

European Haemophilia Consortium

***Round Table of Stakeholders on
'Orthopaedic Aspects in Haemophilia Care'***

Tuesday, 27 June 2017, 14:00 to 16:45

Warwick Brussels Hotel

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Speaker biographies

Dr Steve Austin

Consultant Haematologist, St Georges Healthcare NHS Trust

Dr Steven Austin is a Consultant Haematologist currently practicing for the UK National Health Service (NHS) at two large London teaching hospitals. He is the Haemophilia Centre Director at St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in South London, and also holds a Consultant Haematologist position within the Centre for Haemostasis and Thrombosis at Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust in central London. Prior to his NHS appointment in 2008, he undertook research at University College London in ADAMTS13, a key protease and regulator of von Willebrand factor. His main academic interests include haemophilia, von Willebrand factor, and autoimmune thrombotic disorders. His clinical commitments focus in the subspecialty of haemostasis and thrombosis, more specifically on the management of inherited and acquired bleeding disorders, autoimmune thrombotic disease, and platelet disorders. Currently, Dr Austin is integral in the service provision of a managed care network in South London for patients with inherited bleeding disorders. Dr Austin lectures at St George's University London, University College London and University of Westminster to undergraduates and post graduates undergoing specialist training in haematology and related sciences. He is an active member of the UKHCDO, the Haemophilia Alliance and was previously active with the Haemophilia Clinical Reference Group for NHS England. As a member of national and international haemostasis societies, Dr Austin has multiple publications and contributes in peer-reviewed journals.

Mr Miguel Crato

Member, EHC Steering Committee

Miguel Crato is since 2013 the President of Associação Portuguesa de Hemofilia e de outras Coagulopatias Congénitas, the Portuguese National Member Organisation (NMO) of the European Haemophilia Consortium (EHC). Since October 2016, he is a member of the EHC Steering Committee.

Mr Crato has been a keynote speaker at several EHC events, including the World Haemophilia Day event held in April 2014 at the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut in Frankfurt, Germany, giving insights into the importance of the patient perspective in relation to the recommendations for the treatment of



haemophilia emanating from the Wildbad Kreuth consensus initiative. These recommendations were later adopted as a resolution by the health ministers of the Council of Europe.

Mr Crato has also been a member of the EHC Inhibitor Working Group (IWG) since its inception in 2015. IWG has the objective to develop a European Inhibitor Network to bring together people affected by this rare bleeding disorder and inhibitors, develop best practices for the treatment and management of inhibitors, as well as to combat social isolation and promote better access to treatment and care.

Throughout his time as a volunteer Mr Crato's biggest priority has been to empower and help members of the rare bleeding disorder community to achieve self-determination and to approach their condition in the most positive way possible.

Mr Crato is a legal adviser by profession and has severe haemophilia A and inhibitors.

Prof Cedric Hermans

Associate Head of Unit, Haemostasis and Thrombosis Unit

Cedric Hermans completed his medical training and specialisation in general internal medicine at Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. He obtained his PhD in Biomedical Sciences, specialising in toxicology, in 1999. In 2000, he embarked on a one-year fellowship at the Haemophilia Centre and Haemostasis Unit of the Royal Free Hospital, London, UK.

He was appointed associate professor at the Medical School of the Catholic University of Louvain in 2003 and full professor in 2012. He is currently heading the Haemostasis and Thrombosis Unit and the Haemophilia Centre of the Saint-Luc University Hospital, Brussels and is Vice Dean of the Medical School of the Catholic University of Louvain.

Dr Hermans has published over 180 original articles in international journals and is a member of several scientific societies and international advisory boards. He is currently President of the European Association for Haemophilia and Allied Disorders (EAHAD) and was recently appointed as member of the Board of Directors of the World Federation of Haemophilia. His main research interests lie in the area of haemostasis and thrombosis, especially clinical studies on the treatment of haemophilia, new anticoagulants, and the management of thrombosis.

Prof Pål André Holme

Senior Haematologist, Department of Haematology, Oslo University Hospital, Rikshospitalet and Institute of Clinical Medicine, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

Pål André Holme is Professor of Haematology and Senior Haematologist at the Department of Haematology and Institute of Clinical Medicine, Oslo University and Oslo University Hospital, Rikshospitalet, Norway. He graduated from the Medical School at the University of Oslo in 1993 and was a research fellow at the Institute for Internal Medicine, University of Oslo, where he earned a PhD in 1996 on studies on platelet activation and platelet-derived-microparticle formation. He is a specialist in internal medicine and haematology.

Since 2006, Prof Holme has headed the treatment of adult patients with haemophilia and bleeding related disorders in Norway. He participates in several clinical research groups and has been an active investigator in studies on bleeding related disorders and platelets. He has authored many



papers published in peer-reviewed journals and textbook chapters on these subjects.

Dr Sebastien Lobet

Physiotherapist, Hemostasis and Thrombosis Unit, Cliniques Universitaires St Luc

Sébastien Lobet is a physiotherapist and researcher at the Haemostasis and Thrombosis Unit at the Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc at Université Catholique de Louvain in Brussels, Belgium. He is also founder and manager of the Exercise Medicine Centre Da Vinci Health.

Dr Lobet completed his Masters' degree in Sport Physiotherapy in 1999 at the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium. He then undertook a degree in Paediatric Orthopaedic Physiotherapy in 2009 at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium. Presently, his main research interests lie in the area of musculoskeletal assessment in children and adults with haemophilia. In 2012, he completed his PhD thesis at the Institute of Neurosciences, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium. His research focuses on the functional assessment of haemophilic arthropathy by three-dimensional gait analysis.

In 2009, Dr Lobet received the Henri Horoszowski Memorial Award at the 11th International Musculoskeletal Congress of the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) for his research. Over the past four years, he also received a number of prestigious industry-sponsored research grants and awards, including the "Heroes in Haemophilia" Award in 2010, and an Early Career Investigator Award in 2012 to complete a post-doctoral fellowship at the KU Leuven University, Belgium, on functional assessment of ankle arthropathy in children with haemophilia. Most recently, in 2014, Dr Lobet was awarded the WFH Clinical Research Grant with Dr Kevin Deschamps (KU Leuven) for the research project 'Quantifying foot biomechanics in haemophilic children with ankle arthropathy through an integrated approach'.

Dr Luigi Piero Solimeno

Director, Emergency Trauma Department – Rare Disease service at IRCCS Cà Granda Foundation

Dr Solimeno has been involved in haemophilia care since 1988, when he started at A. Bianchi Bonomi Haemophilia Centre with a study on leg-length discrepancy in haemophilic patients.

In 2001, he became senior surgeon at the Ortho Trauma Centre Hospital of Milan and Head of Haemophilic Arthropathy Treatment Unit. In 2009, he became Chief of Ortho-Trauma Unit at IRCCS Cà Granda Foundation – Maggiore Hospital of Milan. He is the past Chair of Musculoskeletal Committee of the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH). In 2015, he became Director of Emergency Trauma Department – Rare Disease service at IRCCS Cà Granda Foundation – Maggiore Hospital of Milan.

He has performed more than 800 major orthopaedic surgeries in patients with haemophilia and is the author of 48 publications related to haemophilia.

Dr Thynn Thynn Yee

Haematologist, Katharine Dormandy Haemophilia and Thrombosis Centre

Dr Thynn Thynn Yee is a haematologist at Katharine Dormandy Haemophilia and Thrombosis Centre, an International Haemophilia Training Centre (IHTC) based at the Royal Free Hospital in London, UK.



She is passionate about closing the gap in haemophilia care and is the centre's lead for training of health care professionals referred from the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) and leads the twinning project of the centre with Haematology Departments in Myanmar.

Dr Yee's publications can be searched via the following link: <http://www.researcherid.com/rid/H-5862-2012>

