Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the NATA board of directors, it is our pleasure to invite you to the 17th NATA Symposium on Patient Blood Management, Haemostasis and Thrombosis that will take place on April 14–15, 2016 in Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

Every year NATA attracts a wide international and multidisciplinary audience, allowing delegates to share their experiences and network with a variety of specialists in their respective fields of interest. In line with our mission statement—Promoting optimal patient blood management, haemostasis and thrombosis in everyday clinical practice through a multidisciplinary approach—the scientific programme covers a wide range of topics related to anaemia, bleeding and thrombosis.

In agreement with this year’s theme, “From Theory to Praxis”, a special four-part session on perioperative patient blood management and its implementation has been scheduled on the first day, with the objective to provide clear take-home messages for clinical practice. On the second day, parallel sessions have been introduced, and hot topics such as NOAC reversal agents, prophylactic platelet transfusions, pathogen inactivation and management of major haemorrhage will be discussed. Reports from two NATA expert meetings on patient blood management in obstetrics will also be presented.

Every year, a high number of excellent abstracts are submitted for presentation. We believe this is part of the soul of NATA and have chosen to invite the 14 best abstracts for oral presentation. Submitted abstracts will now be classified into two groups of topics and the presenters of the 7 best-rated abstracts in each group will be invited to give a 5-minute presentation followed by a 3-minute discussion during the Best Posters sessions. This new arrangement will allow more participants to present their research in the oral communication format.

Another new feature of the programme is NATA’s fireworks lecture, intended to break away from our usual topics. We are glad that Christina Noble, founder of The Christina Noble Children’s Foundation (CNCF), has accepted to give a lecture on humanitarian aid and medicine during the opening session.

More than ever, the annual NATA symposium will provide a unique opportunity for stimulating and constructive exchanges across different specialties involved in patient blood management.

We look forward to meeting you in Dublin for this outstanding event.

Yours sincerely,

Jean-François Hardy
NATA Chair

Jakob Stensballe
Chair, NATA Scientific Committee

Deadline for abstract submission: January 17, 2016

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MORNING

8:45-9:00
Opening Address
Leo Varadkar, Minister for Health, Republic of Ireland (TBC)

9:00-9:30
NATA Chair’s Welcome Address
Jean-François Hardy, Montreal, QC, Canada

9:00-9:30
NATA FIREWORKS LECTURE—THE VERY BEST OF IRELAND
Jean-François Hardy, Montreal, QC, Canada
Jakob Stensballe, Copenhagen, Denmark
Humanitarian aid and medicine—how are we doing in 2016?
Christina Noble, Dublin, Ireland

HOW TO AVOID THE FIRST TRANSFUSION?
PATIENT BLOOD MANAGEMENT BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER SURGERY

1. PREOPERATIVE MEASURES TO AVOID THE FIRST TRANSFUSION
Jakob Stensballe, Copenhagen, Denmark
Toby Richards, London, UK

9:30-9:40
Diagnosis and management of anaemia and iron deficiency
Manuel Muñoz, Málaga, Spain

9:40-9:50
Antithrombotics—when to stop and whom to bridge?
Charles-Marc Samama, Paris, France

9:50-10:00
Bleeding tendency—how to screen and how to monitor?
Beverley J. Hunt, London, UK

10:00-10:10
Preadmission autologous blood donation—should we do it?
Rainer Moog, Cottbus, Germany

10:10-10:30
Discussion

10:30-11:00
Break

2. INTRAOPERATIVE MEASURES TO AVOID THE FIRST TRANSFUSION
Jakob Stensballe, Copenhagen, Denmark
Toby Richards, London, UK

11:00-11:10
Restrictive RBC transfusion strategy—but how low?
Jeffrey L. Carson, New Brunswick, NJ, USA

11:10-11:20
Fluid therapy to avoid transfusions
Philippe Van der Linden, Brussels, Belgium

11:20-11:30
Surgical techniques and toys
Toby Richards, London, UK

11:30-11:40
Anaesthetic management—tips and tricks
Rolf Rossaint, Aachen, Germany

11:40-11:50
Viscoelastic haemostatic monitoring for decision support
Jakob Stensballe, Copenhagen, Denmark

11:50-12:00
Cell salvage from start to end
Dafydd Thomas, Swansea, Wales, UK

12:00-12:10
Prohaemostatics—when to use TXA, PCC, fibrinogen or the whole package?
Beverley J. Hunt, London, UK

12:10-12:30
Discussion

12:30-14:00
Lunch break
Industry-sponsored satellite symposia and lectures (12:45-13:45)

14:00-14:10
RBC transfusion strategy—what now?
Jeffrey L. Carson, New Brunswick, NJ, USA

14:10-14:20
Postoperative cell salvage and reinfusion
Dafydd Thomas, Swansea, Wales, UK

14:20-14:30
Anaemia and iron deficiency—any change in strategy?
Elvira Bisbe, Barcelona, Spain

14:30-14:40
Antithrombotics—when to re-start?
Charles-Marc Samama, Paris, France

14:50-15:00
How to implement perioperative PBM—European/Australian perspective
Toby Richards, London, UK

15:00-15:10
How to implement perioperative PBM—North American perspective
Susan M. Goobie, Boston, MA, USA

15:10-15:30
Discussion

15:30-16:00
Break

AFTERNOON

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PATIENT BLOOD MANAGEMENT BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER SURGERY

3. POSTOPERATIVE MEASURES TO AVOID THE FIRST TRANSFUSION
Jakob Stensballe, Copenhagen, Denmark
Toby Richards, London, UK

16:00-17:00
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17:00-17:15
Awards will be given to the presenters of the 3 best poster presentations in each group. Best poster presentations will be selected by scientific committee or audience voting.

17:30-18:00
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MORNING

BREAKING NEWS & HOT TOPICS
Jean-François Hardy, Montreal, QC, Canada
Susan Atkinson, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK

8:45-9:00 European Transfusion Practice and Outcome Study (ETPOS): a multi-central evaluation of standard of transfusion care and clinical outcome for elective surgical patients
Jens Maier, Linz, Austria

9:00-9:15 DIC interventions in 2016—what have we learnt?
Marcel Levi, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

9:15-9:30 Tranexamic acid as a global haemostatic drug?
Lessons from over 300 RCTs
Beverley J. Hunt, London, UK

9:30-9:45 Immunoglobulins and adverse events—the FDA’s perspective
Jay S. Epstein, Silver Spring, MD, USA

9:45-10:00 Update on pathogen inactivation—what about function?
Helen V. New, London, UK

10:00-10:30 Discussion

10:30-11:00 Break

RED BLOOD CELL TRANSFUSION IN PERSPECTIVE
Jens Maier, Linz, Austria
Dafydd Thomas, Swansea, Wales, UK

11:00-11:15 Transfusion-related acute lung injury in perioperative and intensive care settings
Alexander Vaar, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

11:15-11:30 RBC metabolomics—pathways to new understanding
Pär I. Johansson, Copenhagen, Denmark

11:30-11:45 Transfusion thresholds—2016 Cochrane review
Jeffrey L. Carson, New Brunswick, NJ, USA

11:45-12:00 Hospital-acquired anaemia: impact and prevention
Susan M. Goobie, Boston, MA, USA

12:00-12:30 Discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch break
Industry-sponsored satellite symposia and lectures (12:45-13:45)

HAEMOSTASIS AND THROMBOSIS
Charles-Marc Samama, Paris, France
TBD

14:00-14:15 NOACs & haemorrhage—what we have learnt from registries?
David Faraci, Boston, MA, USA

14:15-14:30 NOACs & antidotes—how to manage bleeding in 2016?
Marcel Levi, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

14:30-14:45 Pulmonary embolism—risk factors in the current standard of care
Charles-Marc Samama, Paris, France

14:45-15:00 Anaemia and thrombosis
Juan V. Llau, Valencia, Spain

15:00-15:30 Discussion

15:30-16:00 Break

PATIENT BLOOD MANAGEMENT IN OBSTETRICS—REPORTS FROM TWO NATA EXPERT MEETINGS
Jakob Stensballe, Copenhagen, Denmark
Joan Power, Cork, Ireland

11:00-11:30 Management of anaemia and haematocrit deficiencies in pregnancy and in the postpartum period
Manuel Muñoz, Málaga, Spain

11:30-12:00 Prevention and treatment of postpartum haemorrhage
Beverley J. Hunt, London, UK

12:00-12:30 Discussion

12:00-13:30 Advanced Bleeding Care in Trauma (ABC-T) guideline
Donat R. Spahn, Zurich, Switzerland

16:15-16:30 National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) trauma guideline
Simon Hughes, Southampton, UK

16:30-16:45 Targeted Action Curing Trauma Induced Coagulopathy (TACTIC) programme
Pär I. Johansson, Copenhagen, Denmark

16:45-17:00 British Committee for Standards in Haematology (BCSH) practical guideline for the management of major haemorrhage
Beverley J. Hunt, London, UK

17:00-17:25 Discussion

17:25-17:30 Concluding comments
Jean-François Hardy, Montreal, QC, Canada

AFTERNOON

PLATELETS AND THROMBOCYTOPENIA—HOW LOW CAN WE GO?
Rainer Moog, Cottbus, Germany
Philip Murphy, Dublin, Ireland

14:00-14:15 Platelet count and outcome
Rainer Moog, Cottbus, Germany

14:15-14:30 Prophylactic platelet transfusions in patients with haematological malignancies—lessons from the TOPPS trial
Lise J. Estcourt, Oxford, UK

14:30-14:45 What about paediatrics & neonates?
Helen V. New, London, UK

14:45-15:00 Alternatives to prophylactic platelet transfusions
Lise J. Estcourt, Oxford, UK

15:00-15:30 Discussion
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Dates & venue
The 17th Annual Symposium on Patient Blood Management, Haemostasis and Thrombosis will be held in Dublin, Ireland, on April 14-15, 2016.
The symposium will take place at the Royal Dublin Society, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland (www.rds.ie).

Abstract submission
The deadline for abstract submission is January 17, 2016.
Accepted abstracts will be presented as posters, and each poster will be visited by two moderators during one of the four breaks of the symposium.
Submitted abstracts will be classified into 2 groups of topics and the presenters of the 7 best-rated abstracts in each group will be invited to give a 5-minute presentation followed by a 3-minute discussion during one of the Best Posters sessions (Part 1 or Part 2) scheduled on April 14 from 16:00 to 17:00.

Information & registration
Please visit www.nataonline.com for additional information on registration, accommodation and the conference dinner.