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Introduction

Dear NVTH members,

As we approach the summer break, it is a pleasure to look back on a successful first half of the year for our society. In March, we gathered in Koudekerke for our annual NVTH PhD Course on arterial thrombosis, followed by another inspiring NVTH Symposium, featuring cutting-edge science, outstanding state-of-the-art lectures, and an excellent Van Creveld Lecture delivered by Prof. Moniek de Maat. Beyond the scientific program, the meeting once again provided ample opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, exchange ideas, and strengthen collaborations during the social events, including many enjoyable conversations at the Kon-Tiki beach bar.

One of the highlights of the symposium was the impressive quality of the presentations by our PhD students. We were treated to excellent abstracts spanning both basic and clinical thrombosis and hemostasis research. Congratulations to all presenters, and in particular to the six PhD students who were awarded NVTH travel grants to attend the upcoming ISTH Congress in Paris. We look forward to seeing them represent the Dutch thrombosis and hemostasis community on the international stage.

This meeting also marked a change within the NVTH Board. After more than six years of dedicated service as Treasurer, Henri Spronk has stepped down from the Board. We are sincerely grateful for his commitment and invaluable contributions to the NVTH over the past years. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Rory Koenen as our new Treasurer and look forward to working with him.

In just a few days, many of us will travel to Paris for the ISTH Congress. As always, the meeting promises an outstanding scientific program and provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the strength of our community. This year's congress is particularly special, as two of our own will receive well-deserved international recognition. Prof. Frits Rosendaal has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 ISTH Robert P. Grant Medal, one of the Society's highest honors recognizing exceptional contributions to thrombosis and hemostasis research. In addition, Prof. Suzanne Cannegieter has been elected to the ISTH Council, Class of 2032. We warmly congratulate both Frits and Suzanne on these remarkable achievements.

Finally, we hope to see many of you at the traditional Hollandse Avond, which remains one of the highlights of the ISTH week and a wonderful opportunity to meet friends and colleagues from the Netherlands and beyond.

On behalf of the NVTH Board, I wish you a successful and inspiring ISTH meeting, and an enjoyable summer.

Rolf Urbanus
NVTH President



News

Recap NVTH PhD Course 2026

This year we organized the NVTH PhD-course from March 23rd to 25th, on the subject “Arterial Thrombosis”, with 40 participants! Several interesting subjects were discussed, such as atherosclerosis, antithrombotic therapy, hemostatic assays, Von Willebrand disease, and the antiphospholipid syndrome. As always, there was a mixture of lectures on basic science and clinical topics.

On Tuesday afternoon, an assignment was performed in small groups. The PhD students looked critically at epidemiological data from research articles and gave a short presentation about their findings.

At the end of the course, Gerard Jansen organized a patient demonstration with an antiphospholipid syndrome patient and Saskia Haitjema gave an interactive meeting about implementation of artificial intelligence in healthcare.

The next course on Bleeding will be held in Koudekerke in 2027.





Recap NVTH Symposium 2026

On March 25th and 26th, the NVTH symposium took place. Around 100 participants including PhD students, technicians, postdocs, and senior researchers came together at Strandhotel Westduin, Koudekerke.

We were honored to welcome three keynote lecturers: Dr. Corien Eckhardt, Prof. Dr. Simon de Meyer, and Dr. Jonathan Coutinho.

Dr. Corien Eckhardt gave an interesting talk about potential thrombotic adverse events as complications of novel hemostatic drugs.

Prof. Dr. Simon de Meyer gave an overview about his research in targeting nonfibrin components in ischemic stroke.

Finally, Prof. Dr. Jonathan Coutinho presented an interesting story about the diagnosis and treatment of acute ischemic stroke.



The Van Creveld Lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Moniek de Maat, who took us on a fascinating journey through her impressive scientific career, highlighting the many faces of fibrinogen. By weaving together her pioneering early work with her current research, she demonstrated the central role of fibrinogen in thrombosis and hemostasis and how our understanding of this remarkable protein has evolved over the years. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the field, she was awarded the honorary Van Creveld Penning.



PhD students presented their abstracts in oral sessions, in which a total of twenty early career scientists covered basic and clinical research on thrombosis and hemostasis. Furthermore, poster presenters were given the opportunity to pitch their work in 2 minutes with one PowerPoint slide. In the poster session, 17 posters were presented. A new aspect in this year's symposium was the sponsored lunch symposium by Pfizer, in which they presented Anti-TFPI Inhibitors in Hemophilia Care: Development Program Insights and Practical Experience.



The 'Jeanne Stibbe Bokaal' for the best presentation by a PhD student was awarded to Lauren Pickcott (Erasmus MC) for her presentation entitled "Studying the involvement of BLOC-2 in trafficking to lysosome related organelles using a Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome 5 patient model". The jury, consisting of Prof. Dr. Marjon Cnossen and Dr. Minka Zivkovic specifically appreciated Lauren being able to present relatively difficult data enthusiastically and understandably.



The NVTH Awards were awarded to the six highest scoring abstracts (three basic and three clinical) submitted by PhD students. Please note that PhD students can receive an NVTH Award only once in their career. A total of 38 abstracts were submitted (9 basic, 12 combining basic and clinical, and 17 clinical). Each abstract was reviewed by three to four individual reviewers; the review committee consisted of 11 basic and 9 clinical researchers. The NVTH Awards were made possible by the NVTH and the 'Nationaal Fonds Trombose en Hemostase' (NFTH).

The three awarded basic abstracts:

Alastair Barraclough (Sanquin) - Repairing severe VWD type 3 variants to influence VWF production in VWF null ex vivo endothelial models

Julia Vogt (Sanquin) - Plasma peptidomics identifies tPA-induced fibrinolytic cleavage events

Samia Tufaha (Synapse Research Institute) - A novel fibrin-targeted urokinase fusion protein enhances thrombolytic efficacy with low bleeding risk

The three awarded clinical abstracts:

Jente Schoenaker (UMCU) - Individual correction formulas re-enable reliable Point-of-Care INR monitoring in high-risk antiphospholipid syndrome

Christian Remmelzwaai (UMCG) - Identification of novel deep-intronic SERPINC1 variant by multiple genomic and transcriptomic approaches in a large cohort of families with hereditary antithrombin deficiency

Thomas Nieuwenstein (RadboudUMC) - Clinical and Functional Studies Highlight a Central Role for GFI1B Zinc Finger 4 in Platelet Biology and Bleeding Tendency





Sign up for the NVTH PhD day 2026!

Dear NVTH PhDs,

This year we will organize the annual NVTH PhD day again!

The day will be filled with interesting chats from NVTH PhD alumni about their career, and you will get the chance to ask them anything about their jobs.

Also, a pitch workshop will be organized to learn more about the do's and don'ts about the art of pitching your research.

Signup link (please feel free to forward this link to your colleagues):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTQNaGdLWrl21RUoIc0UXuwktHYwo7nINusxRPiNc8Mhu4NQ/viewform?usp=header>

Information:

- Date: November 6th 2026
- Costs: free of charge for NVTH PhD members
- Location: UMC Utrecht, the specific location will follow

With kind regards,

The NVTH PhD day organization; Amber de Vos, Lauren Pickott, and Jente Schoenaker



Biobank collaborations

CONTRAST

Collaboration for New Treatments of Acute Stroke

Possibilities to use biomarkers and biobank materials from the CONTRAST trials for research. In the CONTRAST consortium (<https://www.contrast-consortium.nl/>) the aim is to increase the likelihood of a good recovery in a large group of patients with cerebral infarction or cerebral haemorrhage by developing new treatments in the laboratory, by research on improvement of treatment logistics, and with clinical trials. Each of these studies test one or more new treatments or answers important research questions. All studies are supported by a central assessment of brain-CT and -MRI scans, statistically analysed and collected in a central database.

In several of the trials (NO-IV where t-PA administration + thrombectomy is compared to thrombectomy only; MED where added value of heparin administration to thrombectomy is studied; and LATE where the period between start of symptoms and thrombectomy is extended) material has been collected in a central BIOBANK. We have serum, EDTA and citrate plasma and also the removed thrombi. Several studies with coagulation biomarkers have already been performed and published, but we still have a lot of materials in the freezer and also data are available for further analysis. If you are interested, please contact Moniek de Maat at Erasmus MC (m.demaat@erasmusmc.nl) or check the CONTRAST consortium website.



Investigators and members of the CONTRAST consortium at the annual meeting in 2025.

Would you like to learn more about the CONTRAST study? Scan the QR code to read the thesis from Aarazo Barakzie which she defended on February 10th 2026 (password 184931).



Would you also like to highlight your trial or consortium in our newsletter? Please contact nvth@erasmusmc.nl.



Conferences and courses

ECAT courses 2026

Since 2015, the ECAT Foundation, in collaboration with the Clinical Education Foundation, has launched a training program in the field of hemostasis and thrombosis.

This year as well, the ECAT Foundation, together with Avedicon (formerly Rock Consultancy), is organizing four courses, namely:

- Basic Laboratory Diagnostics of Blood Coagulation and Case Studies — 19 March 2026
- Method and Instrument Validation — 4 June 2026
- Physiology, Diagnostics, and Disorders in Primary Hemostasis — 8 October 2026
- Wet Workshop on Basic Coagulation Diagnostics and Case Studies — 12 November 2026

More information about these courses can be found at <https://ecat.nl/cursusprogramma2026>

These courses are part of a four-year training program. More information about this program can be found here: [link](#).

ISTH 2026



**PLAN TO ATTEND
ISTH 2026**
JULY 11-15, 2026

Join the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) in Paris and connect with the world's leading experts in thrombosis and hemostasis.

- Discover the latest breakthroughs in thrombosis, hemostasis and vascular biology.
- Connect with global experts and expand your professional network.
- Experience dynamic education through sessions, posters, lectures and exhibits.

#ISTH2026 Isthcongress.org



Paris 2026 **HOLLANDSE AVOND**



DATE & TIME: 12-7-2026, 19:30-22:30

DRESSCODE: ALL THINGS ORANGE OR
DUTCH (VENUE WILL BE OUTSIDE)

THIS YEAR, THERE WILL BE DRINKS AND
BITES (LIGHT DINNER)

AS ALWAYS, WE'LL PROVIDE A
(CASUAL AND INFORMAL)
ICEBREAKER ACTIVITY

HÔTEL OCEANIA
PARIS PORTE DE VERSAILLES
52 RUE D'ORADOUR SUR
GLANE 7501



Conference	Date	Location
ISTH	11-15 July, 2026	Paris
ESC	28-31 August 2026	Munich
ASH	12-15 December 2026	New Orleans
EAHAD	2-5 February 2027	Brussels
GTH	2-5 March 2027	Hamburg
NVTH PhD Course and Symposium	8-11 March 2027	Koudekerke
EAS	30 May – 2 June 2027	Göteborg
EHA	10-13 June 2027	Barcelona