



Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends and Guests,

The 65th Congress of the ESCVS held in Belgrade is here to come!

Just 40 years ago, Belgrade was the host of the 25th annual congress of the ESCVS, the oldest society in Europe in the cardiac and vascular surgical field. Belgrade is the capital of Serbia and one of the biggest cities in this part of Europe well known for its tradition, cultural and social resources thus becoming increasingly popular touristic destination in the recent period. Charm, night life and hospitality of inhabitants are usually outlined by foreign visitors.

As your hosts, we will provide you with interesting scientific program enriched with educational workshops, scientific lectures related to both clinical problems and scientific topics. Some of the most controversial themes will be presented through "pro et contra" sessions by some of the most experienced physicians from the field, respecting new technologies and innovative therapies while not forgetting conventional open cardiac and vascular surgery. Besides educational workshops, young surgeons will be able to compete for the "best young cardiac/vascular surgeon" prize based on their scientific work. In the name of the fruitful cooperation with other specialties, different joint sessions will be organized.

Collaborators in ACST 2 study will endow with interesting lectures and updates from the field of the treatment of asymptomatic carotid disease. Serbian Society for Heart Failure and Working group for pacemaker of the Serbian Society for Cardiology will present their most interesting controversies. Different social and cultural activities will be provided to all visitors of our meeting.

We hope that you will find the 65th Congress of the ESCVS in Belgrade an unforgettable event.

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## ESCVS Summer school 2015

The ESCVS 2015 Summer School was held in Heraklion, island Crete, Greece, May 19 – 21 as a pre symposium session to LIVE congress (Leading Innovative Vascular Education). This very educational event for residents and young cardiac and vascular surgeons entitled *Writing and Presenting Scientific Publication* was a great opportunity to update knowledge in scientific reading and writing.

Altogether 12 participants from Greece, France, Italy, Croatia, Turkey, Romania and the Netherlands attended Summer School in 2 days sessions. Sessions were moderated by distinguished lecturers Oztekin Oto, president of ESCVS; Athanasios Giannoukas, LIVE 2015 director; Lazar Davidovic, ESCVS president elect; Nicos Labropoulos from Stony Brook, NY, A. Tulga Ulus, EC ESCVS member from Turkey, Igor Koncar, former JC Chairman and Janet Powell from United Kingdom.

After interesting sessions participants also had some time for get together and enjoy cultural and culinary part of Crete. ..



Fig. 1. Lecturers at ESCVS 2015 Summer School



Fig. 2. Participants of ESCVS 2015 Summer School at dinner in Heraklion



## ESCVS Summer school 2016



### THE DISEASES of THORACIC and ABDOMINAL AORTA

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The European Society for Cardiovascular and Endovascular Surgery is dedicated in providing educational opportunities to residents and young cardiac and vascular surgeons. This year's ESCVS Summer School entitled **The Diseases of Thoracic and Abdominal Aorta** will be held in beautiful city of Poreč, in Istria, Croatia, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June.

The aim of the summer school is for participants to get acquainted with pathology and surgical treatment of aorta from root to bifurcation. 10 young surgeons (5 cardiac and 5 vascular) will be granted free accommodation and course fee.

Travel expenses will not be covered by the organizers. Applications for ESCVS grants are open until the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2016. Other interested participants will be able to apply until the maximum number of applicants is reached. Interested participants, younger than 35 years of age, are invited to apply on [escvsjc@gmail.com](mailto:escvsjc@gmail.com) with their CV and ID copy (age proof). Granted candidates will be selected by members of EC of the ESCVS and informed via e-mail.





## VIP Congress 2016 "Europe meets ASIA"



The VIP congress will be held in Padova, Italy, from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

The VIP congresses belong to an ambitious scientific project started in 2012, aiming to meet every two years scientists from a different geographical area in an international meeting at the highest scientific level.

The first edition was held in 2012, the main guests were Latin Americans, followed in 2014 by North American surgeons.

The third edition, that will see Asian vascular surgeons at the center

of the scientific scene, has the potential to be one of the most important Vascular and Endovascular scientific meetings of 2016.

In the 2016 VIP Congress the program will focus on treatment of arterial diseases: technical aspects and future perspectives will be discussed by an outstanding international faculty

Young people will be welcome, especially students, fellow or trainee in several sessions dedicated to free papers selected by the scientific committee.

The author of the best presentation will be awarded with the opportunity to attend the Clinic of Vascular and endovascular Surgery of Padua University for a month including travel and accommodation.

Abstract Submission deadline is 5 May 2016 at <http://www.vipcongress2016.org/page.aspx?IDPag=38>

## News

No difference in 10 years CREST trial shows between stenting and endarterectomy at 10 years

Long-term follow-up results of the CREST trial show no difference between CAS & CEA patients regarding risk of periprocedural stroke, AMI, or death.

Between 2,502 patients, there was no significant difference in the primary composite endpoint between the stenting group (11.8%; 95% CI, 9.1 to 14.8) and the endarterectomy group (9.9%; 95% CI, 7.9 to 12.2) over 10 years. With respect to the primary long-term endpoint, postprocedural ipsilateral stroke over the 10-year follow-up occurred in 6.9% (95% CI, 4.4 to 9.7) of the patients

in the stenting group and in 5.6% (95% CI, 3.7 to 7.6) of those in the endarterectomy group; the rates did not differ significantly between the groups (hazard ratio, 0.99; 95% CI, 0.64 to 1.52).