

IHN Newsletter – December 2023

We have reached the end of another incredible year, and what a journey it has been! It's the perfect time to sit back and take a moment to reflect on all the accomplishments and changes that have shaped us over the last 12 months. Key IHN highlights from 2023 are presented below.



Updates to the IHN Board and Seminar Committee this year:

Dr Shruthi Narayan took over as the IHN President from Arlinke Bokhorst.

Raquel Lopez replaced the lovely Ingrid van Veen after ten years leading the IHN secretariat.

We are also excited to announce that Dr Christina Mikkelsen from Denmark and Dr Barbora Jacobsen from Norway have joined the IHN Seminar Committee. The IHN team would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new members

Summary of activities in 2023:

- Webinar on Obstetric Haemovigilance (7 March 2023)
- Webinar on Pathophysiology of Transfusion Reactions (24 October 2023)
- Work is ongoing collaboratively with ISBT and AABB to develop an educational video providing an overview of haemovigilance and its importance to enhancing transfusion safety- this is expected to be completed before mid-2024
- The IHN Data Committee led by Dr Jo Wiersum is reviewing responses received for the recent survey exploring options for ISTARE2 redevelopment. Thank you to those who participated. We will be exploring the best approach to useful haemovigilance data collection in the coming months. There will be further updates in 2024!



Becoming involved

If you are interested in joining IHN Board or any of the Committees or becoming actively involved within the IHN, please contact us!

Send in your haemovigilance reports

Last but not least, 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.



2024 IHN Symposium at Athens SAVE THE DATES: 11th and 12th of April 2024

We are excited to announce that the 2024 IHN Symposium is being organised in collaboration with the Hellenic Society of Blood Transfusion. Join us for this 2-day event filled with insightful sessions, networking opportunities, and more. Don't miss out on this knowledge-packed event!

Registrations and abstract submissions will begin in the New Year- please look out for updates and further information on the IHN website.

*Seasons greetings and wishing you all
a very happy new year 2024*

May the festive season end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year.

Wishing everyone joy, peace, and happiness as they celebrate their respective festive occasions in December, whether it's Christmas, Hanukkah or any other tradition.

A very happy New Year 2024 to all!

From all of us at the International Haemovigilance Network

