
NEWS AND VIEWS

The Sixth Congress of the International Society of
Blood Transfusion
in conjunction with
The Ninth Annual Meeting of the American Association
of Blood Banks
September 3–September 5, 1956
Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A.

1. The International Society of Blood Transfusion and the International Society of Hematology, realizing the overlapping of interest in the fields of hematology and blood transfusion and the number of individuals who will wish to attend meetings of both societies, have agreed to hold the Sixth Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion in close relationship to the Sixth Congress of the International Society of Hematology in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., in August and September of 1956.

In addition, the American Association of Blood Banks will hold its annual meeting together with the International Transfusion Congress. Arrangements will be made to hold the usual administrative and technical sessions of the Association during the course of the Congress.

The VIth Congress of the International Society of Hematology will meet from August 26 through September 1, 1956.

The Sixth International Transfusion Congress and the American Association of Blood Banks will meet jointly from September 3 through September 5, 1956.

Joint programs of the two Congresses are scheduled for September 1 and 3.

2. *Headquarters* of both Congresses and the site of all the meetings and exhibits will be at the Hotel Somerset, Boston, Massachusetts.

3. *Communications*: All communications for the Blood Transfusion Congress should be addressed to:

VIth International Congress of Blood Transfusion
Dr. M. H. Sloan, Secretary
2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

All communications for the American Association of Blood Banks should be addressed to:

American Association of Blood Banks
Miss Marjorie Saunders, Secretary
3707 Gaston Avenue
Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.

4. In order to facilitate the entrance of foreign members and their families to the United States, the Congress will come under the Exchange-Visitor Program of the State Department. The Consulates in all the various countries will be notified by the State Department:

- (a) regarding the Congress, which has serial number P-2140, and
- (b) regarding the Congressists who have been "invited" to attend.

This will require an immediate statement from you that you are planning to attend the Congress. In turn, you will be notified by us that you have been selected to participate in the program. *It is imperative therefore that you send us immediately a statement that you are coming, even if this is uncertain.* Every effort will be made to see that all foreign delegates are admitted to the United States with a minimum of difficulty.

5. The officers of the Sixth Congress of the International Society of Blood Transfusion are:
 I. S. Ravdin, President (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
 Louis K. Diamond, Vice-President (Boston, Massachusetts)
 Margaret H. Sloan, Secretary (Washington, D. C.)
 Robert F. Norris, Treasurer (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
 Brooke Roberts, Assistant Secretary (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
 The officers of the American Association of Blood Banks are:
 James J. Griffiths, President (Miami, Florida)
 Ralph Hartwell, Vice-President (New Orleans, Louisiana)
 Marjorie Saunders, Secretary (Dallas, Texas)
 Bernice M. Hemphill, Treasurer (San Francisco, California)
 E. E. Muirhead, President-Elect (Dallas, Texas)
 Merlin L. Trumbull, Immediate Past President (Memphis, Tennessee)
6. The Congress will have four (4) official languages: English, French, Spanish, and Interlingua with simultaneous translations of the first three. Interlingua will be used for translating summaries of all papers and other documents.
7. *Presentation of Papers:* Those wishing to present papers on any appropriate themes have sent abstracts of 300 words or less in English, French, or Spanish. Abstracts of all papers will be published in English and Interlingua. Selections of papers will be based on their originality, interest, and scientific importance. Papers for the plenary sessions will be 20 minutes in length, for the multiple sessions 12 minutes. There will be strict accounting of time. Well-made lantern slides whose words can be read in a large auditorium are almost a necessity in the proper presentation of papers. Standard size (3¼" x 4"), 35 mm., and motion picture projectors will be provided. The "deadline" for the receipt of abstracts was March 1, 1956.
8. *Exhibits:* There will be space for both scientific and commercial exhibits.
 (a) *Scientific:* Those wishing to present scientific exhibits should send an abstract of their topic, indicate the space required, and specify the Congress for which the exhibit is intended. Special forms concerning space will be sent on receipt of such information. Prizes for the best exhibits will be given.
 (b) *Commercial:* Special forms concerning space and other arrangements will be sent on request.
9. *Motion Pictures:* A motion picture salon will be set up for showing 16 mm. motion pictures, silent and sound. Those desiring to show motion pictures will send an abstract of their topic.
10. *Special Events:* To be announced later.
11. *Travel:* A joint travel committee headed by Dr. Morten Grove-Rasmussen has made arrangements for reduced rates of travel by plane and ship. Approximate round-trip cost by plane, Paris-Boston-Paris, will be \$325.00. Further information will be forthcoming. It is essential, however, to make advance reservations now.
12. *Travel Grants:* Based on the possibility of obtaining grants from pharmaceutical houses, governmental sources, etc. it will be possible to extend some degree of travel assistance to a limited number of delegates. It is suggested that you notify us if this type of assistance is desired.
13. *Housing:* The Somerset Hotel, where all the meetings will be held, is allotting 300 rooms for the Congress. In addition, 300 rooms have been engaged at nearby hotels. "Dormitory" accommodations at approximately \$3.00 per day will be available either at the hotels or at nearby universities.
14. *Ladies Program:* An extensive program for ladies is being arranged.
15. ADDRESS ALL REPLIES AS INDICATED UNDER ITEM 3 (COMMUNICATIONS).
16. *Scientific Program:* A tentative program follows. This may be altered or rearranged depending on subject matter and speakers available later.

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR VIth INTERNATIONAL BLOOD
TRANSFUSION CONGRESS
and the
IXth ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BLOOD BANKS
September 1956

Saturday, Sept. 1	Monday, Sept. 3	Tuesday, Sept. 4	Wednesday, Sept. 5
9 A.M.-12:30	9 A.M.-12:30	9 A.M.-12:30	9 A.M.-12:30
<i>Autoimmunohematology</i> (in conjunction with the International Society of Hematology Autoimmune disorders: Hemolytic Anemia Thrombocytopenia Leukopenia Others	<i>Clinical Problems</i> Transfusion Reactions Errors and Abuse of Blood Transfusions Effects of Massive Transfusions Use of Blood in Burns	<i>Preparation and Preservation of Blood, Separated Formed Elements, and Blood Derivatives</i>	<i>Plasma and Plasma Derivatives</i> Fractionation Coagulation Factors Heat Stable Preparations Plasma Volume Expanders Properdin
2 P.M.-5:30	2 P.M.-5:30	2 P.M.-5:30	2 P.M.-5:30
I. Hemolytic Anemia II. Thrombocytopenia III. Others	<i>Hepatitis</i> Incidence Screening Tests Use of Gamma Globulin Other Disease Transmission <i>Isoimmunohematology</i> New Blood Groups and Antibodies Anthropology Immunochemistry	Anthropology (if not completed Monday afternoon) Medicolegal aspects of Blood Immunology Transfusion Equipment—Plastic Bags Reports of Blood Transfusion Service	Organization Problems

The Wayne University Symposium

The Fifth Annual Symposium on Blood was held at Wayne University College of Medicine, Detroit, on January 21, 1956 with Walter H. Seegers and E. A. Sharp presiding. The following papers were presented: 1. Problems in Megakaryocytopoiesis. *John W. Rebuck*. 2. Biochemical Studies on Leukocytes. *William N. Valentine and John S. Lawrence*. 3. Aplastic Anemia: Natural History and Incidence in Modern Therapy. *James A. Wolff, Hattie E. Alexander, Allyn B. Ley, and Frances Rowe*. 4. Slow and Rapid Freezing of Blood: The Mechanism of Cell Injury and Its Prevention. *Harold T. Meryman*. 5. The Role of Plasma Thromboplastin Component (PTC) in Blood Coagulation. *Theodore H. Spaet*. 6. Formation of Prothrombin Derivative Autoprothrombin II (Platelet Cofactor II) From Purified Prothrombin. *Shirley A. Johnson and Walter H. Seegers*. 7. The Action of Platelets and Tissue Fractions on Hemostasis. *Edmund Klein and Sidney Farber*. 8. A New Serum (Factor X). *F. Duckett, P. Fluckinger and F. Koller*. 9. Anaphylaxis, Radiation and Heparin. *Frank C. Monkhouse*. 10. Some Effects of Proteolytic Enzyme Inhibitors on Blood Coagulation. *N. Raphael Shulman*. 11. Purification of Trypsin-Activated Bovine Fibrinolytic. *Edwin T. Mertz and Arthur Dalby*. 12. In Vivo and In Vitro Studies on the Activation

of the Fibrinolytic Enzyme in Human Plasma by Streptokinase. *Sol Sherry*. 13. Inhibition of Thrombin Formation by Sulfhydryl Oxidizing Agents: Attempts to Elucidate Its Mechanism. *J. L. Koppel, D. A. Mueller and J. H. Olwin*. 14. Some Structural Aspects of the Prothrombin-Thrombin System. *Kent Miller and Helen Van Vunakis*. 15. Studies on Thrombin Formation. *H. Jensen*.

Abstracts of the papers were available to those attending the meeting and these abstracts will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Michigan State Medical Journal.

It is evident that the meeting was of special interest to those working in the field of blood coagulation. The material presented was in general excellent and concerned recent advances made in the various laboratories represented. Since no time restrictions were imposed on the speaker, recent work and relevant background material could be presented in a more interesting and informative manner than is possible in the customary ten minutes allotted at many meetings. As might be expected, a number of the papers dealing with coagulation left one feeling that there was room for discussion. The fact that there was no time allowed for discussion after any of the papers was felt to be most unfortunate, since the questions, comments, and criticisms following a talk may often be as instructive as the talk itself, particularly when those present have such a specialized common interest. The absence of debate at the meeting was somewhat mitigated, however, by informal discussion held later at a dinner attended by most of the participants.—*N. R. Shulman*

Blood Club Meeting

The Ninth Annual meeting of the Blood Club will be held on Sunday, April 29th, 1956, at 7.45 P.M. in the Vernon Room, Haddon Hall Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Committee on Arrangements:

Chairman: Leon O. Jacobson, M.D., University of Chicago.

Secretary: C. Lockard Conley, M.D. The Johns Hopkins University.

Edwin E. Osgood, M.D., University of Oregon.