

## Report from the 6<sup>th</sup> Sysmex UK User Symposium

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On November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 1999, Sysmex UK held the 6<sup>th</sup> UK User Symposium since their formation in 1991.

The attendance at these meetings has continued to rise to such an extent that it is now necessary to hold separate Haematology and Haemostasis user symposia on alternate years.

1999 was the first time that a Haemostasis symposium had been held. A total of 200 delegates attended included guests from Dade Behring, Sysmex Europe and Sysmex Corporation. The delegates were mostly technicians although a number of research and clinical doctors were in attendance. The scientific programme consisted of a total of ten speakers mostly from UK with guest speakers from Germany, Netherlands and France. All of the speakers made excellent presentations and the topics included global screening for thrombophilia, factor VIII testing and reactions at the endothelial level. A dedicated session was held which covered the PFA-100 from Dade Behring which is distributed in UK by Sysmex UK. This was very well received. Delegates agreed that the scientific programme was very informative and well-balanced which led to some lively discussions.

Sysmex UK would like to thank all speakers, chairpersons, delegates and guests who attended the symposium and we trust that you all found the meeting enjoyable.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2000, Sysmex UK will be holding a Haematology Symposium at Stratford-On-Avon in Central England.

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## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sysmex UK User Symposium

Date and place : 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1999  
Leicestershire, UK

- Speakers :
- Mr. RG Malia, Sheffield Haemophilia and Thrombosis Centre, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, UK**  
*The Norseman's Kingdom*
  - Dr. R B Zotz, Institute of Haemastaseology & Transfusion Medicine, University Medical Centre, Dusseldorf, Germany**  
*Screening Tests for Thrombophilia: which tests, for which patient, and which consequences?*
  - Dr. Trevor Baglin, Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, UK**  
*Thrombophilia Screening - where are we headed?*
  - Professor K J Pasi, University of Leicester, Leicestershire, UK**  
*Issues associated with Factor VIII Measurement*
  - Jacob de Haan, PhD, Clinical & Scientific Affairs, DadeBehring, Marburg, Germany**  
*The PFA-100: Platelet Function Analyzer - Introduction & Clinical Update*
  - Dr. Agnes Veyradier, Hopital Antoine Beclere, Paris, France**  
*The PFA-100 as a tool in screening and therapeutic monitoring, of Von Willebrand disease*
  - Dr. K Hampton, Department of Haematology, Sheffield Thrombosis & Haemostasis Centre NGH & RHH, Sheffield, UK**  
*PFA-100 Platelet Function Studies in potential acquired bleeding disorders*
  - Dr. J C Giddings, University of Wales College of Medicine, Wales, UK**  
*Interactions and Reactions at the Endothelial Level*
  - John George, Central Quality Assurance Scheme, c/o Haematology Department, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK**  
*How Much Control Do You Have Over Your EQA Performance?*
  - Dr. Colin Hamilton-Davies, Middlesex Hospital, London, UK**  
*The role of endotoxin in the development of post operative multiple organ failure and ways of reducing its effect.*