International Committee for Standardization in Hematology: Availability of Hemiglobincyanide Reference Preparation

An international hemiglobincyanide reference solution is prepared by the Rijks Instituut voor de Volksgezondheid, Bilthoven, the Netherlands, under the auspices of the International Committee for Standardization in Hematology (ICSH) [Brit. J. Haemat. 13: suppl., 71, 1967]. The project is sponsored by the Council of Europe and by the World Health Organization. The latter authority has established the solution as International Hemiglobincyanide Reference Preparation [Wld Hlth Org. techn. Ser. 384: 12, 86, 1968]. It is available free of charge on request to national laboratories working in hematology or to interested individual workers, and is intended for checking the purity and content of hemiglobincyanide reference solutions to be used in the daily practice of hemoglobinometry. It consists of an aqueous hemiglobincyanide solution equivalent to a hemoglobin content of approximately 60 mg/100 ml, dispensed in 10 ml ampoules and packed in boxes of six. It is tested and regularly checked by a number of control laboratories nominated by ICSH.

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Third Mediterranean Congress on Thromboembolism

The Third Mediterranean Congress on Thromboembolism will take place during the first week of June 1973 in Tel Aviv.

Main topics:
1. Pathogenesis (a) vascular factors (b) platelets (c) coagulation factors.
2. Diagnostic procedures.
3. Clinical aspects.
4. Therapeutic aspects (a) fibrinolytic (b) anticoagulants (c) surgical.

The language of the Congress is English.

President: Dr. A. De Vries; Secretary: Dr. I. Cohen.

Additional informations can be obtained from the: Organizing Committee, the Third Mediterranean Congress on Thromboembolism P.O.B. 16 271, Tel Aviv (Israel).