberdiev
- **NETHERLANDS:** Harry Van Drimmelen
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South East Asia

- **INDIA:** Ashish Jain

Western Pacific

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- **JAPAN:** Tatsuya Fukuda, Takahiro Kanno, Shinichi Kora, Takayuki Onodera
- **KOREA:** Chae Seung Lim
- **MALAYSIA:** Abdul Hamid Bon
- **SINGAPORE:** Marieta Chan, Sally Lam



Geoff Daniels

Just a few weeks ago I was sitting outside a café on a warm Lisbon afternoon reflecting on a very successful ISBT regional congress. It really was a very good conference, with a scientific programme of quality, housed in a comfortable conference centre by the River Tejo and under the shadow of the massive Ponte 25 de Abril (25th April Bridge). The social events were spot-on, with a brand of Portuguese music, Fado, played by high-quality musicians in the opening and closing ceremonies, a revelation to many of the international delegates and guests. Congratulations and thanks to Helena Gonçalves, the Congress President, and her local team and to Judith Chapman and her team at the ISBT Office for another great congress.

At the General Assembly in Lisbon I announced that Wolfgang Mayr will be retiring as Editor-in-Chief of Vox Sanguinis, the journal of the ISBT. Wolfgang has been Editor-in-Chief for the last eight years and was also a member of the editorial team for many years before that. On behalf of the ISBT I wish to express my gratitude to Wolfgang for his massive contribution to the current success of Vox Sanguinis. Wolfgang will be replaced as Editor-in-Chief by Dana Devine from Vancouver, who is Vice President for Medical, Scientific, and Research Affairs of the Canadian Blood Services.

Dana takes over at a good time for Vox Sanguinis. The impact factor of the journal has increased again this year to 3.29. The impact factor reflects the average number of citations to articles published in the journal. For 2010, it is the number of times articles published in 2008 and 2009 were cited by indexed journals during 2010 divided by the total number of "citable items" published by that journal in 2008 and 2009. As a measure of quality of a journal impact factor is flawed, yet it is often considered to represent the relative importance of the journal within the field. The Vox Sanguinis impact factor is now roughly on a par with Transfusion, ranking Vox at 22nd out of 65 journals in the haematology category.

The ISBT Award is granted by the Society to a person who has contributed in an outstanding way to education of transfusion medicine or science. The awardee is selected by the Executive Committee of ISBT. Two ISBT Awards were presented at the General Assembly: to Bill Wagstaff from the UK, and ex-President of the Society, and to John Moulds from the USA. It is very sad that the award to John Moulds had to be made posthumously, as John died following a long illness just a week before the congress. I first met John at the ISBT Congress in Montreal in 1980. Like me, John was basically a blood grouper and his key scientific interests always revolved around red cell antigens. I was John's understudy as Chair of the ISBT blood group terminology working party, before taking over from him in 1994. When we visited a museum in Taipei together in 1999, we caused great amusement among local schoolchildren because of our height and our beards. John received the ISBT Award primarily for his research and publications on blood groups and for establishing and running the SCARF (Serum, Cell and Rare Fluids) exchange scheme, which distributes blood samples with rare or unusual blood group phenotypes to reference labs around the world. John was a warm and sociable man who will be missed very much in the blood transfusion community.

With one conference over, there are plenty more ISBT Congresses to look forward to. In November, just a few months away, we will have the second regional congress of the year, in Taipei, Taiwan. The programme for this congress is now complete, and a very exciting programme it is. Next year the International Congress will be in Cancún, Mexico, and then the regional congresses in 2013 will be in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Finally, during the Lisbon meeting the Board of Directors of the ISBT awarded the 2014 international congress to Seoul, South Korea. Congratulations Seoul.

Geoff Daniels
Secretary-General



Monique van Dorp

ISBT Appoints Communications Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Monique van Dorp and I am 29 years old. Starting in August, I'm the new Communications Coordinator at ISBT.

I was born and raised in The Netherlands, but come from a mixed background. Because of this, I always felt the need to explore new countries and learn about different cultures.

A few years ago I found the perfect study called Media and Communications, where I had the possibility to learn and travel abroad. In this time I participated in two exchange

programmes, in Spain and China respectively, learning about various aspects of the media and communications landscape and experiencing new cultures and languages. After finishing my studies, my aim was to find a job within a non-profit organisation where I could implement the knowledge that I have gained over the past couple of years and use my passion for social media.

I am very pleased with this opportunity at ISBT and look forward to an exciting time working with ISBT to develop its communications media.



Left Russian delegation in Lisbon; Top Right Presidents of National Transfusion Blood Societies; Bottom Right Opening Ceremony

Reflections on the 21st Regional Congress of the ISBT, Lisbon

An increasing number of patients in the world receive treatments based on biological substances donated by others, including blood, which was the first tissue transplant ever performed, hematopoietic tissue with its peculiarities and special characteristics, cells and whole human organs.

The donation of blood and plasma provides the source materials for a wide range of essential often life-saving therapeutic substances and their universal use in medicine requires that the highest possible level of safety is ensured.

Nowadays transfusion medicine stands at the crossroads of high science, ethics and medical practice, the whole in a context of confirmed humanism.

When organizing the 21st Regional Congress of the ISBT, Lisbon 2011, our goal was to provide an unparalleled opportunity for professional growth, networking and information exchange, as a forum to expand horizons in transfusion medicine.

- I believe that the XXI Regional Congress of the ISBT, Lisbon 2011 was important because it:
- allowed the emergence of a medical and scientific update in matters of blood transfusion;
 - coordinated the activities of the professionals in the world;
 - improved practices and decision making;
 - developed programmes to promote interactive exchanges of information between all the participants;
 - was a place where every country could compare itself to the others, in order to evolve and develop its activities with respect for law of each one and consideration of all the essential safety measures;
 - was an opportunity for every country to gather efforts to ensure that requirements are in place to protect both, the donors and recipients of blood and blood products.

I also believe that the scientific program had new topics and something for everyone. The international and local scientific committee tried to build a dynamic forward-looking program, featuring subjects that were the cutting-edge for the future development and growth of our field.

On the other hand, the XXI Regional Congress of the ISBT, Lisbon 2011 maintained a balance between the dichotomy of the social events and the scientific program.

As the President of the ISBT wrote about Portugal, "distant countries share the same language and cultural aspects. Now it is time to all Europe and other countries of the world to explore Portugal, during the next ISBT Regional Congress in Lisbon, June 2011."

Mainly it was proved that transfusion medicine knows no frontiers and can be performed the same way in every country.

"Thank you very much for everything.
It was a fantastic meeting!"

"I would just like to say that I thought the congress was extremely well organized and the move between talks and trade was also smooth and seamless. Well done on a great congress."

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22nd Regional Congress of the ISBT, Asia, Taipei, Taiwan Science at the Top Level

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November 19-23, 2011

Saturday November 18 Chinese speaking programme

Sunday November 19 ISBT Academy day sessions on Clinical/ Immunohaematology and Quality management. If you would like to learn about or have a refresher on these topics the Academy day is for you! Simultaneous translation English/Mandarin.

Monday November 21 – Wednesday November 23

Scientific Programme. For detailed information on the Scientific Programme you can visit the website: www.isbtweb.org/taipei

Exhibition

Forty-four companies are participating in the exhibition which will be open every day from the Welcome reception on Sunday evening until the close on Wednesday lunchtime.

Social Programme

Opening ceremony and welcome reception
Closing congress party

Scientific Programme

Monday November 21	Tuesday November 22	Wednesday November 23
Parallel sessions	Parallel sessions	Parallel sessions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miltenburger • TTID • Blood donor recruitment • Platelets in the making • Risk reduction and haemovigilance • TTID • Managing major disasters • HLA and personal identification • Immunohaematology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blood products • Blood donation in the Asia Pacific • Introduction to granulocytes in TM • Stem cells • Blood components • Blood donors and donor haemoglobin • Adverse effects of transfusion • Pathogen reduction • Blood groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical management of Thalassemia • Implementing blood services in developing countries
Plenary session	Plenary session	Plenary session
Cellular therapies	Blood group genetics	TTID

All ISBT members are invited to propose candidates for the

ISBT Presidential Award

to be granted in 2012 at the 32nd International Congress of the ISBT in Cancun, Mexico. The Foundation Transfusion Medicine grants this Award to a senior person who has made eminent contributions to transfusion medicine or a related field through original basic or applied research, the practice of transfusion therapy or through significant educational and/or service contribution to the field. A short curriculum vitae of the proposed candidate and a description of his/her contribution in transfusion medicine, accompanied with three signatures of ISBT members, who support the nomination, should be sent

to the Secretary-General of the Foundation. The deadline for proposing candidates is October 15th, 2011. The Nomination Committee (consisting of the ISBT President, the ISBT President-Elect, the President of the ISBT Congress 2010, the Chairman and a member of the Foundation Transfusion Medicine) will decide which candidate will be nominated. *H.W. Reesink, M.D., PhD., Secretary-General, Foundation Transfusion Medicine, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.*

Email internationalforum@kpnplanet.nl

World Blood Donor Day 2011 Global Launch in Argentina

A Deep Social and Cultural Transformation that Requires a Commitment from Everybody

On June 14th Argentina was host of the World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) becoming the first Latin American country where this event was carried. The WBDD must have a main target to recognize and pay tribute to the Voluntary Blood Donors of the world who contribute to saving the lives of the anonymous patients who require a blood transfusion every day.

We have to give recognition for this initiative to the four main International Organizations which started it up to celebrate the Karl Landsteiner's birthday: WHO, International Red Cross and Red Crescent, FIODS and ISBT.

The choice of our country was achieved under the strength of the proposal based on 3 pillars: the vision and the ethics of our National Blood System, the integrated work between government and society to achieve the socio-cultural transformation which is required and the projection to Latin America that we have given to the celebration.

As part of the celebration, the Domino Project was implemented integrating the efforts into a common agenda, this helped to show blood donation in different areas distant from the diseases, using traditional events and encouraging each community to be a leader in promoting the voluntary blood donation. It was performed by integrating the five regions of the country through hard working since March 2010.



1 At the top of Aconcagua Mountain 6962m high
2 Aconcagua Mendoza climbers, WBDD celebrations, Argentina
3 Runners at Argentina WBDD event
4 CanchaQuilmes football June 12, 2011
5 WBDD Argentina hand over to Korea, global hosts in 2012

This celebration has given us an important contribution: the belief of all members of the working task force about the legal, ethical, socio-medical and scientific importance of changing our current model of blood donation. It is necessary to have organized systems based on healthy blood donors to support the needs of patients in order to achieve a high rate of social development.

The National Blood Program (NBP) was created in 2002 with the following aims: to promote voluntary and repeated blood donation, to strengthen the work in scale in preparation blood product and to promote the appropriate use of blood components. Nowadays the NBP is one of the priority programs of the National Ministry of Health, being "the resource human blood," a state policy. As a federal country this problem has been incorporated not only in the National Social Agenda, but also in the social agendas of the 24 provinces.

We have the challenge of achieving a deep and cultural transformation. In this challenge we have to work together. WBDD Argentina 2011 should become a turning point in a before and after blood donation in our country. This seems like a dream, but we have to transform it into a reality. And it is clear that dreams could come true by men and women with their daily efforts and their compromised work. And this is what is happening in our country.

We thank all voluntary blood donors, Government Programs, Programs for Voluntary Blood Donation, Scientific Societies, Civil Societies Associations, the Local Organizing Committee and all those who have supported and put their effort for the success of WBDD.

World Blood Donor Day

Russia and Kazakhstan



1 WBDD at Feneral Children's Hospital, Russia; 2 WBDD in Krasnoyarsk, Russia; 3 WBDD in Ivanovo, Russia; 4 WBDD in Karaganda Kazakhstan; 5 WBDD in Kaliningrad, Russia; 6 Meeting in Siberia, Russia; 7 WBDD in Buryatiya, Russia; 8 WBDD in Orenburg, Russia



Save Lives on a Special Day

8th World Blood Donor Day, Germany, June 14th, 2011

“Save Lives on a Special Day,” many donors throughout Germany followed this invitation at this year’s World Blood Donor Day and exceeded all expectations.

In many blood collection centers, sometimes even at particular places, as in various hospitals or in supermarkets blood was donated on the occasion of the 8th world blood donor day. Probably the most unusual blood drive was held at the Hessischer Rundfunk (Hesse Broadcasting) in Frankfurt. While his colleagues donated during a regular blood drive at the broadcasting station, the hr3 presenter Tobias Kaemmerer donated during his morning show on air in his studio. Hundreds of thousands of listeners, many of them in the car on the way to work, were able to follow live his blood donation experience.

A nationwide central event was a reception at the German Red Cross in Berlin. In representation of all

blood donors and volunteers 65 people from across Germany were invited to Berlin and honored for their achievements. In addition to the award ceremony in Schloss Charlottenburg where blood donors were handed out a certificate of honor and a lapel pin designed by Jette Joop from of the German Red Cross Vice President Donata Dame Schenck zu Schweinsberg and from the Red Cross ambassador Carmen Nebel, participants were invited for a three day guided stay in Berlin.

The world blood donor day should create awareness, each year on June 14th, for the need for voluntary, unpaid blood donation. It honors all the people who donate blood without any material objectives to help others. The 14th of June was chosen because in 1868 Karl Landsteiner was born on this day. He discovered the different blood groups in 1901 and in 1940 together with the American Alexander Wiener, he also discovered the rhesus factor. Even today, his discoveries are the foundation of modern transfusion medicine.



Sixty-five blood donors honoured in Berlin



Hesse Broadcasting Channel 3 presenter, Tobias Kaemmerer as a first time donor during WBDD. “I’m leading by example,” he stressed.

World Blood Donor Day United Kingdom



Town crier Chester, UK announcing National Blood Week



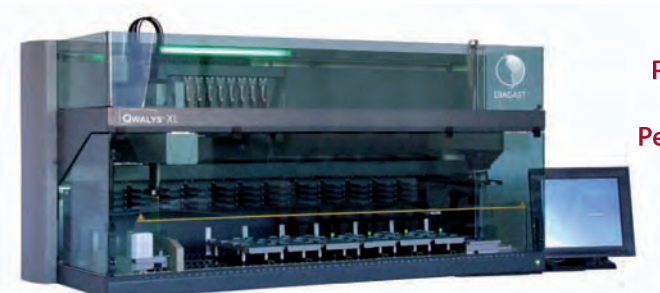
Waterstones book store celebrates WBDD



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WBDD in South Africa and Malawi



Top Left Malawi celebrates WBDD
Top Right WBDD South Africa
Middle A police officer lining up to donate blood, Malawi
Bottom Left Children celebrate WBDD South Africa

WBDD in Mexico and the USA



Right and Below WBDD in Mexico



Above and Left Wild Bill Lewis at WBDD Michigan Blood Drive, USA.



WBDD Western Pacific



1 New Zealand Maori TV reporter Rahia Timutimu has her blood taken on WBDD; 2 The record blood donation keeper (475 times) of Hong Kong, Mr. K K Li (right) receiving his award from Mrs Carrie Lam, Secretary for Development, HKSAR Government; 3 Love-shaped cake specially made for WBDD Shanghai; 4 Singapore celebrates WBDD; 5 2011 WBDD Poster in Korea; 6 17,000 young people attended a WBDD music concert in Tokyo; 7 WBDD logo on Shanghai skyline; 8 WBDD Macau

Taiwan joined the WBDD and emphasized the spirit of “Continuation of love can’t be without you”

In order to celebrate the “World Blood Donation Day” in 2011, the Taiwan Blood Services Foundation (TBSF) held country-wide celebration activities from the 12th to 14th of June.

To incorporate the annual theme of World Blood Donor Day 2011 – “More Blood More Life,” the spirit of “Continuation of love can’t be without you” was emphasized.

A celebration press conference invited the donors whose age approaching upper limit (65 years old) to hand over a blood bag to those just entitled to donate blood (17 years old) for symbolization of generation inheritance. The National President, Mr. Ma Ying-jeou (who has donated over 180 times) also donated blood on the eve of World Blood Donation Day. The celebration also presented thanks

to 6 business corporations /associations who held national-wide blood donation campaigns regularly for more than 10 years.

In addition, we held line-skating and bicycle-riding circulation campaigns for promotion of blood donation in Kaohsiung, and propaganda activity in front of the Taipei 101; meanwhile Taichung Blood Center also called on 250 Donors to form a big “human blood drop” in prominent public places.

Taiwan Blood Services Foundation (TBSF) also contributed 6,111 bottles of Fractionation Plasma Products (“TBSF” High Purity Factor VIII Concentrate and “TBSF” High Purity Factor IX Concentrate) to the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) in May and June this year. Those blood products are being distributed to over 20 countries for hemophiliac patients.



1 Taiwan National President Ma Ying-jeou (left, who has donated over 180 times); 2 The 65 year old donors hand over a Blood bag to young 17 years old donors for symbolization of generation inheritance; 3 A big “human blood drop” formed by 250 donors; 4 The blood campaign in front of “Taipei 101”



Celebration of World Blood Donor Day by Saudi Society of Transfusion Medicine



Since the first World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) celebrated in 2004, Saudi Arabia has joined the celebration worldwide each year on the 14th of June.

As World Health Organization (WHO), International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and almost all countries in the world, this year Saudi Society of Transfusion Medicine celebrate the WBDD in collaboration with Saudi Society for Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anaemia Patients and King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah. The objective was to honour and thank those people who give the most precious gift of all – the Gift of Life and to provide a special opportunity to create public awareness and build a culture of voluntary blood donation. This event included a speech by the Chairman of the Saudi Society of Transfusion Medicine and a word of thanks by one of the patients on behalf of all thalassaemic patients. The celebration closed after an open discussion with the stakeholders for future better collaboration towards availability of safe blood for all patients in need.

United Arab Emirates

Celebration on the Occasion of World Blood Donor Day 14th June 2011

More Blood...More Life

Sharjah Blood Transfusion & Research Center (BTRC) is the main blood donation centre in ministry of Health in UAE. The official celebration started one week before and continued one week after the WBDD and few activities continued for one month. The official opening ceremony for the celebration took place on 14th June 2011 at Sharjah Sport & Cultural Club (a well known and popular sports Club in UAE).

The celebration for the event included the following activities:

1. Wall mounted posters carrying the name of the event and the theme of this year in both languages (Arabic & English).
2. Simple gifts prepared for blood donors e.g. pens, T shirts, caps, business card holders
3. Text messages sent to regular blood donors on their mobile phones thanking them and inviting them to attend the official ceremony on 14th June 2011. Text message were also sent to the public as part of the awareness programme about the event. Text messages were also sent to all Dubai ministry of Labour employees, customers and strategic partners for a period of one week.
4. A short program for TV and Radio included an interview with HE Dr. Amin Al Amiri, Assistant Under Secretary for Medical Practice & License, Chairman, Supreme National Blood Transfusion Committee.

5. All Ministry of Health hospitals were supported by sending gifts, posters and staff to co organize WBDD.
6. Coordination with the Civil Defence Department in Ajman by placing a big board on the main beach road, about the event with this year's theme.
7. Sharjah BTRC. co organized with Emirates Transportation Authority to place the event name and theme on around 100 school buses and for one month.
8. Sharjah Cooperative Society and Dubai Union Cooperative Society prepared carrier bags which carried the name, logo and theme of the event.
9. The event name, logo and theme was shown on the screens of ATM machines of the Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank and on the back of monthly bills for the water and electricity supplying authority.
10. The official opening ceremony at Sharjah Sport & Cultural Club on 14th June 2011 was organized by Sharjah BTRC. The ceremony was under the patronage and attendance of HE. Dr. Salim Al Dermaki, Undersecretary, Ministry of Health. The ceremony included speeches by Dr. Amin Al Amiri, and the Chairman of the Board of directors. A poem about the event was written by one student form Higher Colleges of Technology, Medical Laboratory Sciences and it was read during the event

The full text of this report can be found on the ISBT website.



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Kiev, Ukraine
www.ukrainetransfusion.com

October 7 – 9

5th National Transfusion Conference
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

October 20 – 21

IVth National Conference of BAATA
Sofia, Bulgaria
www.baata.org
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October 22 – 25

AABB Annual Meeting
San Diego, USA
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October 30 – November 2

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November 10 – 13

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Roche provides diagnostic tests and automation platforms used worldwide to improve the safety of blood products, increase laboratory efficiency, diagnose disease, monitor response to therapy and identify gene-based factors that may aid in treatment selection.

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