

INTERNATIONAL HAEMOVIGILANCE NETWORK

Winter newsletter, December 2024



Dear IHN members,

As we wrap out another year, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for your support, trust, and collaboration. Your valuable contributions have been instrumental in making this year a success and we are truly grateful to have you as part of our journey. During the festive season, we hope you find the time to relax, celebrate, and create special memories with family and friends. It is a time for reflection, celebration, and connection, and we hope you have the opportunity to enjoy it to the fullest with your loved ones.

As we step into 2025, we look forward to building on our achievements together. May the new year bring you all health, happiness, and prosperity. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a fantastic start to the New Year!

IHN Board



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International Haemovigilance Symposium (IHS) 2024: A Resounding Success

Date: April 11-12, 2024

Location: Royal Olympic Hotel, Athens,
Greece



The International Haemovigilance Symposium (IHS) 2024 proved to be an outstanding event, uniting experts and practitioners from across the globe. This year's symposium provided an invaluable platform for sharing cutting-edge research, insights, and advancements in the field of haemovigilance. The sessions were both informative and engaging, promoting a collaborative learning environment essential for progress in medical science.

Key Highlights of IHS 2024

The symposium's success underscores the global commitment to advancing haemovigilance practices.

A big thanks to all participants, speakers, moderators, and sponsors for contributing to this remarkable event. We look forward to continuing these important discussions and collaborations in future symposia.



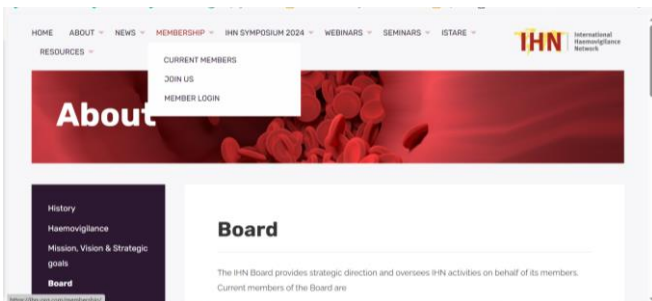
Updates to the IHN Board:

We have had some to the IHN Board in 2024- Øystein Flesland has completed his tenure on the Board. We would like to express our deepest gratitude for his years of service as a valued member of our Board. His dedication and tireless changes contributions have played a vital role in shaping our activities.

Dr Barbora Jacobsen joined the IHN Board as a new member. Barbora is a medical specialist in Immunology and Transfusion Medicine, with over 12 years of experience at St. Olavs Hospital, Trondheim, Norway. She has medical degree from Jessenius faculty of medicine in Martin, Slovakia. Barbora is also a member of the national haemovigilance group in Norway and serves as a senior and acting consultant in her department, which is hospital-based blood bank with donor section, as well as immunology and cytometry lab. She is actively involved in teaching, guiding students, and has contributed to several publications in her field. We are thrilled to have her as part of the IHN Board, and we look forward to exciting opportunities to promote haemovigilance in 2025.

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.



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 sent in any language. You can send your report via email to secretariat@ihn-org.com.

A big thanks to all of you for your ongoing support and contributions to IHN.

Traceability in Focus: Highlights from Our Autumn Webinar

On October 8, 2024, our webinar on traceability brought together a distinguished panel of esteemed speakers, attracting around 100 registrants from around the globe.

Featured Speakers:

- **Mr. Paul Ashford (UK)**
Provided insights into managing the requirements and challenges of traceability based on recent ISBT guidelines.
- **Dr. Deepak Sadani (NZ)**
Showcased New Zealand's vein-to-vein traceability and highlighted their nationwide integrated blood management computer system.
- **Dr. Su Brailsford (UK)**
Shared important lessons from the UK Infected Blood Inquiry, emphasizing the need for continuous improvement in our systems.

Acknowledgements

A heartfelt thank you to Paul, Deepak, and Su for sharing their time and expertise. We also extend our gratitude to **Raquel Lopez** and **Darren Hall** from SHOT UK for their exceptional administration and technical support.

Watch the Webinar

For those who missed it, a recording of the webinar is available on our website. You can access it here: [Traceability 08.10.2024 - International Haemovigilance Network](#).

Upcoming Events in Blood Management and Transfusion

NATA25: Network for the Advancement of Patient Blood Management, Haemostasis, and Thrombosis

- **Dates:** April 24-26, 2025
- **Location:** Science Congress Centre, Munich, Germany
- **Details:** Join for unique experience of science, learning, and networking. Engage with experts and deepen your understanding of patient blood management.
- **More Information:** [NATA25 Annual Symposium](#)

ISBT Milan (Regional Congress)

- **Dates:** May 31 - June 4, 2025
- **Location:** Milan, Italy
- **Details:** Connect with professionals and explore the latest advancements in blood transfusion.

IHN Spring webinar focusing on donor vigilance: Tuesday 10 June 2025, further details to follow

ISBT Perth (Regional Congress)

- **Dates:** October 26-29, 2025
- **Location:** Perth, Australia
- **Details:** Participate in discussions and workshops with leaders in the field.

ISBT Kuala Lumpur (International Congress)

- **Dates:** June 20-24, 2026
- **Location:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Details:** Join for an international gathering focused on global challenges and innovations in blood transfusion.

For a complete list of events and further details, please visit: [ISBT Future Events](#).