

**SPECIAL  
EDITION**

# BRC Newsletter



## News, Events, and More!

This month's newsletter is a special edition summer roundup and highlighting special events!

Be sure to check out the entire newsletter to see upcoming events, seminars, and conferences.



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# Events - Seminars - FYIs

## BRC Seminar Series

Mark your calendar for these upcoming speakers!



### September 2023

Date: **9/1/2023**

Speaker: **Nick van Es, MD, PhD**

Institution: **Amsterdam University Medical Center**

Host: **Yohei Hisada, PhD**

Location: **Virtual**

Date: **9/22/2023**

Speaker: **Anandi Krishnan, PhD**

Institution: **Stanford University**

Host: **Robert Lee, PhD**

Location: **TBD**

### October 2023

Date: **10/6/2023**

Speaker: **Joseph Aslan, PhD**

Institution: **Oregon Health & Science University**

Host: **Alisa Wolberg, PhD**

Location: **Marsico 2004 (tentative)**

Date: **10/20/2023**

Speaker: **Sidney Strickland, PhD**

Institution: **Rockefeller University**

Host: **BRC Trainees**

Location: **MEJ 3116**



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### November 2023

Date: 11/3/2023

Speaker: **Stefanie Vogel, PhD**

Institution: **University of Maryland**

Host: **Silvio Antoniak, PhD**

Location: **Marsico 2004 (tentative)**

Date: 11/17/2023

Speaker: **Pierre Mangin, PhD**

Institution: **Inserm ul255**

Host: **Wolfgang Bergmeier, PhD**

Location: **Virtual**

### December 2023

Date: 12/1/2023

Speaker: **Mitch Weiss, MD, PhD**

Institution: **St. Jude Children's Hospital**

Host: **Jane Little, MD**

Location: **Marsico 2004 (tentative)**



Please reach out to  
[amy\\_spence@med.unc.edu](mailto:amy_spence@med.unc.edu) if you  
need to be added to the seminar  
invites!

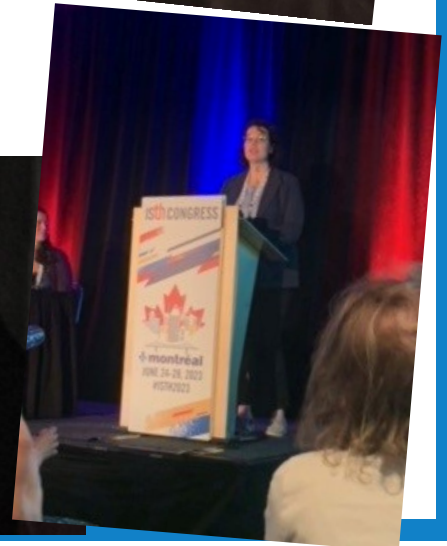
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## Strong BRC Showing at ISTH 2023



There was a great turnout from the BRC at the ISTH 2023 Congress in Montreal!

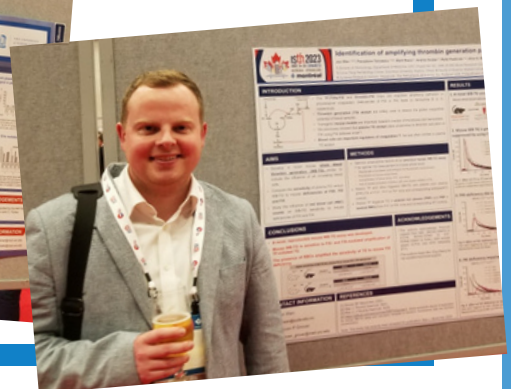
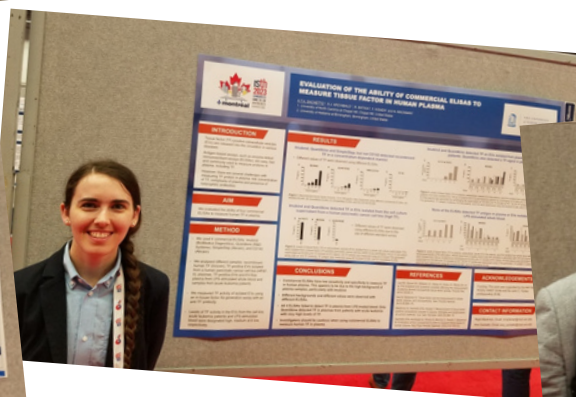
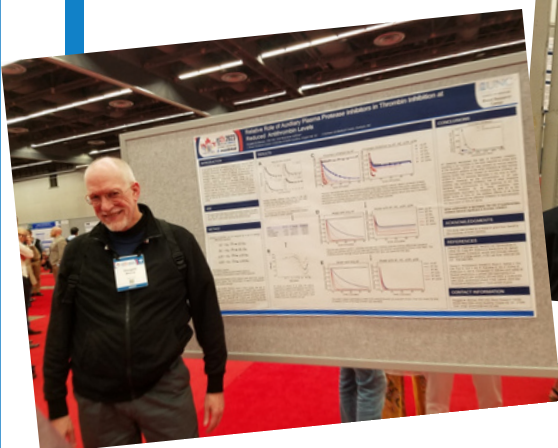
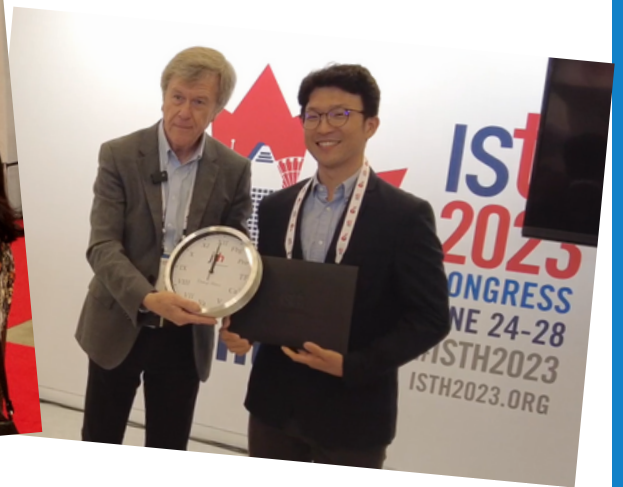
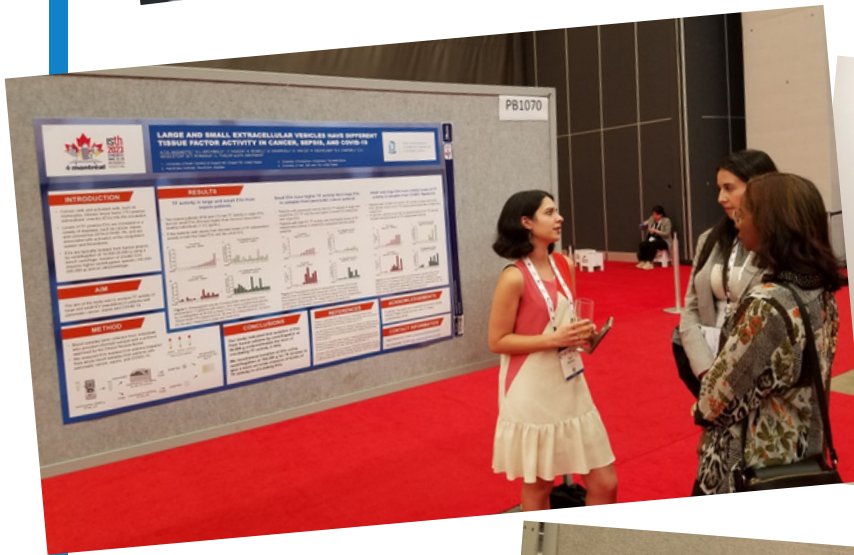
Despite the wildfires trying to keep the BRC members in Canada, everyone managed to make it back to UNC - some even making a 14 hour road trip out of it!



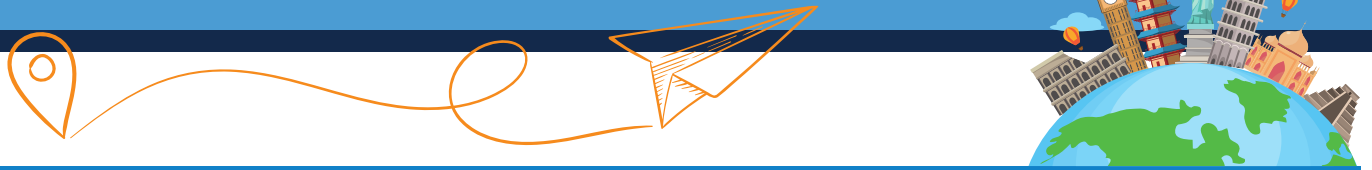
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*Doad Trip!!*



# BRC Around the World



Nigel Key, MD in Martin, Slovakia receiving an award for significant research contribution in thrombosis and hemostasis



Stephan Moll, MD in Thailand at a woodworking shop with exotic and specialty woods - a fun field trip during the ISTH Bangkok Educational Meeting!



# BRC Around the World



## Project Malawi



Luke Eastburg, MD is a second-year hematology fellow and T32 Trainee at UNC who has spent the past year in Malawi as part of the NIH-funded Fogarty Global Health Fellowship Program. He is joined in Malawi by his wife, Meredith, and three children (Anders, Ingrid, and Freya). Clinically, Luke spends times in the adult lymphoma and benign hematology clinics at Kamuzu Central Hospital in Lilongwe, Malawi. Dr. Matt Painschab is Luke's primary in-country mentor and Dr. Jane Little is Luke's primary SCD mentor. With the mentorship of Dr. Little and Dr. Painschab, Luke's research includes characterizing the rapidly growing adult sickle cell population within Malawi, the cost-effectiveness of maximum tolerated dose hydroxyurea in sub-Saharan Africa, and understanding the effect of rituximab on malaria risk in patients with DLCL.

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## UNC Project Malawi

Right: Luke and Edwards Kasonkanji,  
MPH - clinical officer @ UNC Project

Below: Outside the pediatric sickle cell  
clinic



Luke and one of his mentors,  
Jane Little, MD

The UNC Malawi Cancer Team



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## UNC Project Malawi

June 19th, 2023 was World Sickle Cell Day. Family members, friends, and people with sickle cell disease all took to the streets in Lilongwe, Malawi to show their support and to raise awareness of SCD.



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## UNC Project Malawi

Thank you Luke, for the beautiful photos of Lilongwe, Malawi!



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## The BRC Turns Four!

The BRC's fourth birthday  
is on  
September 26th, 2023!



Let's celebrate with pizza and Locopops!

more details to follow!



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## 2023 UNC at ASH Event

The ASH Conference is fast approaching which means so is the UNC reception! Save the date!

Saturday, December 9th, 2023  
7:30-9:30pm PST

Beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres will be provided!

Hard Rock Hotel San Diego  
207 5th Ave,  
San Diego, CA 92101

More details to come!



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## 2024 Symposium

**Save the Date!**

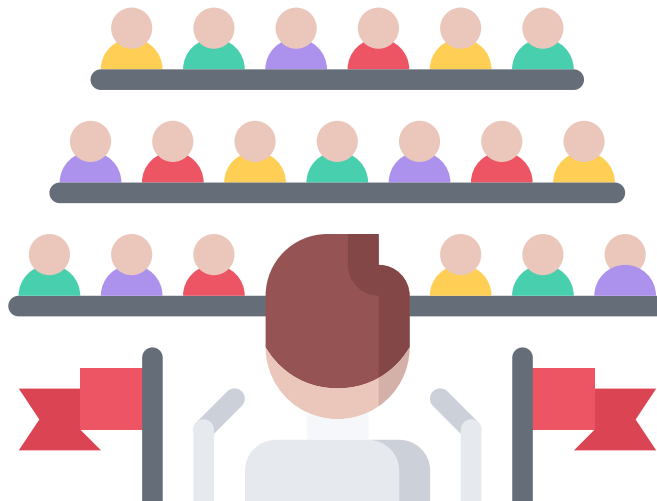
### **11th Symposium on Hemostasis:**

Coagulation and Platelet Biology at the  
Intersection of Health and Disease

April 25th - 27th, 2024

The Carolina Inn, Chapel Hill

[Click here for more details and to register!](#)



**FYI!**



**Translational Summit on Coagulopathies Across Species:**  
April 24th - 25th 2024, prior to the 11th Annual Symposium  
on Hemostasis at the Carolina Inn.

More details to come!

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## Full Court Press for Sickle Cell



### **FULL COURT PRESS** for Sickle Cell

**September 23, 2023**

10am-4pm

**Ernie Williamson Athletic Center**

450 Skipper Bowles Drive

Chapel Hill, NC 27514



5v5, up to 10 players per team

Suggested team fundraising goal \$1000

**Questions/Register a Team:**

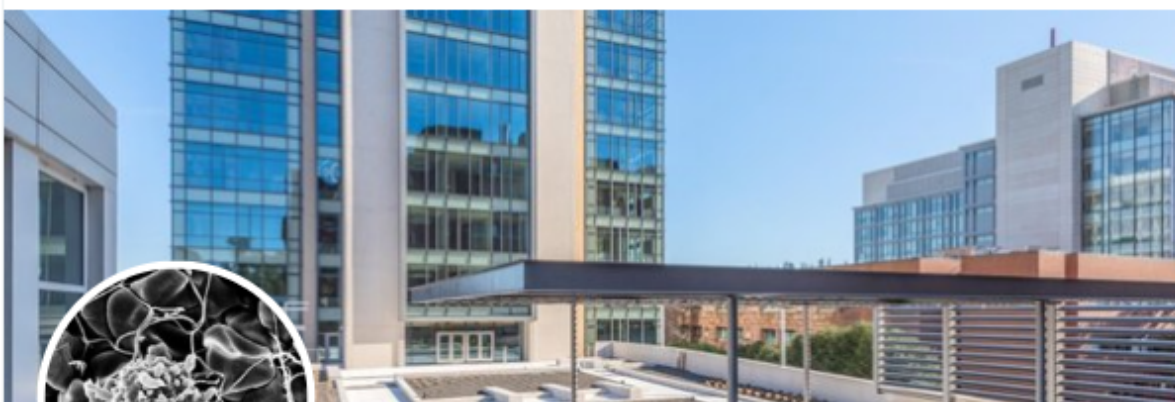
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## The BRC is On Twitter!

### Be sure to follow the official [BRC Twitter account!](#)

Want your good news (publications, grants, awards, etc.) to be shared to our followers? Reach out to [Erica](#), [Bobby](#), and [Amy](#) and we will be happy to retweet/post about your success!



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### UNC Blood Research Center

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To promote interdisciplinary research in non-malignant blood disorders across  
[@UNC @UNCresearch](#)

📍 Chapel Hill, NC [🔗 med.unc.edu/bloodresearchc...](https://med.unc.edu/bloodresearchc...) 📅 Joined March 2023

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# Odds & Ends

## FYI's and Extra Bits

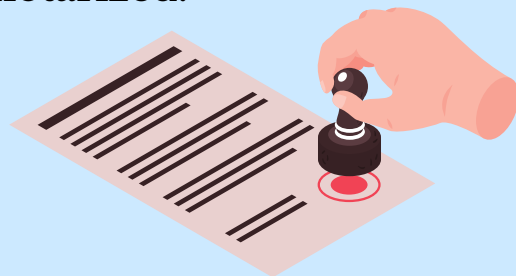
### Coming Soon!

For those who need a private space during the day, we are setting up the alcove at the back of the 8th floor as a quiet space for people to utilize.



### Need something notarized?

I can help with that!  
Send an email to:  
[amy\\_spence@med.unc.edu](mailto:amy_spence@med.unc.edu)  
and we can get you sorted and stamped



Please send any events, seminars, news items, etc. to me if you'd like them to be featured in the next newsletter!