

## IHN Newsletter December 2021

The IHN Board is pleased to inform you about some activities in this newsletter. We hope 2022 will bring interesting IHN activities, some of which are highlighted in this newsletter. Thank you for your contributions this year, we look forward to working with you in the coming year.



**SAVE THE DATE: 29 March 2022**

IHN virtual mini-seminar on plasma vigilance. More information will be available soon on the IHN website.

### International Haemovigilance Seminar 2022



**SAVE the DATE!**

The annual International Haemovigilance Seminar 2022 will be held jointly with the annual SHOT symposium from 6 - 8 July 2022 in Brighton.

The theme of the event will be 'Transfusion Safety: Past, Present and Future'.

More information will be available a.s.a.p. on the [IHN website](#).

### Call for nomination of new board members/Chair

In the next General Assembly, new Board members have to be elected. There is a vacancy for:

- President
- Board members

Board members should have affinity with vigilance and/or blood bank/transfusion management, but do not have to be an OCP (Official Contact Person of the IHN member country). If you are interested or know a possible candidate for these positions, please contact the [IHN secretariat](#).

### Haemovigilance assistance for the Dutch transfusion guideline

In 2018, IHN members assisted the Dutch blood transfusion guideline working group by responding to a survey about cases of transfusion-associated graft versus host disease (TA-GVHD) following transfusion of leukodepleted blood. The guideline was finalized at the end of 2020.

The extreme rarity of TA-GVHD in settings with universal pre-storage leukodepletion means the peer-reviewed literature does not yield evidence for lifting, or for retaining indications for provision of leukodepleted components. The haemovigilance data enabled the guideline group to make some (small) modifications to the irradiation requirements – more than were possible in the previous Dutch revision. The working group's paper in the British Journal of Haematology, describing the revision process, can be requested from the secretariat for personal use.



The guideline group expresses its thanks to all IHN members who responded to the survey. On behalf of the guideline group, Jo Wiersum.

### **IHN virtual mini-seminar 28 September 2021**

On Tuesday, 28 September 2021, the International Haemovigilance Network hosted the second IHN Virtual mini-seminar with the theme of Haemovigilance of whole blood donations and developments in blood transfusion in Africa. Please read the [summary](#).

### **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, like the General assembly meeting documents and it 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](mailto: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**

Last but not least, 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 send in any language. You can send you report via email to [secretariat@ihn-org.com](mailto:secretariat@ihn-org.com).

