

# IHTC ALUMNI NEWSLETTER / 2025



I am pleased to share some of our key accomplishments from 2025. This year, we successfully trained 17 fellows, a milestone that reflects our continued commitment to expanding access to specialized hemophilia care worldwide. Beyond the numbers, this training improved diagnostic capacity, strengthened multidisciplinary care, and facilitated meaningful knowledge transfer within fellows' home countries institutions, helping to build stronger care for patients and communities.

As with previous years, our fellows came from diverse regions, underscoring the IHTC program's focus on equity and the expansion of expertise in low- and middle-income countries.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are welcoming two new IHTC Centres in Montevideo, Uruguay, and Tianjin, China, further expanding our network to 32 institutions around the world.

We also encourage all past and current fellows to engage with the IHTC Alumni Network, a dedicated platform that supports ongoing professional development, collaboration, and access to the latest resources from the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH). If you have not yet joined, we invite you to register and stay connected with peers worldwide.

As we reflect on the progress made this year, we extend our sincere gratitude to our fellows, IHTCs, and sponsors for their unwavering dedication and support. Your contributions continue to shape the future of hemophilia care, ensuring that expertise reaches communities where it is needed most.

This year's newsletter features inspiring stories from our recently trained fellows, along with articles highlighting the impactful work of our IHTCs. We hope you find their experiences as motivating and informative as we do.

We remain committed to strengthening sustainable hemophilia care through continued collaboration, capacity building, and knowledge exchange. By expanding partnerships and supporting long-term knowledge transfer, we aim to further strengthen the global hemophilia care community in the years to come.

I would also like to extend a warm invitation to join us at the WFH 2026 World Congress, taking place April 19–22, 2026, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Registration is now open, and further details are available at the link [here](#). I look forward to meeting many of you in Kuala Lumpur this April.

Thank you for being part of this journey. We look forward to continuing our mission together in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



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# 32 IHTCs AROUND THE WORLD



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**IHTC Centre: Unicamp Hemocentre – Cláudio Luis Pizzigatti Correa  
Hemophilia Service, Campinas, Brazil**

**IHTC Director: Margareth Ozelo**

**IHTC fellow: Vianela Altagracia Dalmasí Duval**

**Profession: Hematologist**

**Country: Dominican Republic**

**Training period: June 2–18, 2025**

My experience at the Unicamp Hemocentre with Dr. Margareth Ozelo and her entire team was truly wonderful. During my time there, I acquired and reinforced the fundamental knowledge needed to optimize the delivery of quality care for pediatric patients with hemophilia. I deepened my understanding of the comprehensive approach to patients with bleeding disorders, from clinical diagnosis and interpretation of diagnostic tests to selecting the most appropriate therapeutic treatment. I also recognized the importance of a multidisciplinary approach, with physiotherapy and psychology playing a vital role in preventing complications and promoting patients' overall well-being. I also improved my skills in prophylaxis and monitoring therapeutic response, which are key to providing effective, continuous care focused on the individual needs of each patient.

It was a magnificent learning experience.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**IHTC Centre:** La Paz University Hospital, Madrid, Spain

**IHTC Director:** María Teresa Álvarez Román

**IHTC fellow:** María de los Ángeles Pinto Hernández

**Profession:** Pediatric Hematologist

**Country:** Venezuela

**Training period:** November 3 - December 2, 2025

The fellowship gave me an invaluable opportunity to strengthen and update my knowledge of hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, with a particular emphasis on multidisciplinary, patient-centered care. The training covered clinical management, laboratory diagnosis, personalized prophylaxis, pharmacokinetics, complication management, and patient education, providing me with a thorough overview of modern hemophilia care.

Coming from Venezuela, where treatment is stable but limited by restricted access to therapies, this experience was particularly impactful, as it highlighted practical strategies that can be adapted despite resource constraints. The fellowship enhanced my professional and personal growth, inspired new clinical, educational, and research initiatives, and reinforced my commitment to improving patients' quality of life through integrated care, capacity building, and long-term sustainability. I am confident that the knowledge gained will contribute significantly to the advancement of hemophilia care in my home country.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

IHTC Centre: Royal Free Hospital, London, United Kingdom

IHTC Director: Chowdari Pratima

IHTC fellow: Ntsadi Mina Hill

Occupation: Nurse

Country: South Africa

Training period: September 1 to 26, 2025

During my fellowship at the Katharine Dormandy Haemophilia and Thrombosis Centre in London, I gained hands-on experience in patient care, laboratory procedures, and research. I learned advanced skills in clinical nursing, patient consultations, administration of factor and non-factor treatments, and care for women with bleeding disorders. I also observed how a multidisciplinary team works together, how meticulous patient documentation is maintained, and how innovative treatments and research trials are conducted.

I plan to use the knowledge and skills I gained to improve haemophilia care when I return home by expanding outreach, training junior nurses, implementing new treatment protocols, and raising awareness about bleeding disorders. I have seen the importance of patient-centered care, advocacy, and empowering patients and families.

I am very grateful to the World Federation of Haemophilia and the Katharine Dormandy Haemophilia and Thrombosis Centre for this opportunity. The experience has taught me so much and will help me enhance the care of people with bleeding disorders in my community.



# CENTRE SPOTLIGHT

**IHTC Centre: Necker–Cochin Clinical Hemostasis Centre, Paris, France**

**IHTC Director: Dr. Laurent Frenzel**

The Necker–Cochin Clinical Hemostasis Centre was established following the recent merger of two long-standing centres dedicated to the care of bleeding disorders. Today, it provides care to several thousand patients, both children and adults, who are living with hemostasis disorders. Our organization relies on a comprehensive clinical team comprising hematologists, rheumatologists, pediatricians, biologists, nurses, physiotherapists and administrative staff, ensuring multidisciplinary and continuous patient care.

The centre also boasts a particularly active research program. Our clinical research unit is involved in the implementation of numerous protocols, encompassing early-phase studies through to market access, with a strong focus on gene therapy, bispecific antibodies and immunotherapy. The basic research laboratory, within the Imagine Institute, delves into the mechanisms of hemophilic arthropathy. It fosters close collaboration among clinicians, researchers and allied health professionals.



Each year, we are delighted to welcome fellows from the IHTC program. Their participation contributes to a dynamic environment conducive to mutual exchange and shared learning. The team is deeply committed to humanitarian activities and regularly collaborates in Africa, particularly in Conakry, Guinea, alongside with Professor Mamady Diakité and the teams at Ignace Deen University Hospital. These visits aim to strengthen local capacities, support clinical care and identify concrete areas for development.

These collaborations extend beyond the fellowship training periods. For example, following the visit of Mrs. Zoeliasoa Razanajanahary, in June 2024, we organized

several training days with the team in Madagascar, focusing on management of joint complications. They addressed joint ultrasound, ultrasound-guided injections under virtual hypnosis, and the optimization of rehabilitation protocols. The initial sessions, held in February 2025, were highly successful and paved the way for the continuation of a sustainable partnership (see photos).

We warmly thank the World Federation of Hemophilia for the IHTC Fellowship Program, which represents an essential source of enrichment for both host teams and fellows, and serves as a driving force in improving access to specialized care worldwide.



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