

# WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2026

08:30-10:00

IHN Closed Workshop

Start of the International Symposium

10:00

Registrations

11:00-11:15

Welcome from **L. Teofili, S. Iavicoli, IHN Board/Local Organizing Cttee/IHN Seminar Committee**

11:15-12:30

**Haemovigilance- Insights from Italian experience**

**Moderators: L. Teofili, I. Cuppari**

- **M. G. Laganà:** The National System for Sentinel Event Reporting (SIMES)
- **G. Forni:** Supply of components for patients with haemoglobinopathies
- **S. Vaglio:** Haemoglobinopathies and thalassemia registry
- **G. De Silvestro:** Clinical implications of the Italian national register of therapeutic apheresis
- **Q&A**

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:15

**The power of international haemovigilance – sharing knowledge, sharing lives: Global Opportunities and Challenges**

**Moderators: S. Benson, U. La Rocca**

- **E. Petrisli:** WHO NOTIFY 15 Year Anniversary
- **I. Pati & V. Piccinini:** Italian perspective on Haemovigilance and epidemiological surveillance
- **P. F. Toledo Barbosa:** The Brazilian haemovigilance system
- **I. Seferi:** The Albanian haemovigilance system: Challenges and opportunities
- **Q&A**

15:15-15:45

Afternoon tea

15:45-17:30

**Haemovigilance in the digital age**

**Moderators: B. Whitaker, L. Teofili**

- **C. Erikstrup:** The perspective of ISBT Big Data Working Group
- **C. Mikkelsen:** Precision donor health: The future of donor vigilance?
- **V. McDonald:** Cyber security Case Study
- **R. Goel:** Haemovigilance and AI
- **Q&A**

Social

Welcome Reception & IHN Board Dinner

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**Late but critical – Uncovering hidden / delayed risks of donation and transfusion**  
**Moderators: IHN Moderator, A. Colpo**

- **M. Haugen:** The effect of plasma donation frequency on donor health and IgG levels
- **V. Agostini:** Delayed haemolytic transfusion reactions
- **D. Martino:** From donation to lifelong treatment: Late but critical risks of transfusion and plasma-derived therapies from the patient perspective
- **S. Bruijns:** Adverse reactions in donors
- **A. Indulkar:** Hemovigilance in Pre-Transfusion Chain by Analysing delays in start of blood transfusion & steps to reduce it
- **Q&A**

10:30-11:00

**Morning tea**

11:00-12:30

**Back to Basics - Implementing the new SoHO regulation**  
**Moderators: B. Jacobson, L. Teofili**

- **M. Claus:** Vigilance in the new SoHO Regulation: Regulatory obligations for the actors involved
- **R. M. Grubovic Rastvorceva:** EDQM: Role and targeted activities  
*Open discussion with the audience*
- **F. X. Lamy:** ECDC: Role and targeted activities  
*Open discussion with the audience*

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**Lunch + IHN General Assembly**

13:30-15:00

**Paediatric transfusions – not just small adults (include illustrative case examples)**  
**Moderator: IHN Moderator, I. Cuppari**

- **A. Kelly:** Paediatric Transfusion Safety: What 10 years of SHOT haemovigilance data tells us
- **Introduction by L. Teofili - C. Pellegrino, S. Nobile:**  
Neonatal transfusion: Why adult standards leave neonates behind
- **S. Arora:** Paediatric Haemovigilance: Update from India
- **A. Agarwal:** Perioperative Red Blood Cell Transfusion and Association with Postoperative Sepsis in a North American Prospective Registry:  
Is it a Hemovigilance Alert?
- **Q&A**

15:00-15:30

**Afternoon tea**

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## Constraints on supply

Moderators: P. C. Spinella, IHN Moderator

- **A. Asante:** Platelets, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly
- **M. Feltkamp:** Climate change and emerging infectious diseases
- **O. B. Vesterager Pedersen:** Environmental contaminants e.g. PFAS
- **A. Eder:** Transfusion-transmitted Malaria and Hemovigilance in the US
- **Q&A**

Social

Symposium Gala Dinner

# FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026

08:45-10:30

## Reappraising the past

Moderators: **C. Mikkelsen, U. La Rocca**

- **P. C. Spinella:** Increased use of LTOWB in RhD-negative women and alloimmunisation
- **L. Green:** SWIFT Trial
- **M. Gybel-Brask:** Freeze dried plasma in a preclinical setting – The Danish experience
- **E. Klæboe Kristoffersen:** Cold-stored platelets; the Norwegian experience
- **Q&A**

10:30-11:00

## Morning tea

11:00-12:15

## Built for safety – designing systems that work for people

Moderators: **S. Narayan, F. Fiorin**

- **A. Oates:** Just culture
- **S. Narayan:** Lessons from human factors and ergonomics principles in transfusion IT

## Traceability Panel

**V. Rosa, S. Narayan, B. Whitaker**

12:15-13:00

## IHN Awards & Closing

Moderator: **S. Narayan**

**IHN Medal: TBA**

**IHN Award and Lecture: TBA**



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