

## IHN Newsletter September 2023

The IHN Board is pleased to inform you about some activities in this newsletter.



### SAVE THE DATE: 24 October 2023

IHN virtual mini-seminar (90 minutes) on Pathophysiology of Transfusion Reactions. [Here](#) you can find the draft program. The meeting is free of charge but you must [register](#). Additional information will be available on the [IHN website](#).

### Changes to IHN President and IHN Secretariat

Dr Shruthi Narayan has started as the IHN President from January 2023 and please join us in thanking Arlinke Bokhorst for all her valuable contributions as Board member and President of IHN 2017-2022. Dr Shruthi Narayan, haematologist by background, is the Medical Director of SHOT. Additionally, she has a role as a Donor Consultant at NHS Blood and Transplant. Shruthi also chairs the Royal College of Pathologists Transfusion Specialty Advisory Committee and is a member of the International Society of Blood Transfusion Haemovigilance Working Party. She is passionate about improving transfusion safety, is actively involved in transfusion education and improvement initiatives.

After leading the IHN secretariat for 10 years, Ingrid van Veen handed over the IHN secretariat to Raquel Lopez, administrator at SHOT, on 1 August 2023. The contact details of the IHN Secretariat remain, [secretariat@ihn-org.com](mailto:secretariat@ihn-org.com). We thank Ingrid for her efforts and wish Raquel every success.

### General Assembly 2023

The General Assembly took place on 17 June 2023, during the ISBT congress in Gothenburg, Sweden. In the General Assembly the finances 2022 and budget 2023 were discussed and approved. The minutes will soon be available on the members' page of the IHN website. If you have lost your password, please see the news item later in this newsletter.

### IHN Seminar Spring 2023

On Tuesday, 7 March 2023, the International Haemovigilance Network hosted the third IHN Virtual mini-Seminar with the theme “**obstetric haemovigilance (obstetric hemorrhage/maternal anemia)**”. Please read the [summary](#) for an impression and presentations.



### Collaborations with all relevant stakeholders continue

- WHO: IHN members continue to contribute to technical consultations, development of guidance documents on hemovigilance and the Notify library; Completion of the collaborative project with WHO resulting in a ‘User Guide for navigating resources on stepwise implementation of HV systems’, now available on the WHO website at this link: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240047860>
- ISBT HV working party: Mary Townsend who is the Chair HV working party is an IHN Board member and close collaboration and cooperation continue between IHN and ISBT. Review and update of definitions and validation studies, related publications
- AABB: Collaboration with AABB on haemovigilance related projects: definitions and validation studies.
- European Commission: stakeholder consultations.
- THOR: Participation in meetings
- NTN (Neonatal Transfusion Network): endorsement, grant application, collaboration on HV data collection: this is a group of clinicians and researchers that are looking to the vigilance part of neonatal transfusions and they want to collaborate with the IHN to collect data on neonatal transfusion.
- Support to national HV programs to share information and bring them in contact to help them.

## Co-badged meetings in 2024



- **26-27 September:**

[NSQH - Nordic Research Network for Safety and Quality in Healthcare](#)

Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo, Norway

## ISTARE

In May, the Data Committee has sent out a survey to collect responses of people associated with IHN, both OCPs and other participants, to know about their data-related wishes and expectations of IHN.

Jo Wiersum, chair of the IHN Data Committee, gave a short summary during the IHN General Assembly in Goteborg. In the survey there were a few (7) respondents, all in favour of some form of data collection. The poor response could have arisen from a misunderstanding about for whom the survey was intended. A larger number, 17, provided data about their haemovigilance systems.

## Member Area on the IHN website to share documents and knowledge

The Member Area on the IHN website is available for IHN members and offers access to official correspondence and will also provide access to interesting scientific literature concerning haemovigilance, vigilance reports of other countries, and contact details of the IHN OCP's. If you lost your login details, please read the [instruction](#) or contact the IHN Secretariat, [secretariat@ihn-org.com](mailto:secretariat@ihn-org.com).



## Becoming involved

If you are interested in joining an [IHN Committee](#) or becoming actively involved within the IHN, please contact us!

## Send in your haemovigilance reports

We kindly ask all IHN members to provide us with your annual reports on haemovigilance data. These reports will be shared on the closed IHN Membership area to exchange.

outcomes and to learn from one another. Reports do not have to be translated and can be send in in any language. You can send you report via email to [secretariat@ihn-org.com](mailto:secretariat@ihn-org.com).

## International Haemovigilance Seminar (IHS) 2024



The IHN Seminar Committee is working out ideas to organize the IHS in 2024. As soon as more information is available, you will be informed by the IHN website or IHN newsletter.

Thank you for your contributions to the IHN.



**SAVE THE DATES: 05-07 September 2023**  
 Webinar on Haemovigilance. [Here](#) you can find the draft program. Additional information will be available on the [IHN website](#)

**Session 1**  
**Haemovigilance – A system overview**

**Session 2**  
**Establishing a national HV system**

**Session 3**  
**Performing HV in hospitals, blood establishments and NRAs**

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**Other upcoming meetings and events related to haemovigilance and transfusion safety:**

**5<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Donor Health and Management 7-9 September, 2023:**  
<https://www.ecdhm.org/>

**World Patient Safety Day 2023: Engaging patients for patient safety** <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2023/09/17/default-calendar/world-patient-safety-day-2023--engaging-patients-for-patient-safety>

**World National Haemovigilance Office (NHO) Conference 2023**  
 The National Haemovigilance Office (NHO) Conference 2023 is taking place in the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin on Tuesday 3rd October 2023. The draft programme for this event will be made available in the coming weeks. If you have any queries, please contact [Haemovigilance@ibts.ie](mailto:Haemovigilance@ibts.ie) or 01 432 2731

**ISBT Cape Town 18-21 November 2023** <https://www.isbtweb.org/events/isbt-cape-town-2023.html>

