



**Nederlandse Vereniging voor Trombose en Hemostase**

# **Newsletter**

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## Introduction

Dear NVTH members,

This year will be an exciting year for our society. We have decided to trade in our annual meeting in Koudekerke for two collaborative meetings. In January we organized a symposium together with the British Society on Hemostasis and Thrombosis in Newcastle. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> joint NVTH/BSHT meeting in history, and the societies agreed to continue this tradition in the near future. This meeting was a great success with well over 200 attendees, great keynote lectures, the van Creveld Lecture by Hugo ten Cate, a quiz hosted by Joost Meijers, and a well-attended early career event. The approximately 60 Dutch delegates received a warm welcome in the UK, although storm Eowyn made the trip back challenging for some. In May we will organize a 2-day educational event in collaboration with the Dutch Thrombosis Network, details of which you can find on the next page. We strongly recommend this event for a broad audience. Finally, multiple exciting international congresses are scheduled for this year, such as the annual meeting of the ISTH, this year in Washington DC.

This will be the last message from me in my capacity as NVTH President. It has been a pleasure serving the NVTH as a member of the board and I am proud to have been an NVTH board member twice, first as a PhD student and years later in a more advanced stage in my career. Marieke Kruip, who has organized our PhD course, and Dejvid Veizaj who was our PhD student member who fulfilled many tasks for the society including putting together this newsletter will also retire from the board. I thank Marieke and Dejvid for their invaluable contributions and I look forward to welcoming new enthusiastic members to the group.

I hope to see many of you during our educational event in May or at the ISTH meeting in Washington.

On behalf of the NVTH Board,

Ton Lisman

NVTH President



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## News

### Register for NVTH Course and educational symposium

#### **Our yearly gathering on thrombosis and haemostasis research is approaching!**

We have organized an abbreviated version of our regular course, which is open for clinical and fundamental researchers in thrombosis and hemostasis, physicians in training, technicians, clinical chemists, (research) nurses, physician assistants, and other interested participants. Following this, an educational symposium will be held that is open to all attendees. We encourage our more junior members to register for both days, and hope to see many experienced researchers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Both events focus on biochemistry, diagnosis, and treatment of venous thrombosis, and will take place at the Mercure Hotel Amsterdam City. The events will be conducted in English.

**Date for the course:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Date for the symposium:** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Venue:** Mercure Hotel Amsterdam City; Joan Muyskenweg 10, 1096 CJ Amsterdam

#### **Registration through the following links:**

- [Thrombosis Academy NVTH/DTN](#)
- [15th Dutch Thrombosis Congress](#)

**Questions?** Contact us at [events@nvth.nl](mailto:events@nvth.nl)

## News

### Recap ISTH Congress 2024

The Dutch delegation made a strong impact at this year's ISTH Congress, despite the increased travel distance! Our research community showcased excellent work through numerous oral and poster presentations. A particular highlight was Dr. Stijn Agten's achievement in winning the prestigious 2024 Fundamental Research Career Development Award. The Netherlands once again demonstrated its significant contribution to thrombosis and hemostasis research, maintaining its reputation as a leading force in the field.

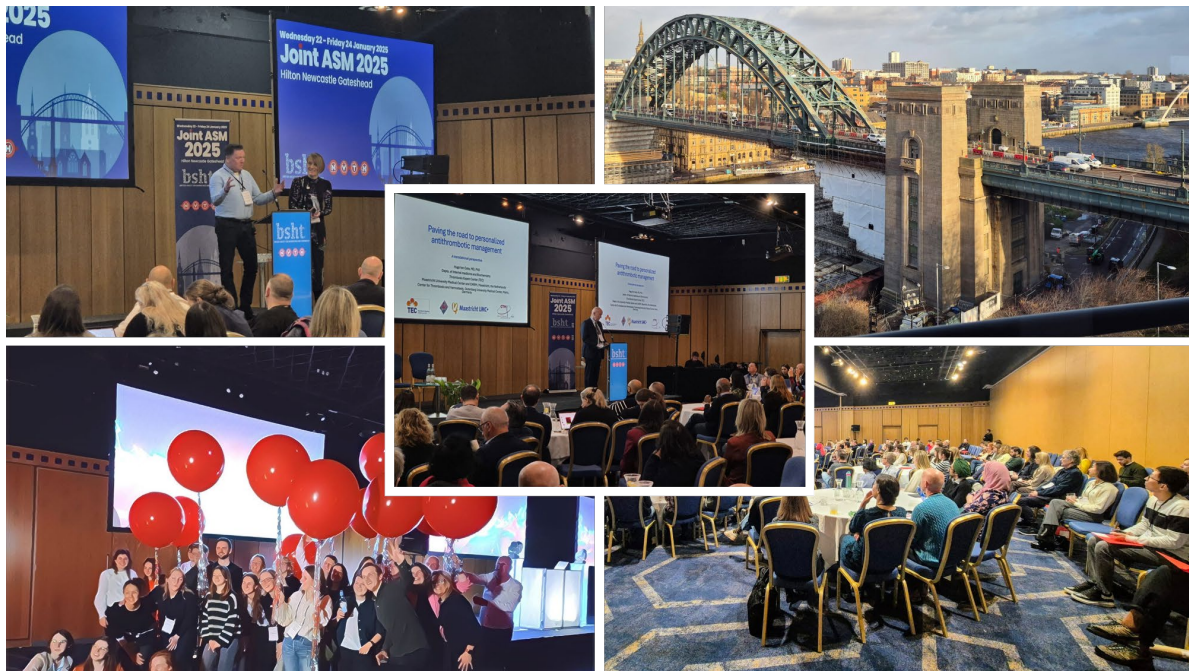


Traditionally, the 'Hollandse Avond' was part of the Dutch ISTH 2024 program, which was well attended. Thanks to the committee Nick van Es, Thijs van Mens, Jamilla Goedegebuur & Anniek Strijdhors!



## Recap BSHT x NVTH 2025

The collaboration between Dutch and British thrombosis researchers continued to flourish at Newcastle's January symposium, marking the fourth successful joint meeting between NVTH and BSHT. With more than 200 attendees, including a strong Dutch contingent of 60 researchers, the event featured compelling presentations, including a notable **van Creveld Lecture by Hugo ten Cate** and an engaging quiz led by Joost Meijers. The symposium recognized outstanding research through its NVTH awards, with **Siyu Sun, Dejvid Veizaj, and Yunpeng Xue** winning in the basic science category, while **Bauke Haisma, Annisa Aarts, and Eleonora Camilleri** were honored in clinical science.



## Recap PhD day 2024

The PhD day kicked off at the PLNT in Leiden and with a workshop on a creative view on your career led by ElroayCom Training. Attendees delved into the discovery of their professional direction through interactive exercises and self-reflection, rather than solely relying on traditional career planning. After the workshop, participants were treated to an enlightening panel discussion featuring Drs. Marieke Punt, Julia Tilburg, and Annika de Jong, who shared their pre and post PhD career journeys, challenges, and successes, followed by an engaging Q&A session where attendees could ask questions directly.



The day's activities demonstrated how valuable it is when researchers come together to improve their communication skills and build professional relationships, with everyone showing great enthusiasm and active participation. We would like to thank everyone who joined the workshop, and a special thank you to **Annick de Moor** for helping organizing the NVTH PhD day.



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## *Save the date! A message from Prof Dr Hugo ten Cate*

**Op donderdag 12 juni om 16.30** uur spreek ik mijn afscheidsrede “Trombose zorg(en) anno 2025” uit ivm mijn emeritaat.

**Plaats:** Minderbroedersberg, Maastricht.

Ik nodig u van harte uit hierbij aanwezig te zijn.

Als u van plan bent te komen geeft u dit dan even door aan Lidewij Bos, op [l.bos@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:l.bos@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

We zullen u dan nader informeren over de details, zoals receptie en aansluitend vermaak.

## Foundation ECAT courses in 2025

This year again, ECAT Foundation together with Rock consultancy is organising 4 courses (in Dutch) namely:

- Laboratory diagnostics of blood coagulation on **13 March 2025**
- Quality assurance in the laboratory (practical application of requirements ISO15189) on **12 June 2025**
- Laboratory diagnostics of antiphospholipid syndrome, TTP and HIT on **2 October 2025**
- The laboratory diagnosis of prolonged APTT and/or PT on **6 November 2025**

More information on the courses by clicking [here](#)


These courses are part of a 4-year course programme. More information can be found [here](#)





## NVTH PhD defences in 2024

In the academic year 2024, a significant number of our NVTH PhD candidates completed their thesis defenses. Hence, we extend our congratulations and shine the spotlight on these newly conferred Doctors. Excellent job!

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Maurice Swinkels</b>
	<b>Thesis</b>	Zooming in on Platelets in Hemostatic Disorders
	<b>Promotors</b>	Prof. dr. Frank Leebeek en prof. dr. ir. Jan Voorberg
	<b>Co-Promotors</b>	Dr. Ir. R. Bierings en dr. Gerard Jansen
	<b>Date</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024


	<b>Name</b>	<b>Iris Charlotte Kreft</b>
	<b>Thesis</b>	Profiles in spectra: mass spectrometry-based proteomics of plasma and platelets in hematological disorders
	<b>Promotor</b>	Prof. Dr. Alexander Meijer
	<b>Co-Promotor</b>	Dr. Maartje van den Biggelaar
	<b>Date</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> of November 2024

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Alice Todaro</b>
	<b>Thesis</b>	Genetic mechanisms of inherited bleeding disorders as a basis for personalized medicine approaches
	<b>Promotor</b>	Prof. Dr. T.M. Hackeng
	<b>Co-Promotor</b>	Dr. E. Castoldi
	<b>Date</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> of April 2024



	<b>Name</b>	<b>Qingui Chen</b>
	<b>Thesis</b>	Antithrombotic therapy in the Netherlands
	<b>Promotor</b>	Prof. Dr. Suzanne Cannegieter
	<b>Co-Promotors</b>	Dr. Nienke van Rein
	<b>Date</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> of April 2024

<b>Name</b>	<b>Jessica Heijdra</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Jinmi Zou</b>
<b>Thesis</b>	Individualizing treatment in von Willebrand disease	<b>Thesis</b>	Transient and persistent aspects of human platelet activation
<b>Promotors</b>	prof. dr. C.M. (Michel) Zwaan, prof. dr. F.W.G. (Frank) Leebeek	<b>Promotors</b>	Prof. dr. Johan W.M. Heemskerk, Prof. dr. Hugo ten Cate
<b>Co-Promotor</b>	prof. dr. M.H. (Marjon) Cnossen	<b>Co-Promotor</b>	Dr. Frauke Swieringa
<b>Date</b>	15th of Februari 2024	<b>Date</b>	19th of March 2024


<b>Name</b>	<b>Pengyu Zhang</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Chukiat Tantiwong</b>
<b>Thesis</b>	Multisite phosphorylation in platelets stimulated via glycoprotein VI and G protein-coupled receptors: interactions and functional impact	<b>Thesis</b>	Modelling of collagen receptor clustering and signalling
<b>Promotors</b>	Prof. Dr. Johan W. M. Heemskerk, Prof. Dr. Ulrich Walter.	<b>Promotors</b>	Prof. dr. Jon M. Gibbins, Prof. dr. Johan W. M. Heemskerk
<b>Co-Promotors</b>	Prof. Dr. Kerstin Jurk, Dr. Marijke J. E. Kuijpers	<b>Co-Promotors</b>	Dr. Joanne L. Dunster, Dr. Rachel Cavill
<b>Date</b>	06 <sup>th</sup> of June 2024	<b>Date</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024


	<b>Name</b>	<b>Tessa noordermeer</b>
	<b>Thesis</b>	Explaining Lupus Anticoagulant in Thrombotic Antiphospholipid Syndrome
	<b>Promotor</b>	Prof. Dr. REG Schutgens
	<b>Co-Promotor</b>	Dr. R. Urbanus
	<b>Date</b>	08 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024




	<b>Name</b>	<b>Omayra Liesdek</b>
	<b>Thesis</b>	Uncovering the etiological mechanisms of mechanical cardiac device-induced thrombosis
	<b>Promotors</b>	Prof dr REG Schutgens, Prof dr WJL Suijker
	<b>Co-Promotors</b>	Dr R Urbanus, Dr LM de Heer
	<b>Date</b>	05 <sup>th</sup> of December 2024
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Soerajja Bhoelan</b>
	<b>Thesis</b>	Challenges in predicting recurrence risk of venous thromboembolism: a role for infection and inflammation?
	<b>Promotor</b>	prof. dr. K. Meijer
	<b>Co-promotors</b>	dr. J.F. Borjas Howard, dr. Y.I.G.V. Tichelaar
	<b>Date</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> of November 2024



	<b>Name</b>	<b>Yvonne Jongejan</b>
	<b>Thesis</b>	Towards a perfect balance: Therapeutic silencing of von Willebrand factor in bleeding and thrombosis
	<b>Promotors</b>	Prof. Dr. HCJ Eikenboom,
	<b>Co-Promotors</b>	Dr. BJM van Vlijmen
	<b>Date</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> of December 2024

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Gordon Chu</b>
	<b>Thesis</b>	Challenges in Anticoagulation for atrial fibrillation
	<b>Promotors</b>	Prof.dr. M.V. Huisman en Prof.dr. F.A. Klok
	<b>Co-Promotor</b>	Dr. M.E.W. Hemels
	<b>Date</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> of november 2024

	Name	Huijie Wang
	Thesis	Venous thrombosis in the Elderly: risk factors and consequences
	Promotor	Prof. dr. FR Rosendaal
	Co-Promotor	Dr. A. van Hylckama Vlieg
	Date	04 <sup>th</sup> of April 2024

## Conferences and courses



**Name:** EAHAD congress

**Date:** 04<sup>th</sup>-07<sup>th</sup> of February

**Place:** Milan, Italy



**EAS**  
European  
Atherosclerosis  
Society

**Name:** EAS congress

**Date:** 04<sup>th</sup>-07<sup>th</sup> of May

**Place:** Glasgow, UK



**Name:** PhD Course VTE

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> of May

**Place:** Amsterdam, NL



Dutch  
Thrombosis  
Network

**Name:** Dutch Thrombosis  
Conference

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> of May

**Place:** Amsterdam, NL



**Name:** EHA congress

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> of June

**Place:** Milan, Italy



**Name:** ISTH congress

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of June

**Place:** Washington D.C., USA



**ESC**

European Society  
of Cardiology

**Name:** ESC congress together with  
World congress

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> of August/September

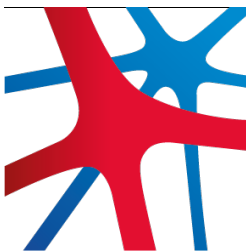
**Place:** Madrid, Spain



**Name:** BIC international conference

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of September

**Place:** Padua, Italy



**ECTH 2025**

European Congress on  
Thrombosis and Haemostasis

Prague, Czech Republic  
22 - 24 October

**Name:** ECTH congress

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> of October

**Place:** Prague, Czech  
Republic



European  
**EXPERT-PE**  
conference

**Name:** EXPERT-PE conference

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> of November

**Place:** Krakow, Poland



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**Name:** ASH conference

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of December

**Place:** Orlando, Florida

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