



Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends and Guests,

We are delighted to invite you to Nice for the 63rd Congress of the ESCVS.

The ESCVS is the oldest society in Europe in the cardiac and vascular surgical field and was founded by René Leriche and Dos Santos in 1950. It has a strong tradition of merging specialties to provide better care for patients. The Society is actively engaged in projects involving its young members, to train them and give them the experience and knowledge of new techniques and materials.

Nice, located in the south-east of France and close to Italy and Switzerland, offers many advantages to conference participants, including its beautiful location on the Mediterranean and an easy-to-use transport system. Wander around the streets of the old town. Be fascinated by the incredible Baroque churches and the elegant Gothic and Italian renaissance style of architecture present throughout the city. Sense the Roman or the Greek influence while breathing the exotic flavours of the stunning gardens and the renowned flower market.

The Nice Acropolis convention centre is located downtown. Its size, state-of-the art equipment and modular spaces make it one of the most practical convention and exhibition sites in Europe.

We hope that you will have pleasure in helping us make the 63rd Congress of the ESCVS in Nice an unforgettable event.

Latest preliminary program of ESCVS 2014, [click here](#)

Friday 25.5. 14:30-16:30

YOUNG CARDIAC and VASCULAR INVESTIGATOR S AWARD

Let us invite you to attend this important session. We are sure, the programm will be really interesting. You could see and hear our hopeful future generation. Many of young vascular and cardiac surgeons will present their scientific work. We hope to hear a lot of new interesting theses and results. For many of the authors, this will be their beginning on the scientific field and they need our support, critical review, guidance and recommendations. Let us prepare a nice environment for them with a full auditorium.



ESCVS Summer School

Designing Study, Writing and Presenting Scientific Paper

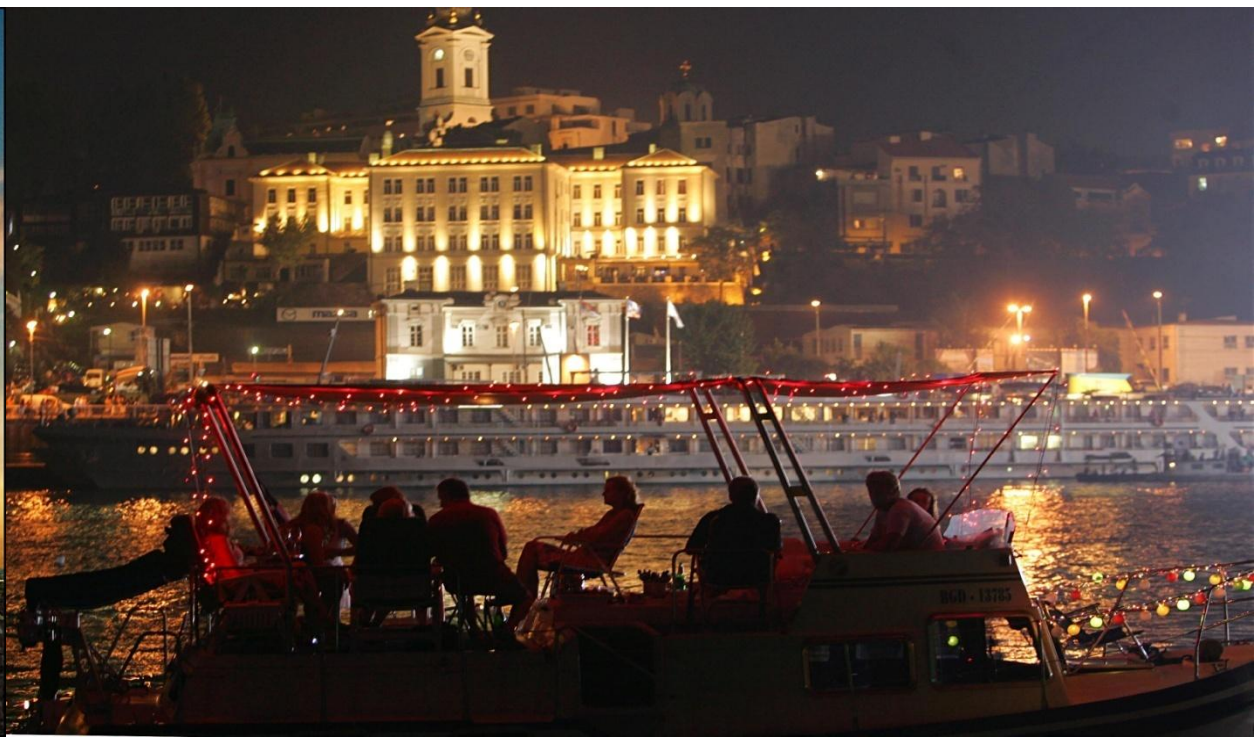
Belgrade, Serbia, 25th – 27th, July 2014



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Summer school of the European Society for Cardiovascular and Endovascular Surgery dedicated to designing study, writing and presenting scientific paper will be organized 25-27.07.2014 in Belgrade. Host of the Summer School will be Prof Dr Lazar Davidovic, Head of the Clinic for Vascular and Endovascular Surgery of the Serbian Clinical Centre.

The aim of the school is to improve skills of writing and presenting scientific paper for young cardiac and vascular surgeons. 10 young surgeons (5 cardiac and 5 vascular) will be granted free entrance to the accommodation, social events and workshop. Other interested participants should pay for accommodation only. Participant should be Junior member of the ESCVES and younger than 35 years.





In a few days, the 2014 Charing Cross Symposium will be in its 36th year as it moves to a new venue – from National Hall, to Grand Hall within the Olympia complex.

As ever, CX mission continues in its three-year cycle: CONTROVERSIES that enable a world-class faculty and an expert audience to CHALLENGE the available evidence in order to reach a CONSENSUS after discussion.

The distinguished faculty upholds a clinical approach, with patient care at the centre and with a focus on vascular disease and current best management. This year, the best consensus topics will be presented to allow audience members to make up their own minds about the best methods of care for their patients.

The programme will feature topics and debates covering all domains of vascular and endovascular surgery, within a

central theme of consensus on clinical diagnosis by symptoms, signs and appropriate investigations, including all forms of imaging:

- Pre-intervention assessment, including appropriate imaging
- Planning intervention, including simulation rehearsal in some cases
- Intervention with intra-procedural imaging
- 24-hour imaging assessment
- Follow-up imaging and procedure

NEWS from PRESS

Terumo Harvest SmartPReP2 to be used in preparation of concentrated bone marrow cells as alternative therapy in “no indication” CLI.

Critical limb ischemia incidence is high, and despite the achievements in revascularizations techniques, the evolution to major amputation is still possible in a great number of patients.

Avoiding major amputation is the first goal, but not many therapeutic possibilities after failure of surgical/endovascular treatment. The use of autologous staminal cells from bone marrow aspirate seems to be potentially useful to reduce amputation rates.

The Harvest SmartPReP2 Bone Marrow Aspiration Concentrate

System (BMAC2), Terumo, is intended to be used at point-of-care for the safe and rapid preparation of autologous nucleated cell concentrate from Bone Marrow Aspiration (BMA) for administration into ischemic tissues of the affected limb due to No Option Critical Limb Ischemia. The major advantages in using the Terumo Harvest SmartPReP2 compared to the standard procedure are that the preparation is quite quick (15 mins), the concentrated cells are very rich in both platelets and granulocytes and in vascular endothelial growth factor. The study has been proposed recently by Prof Tulga (uluss@yahoo.com), Vascular Advisor and member of the Editorial Board of ESCVS.

In this study 150 patients with PAOD will be randomly allocated in a 2:1 ratio to either receive autologous BMCs-Tx, or a control group no stem cell therapy.

The cells derived from bone marrow and concentrated by the Terumo Harvest machine will be injected close to the ischemic areas, lesions or gangrene.

Main endpoints are:

- Change in subject’s perception of pain (analog pain scale).
- Amputation-free survival
- Change in pain free walking distance (claudication)
- Change in TcPO2
- Change in ABI, TBI, maximal walking distance
- Change in quality of life.
- Reduction in pain medication.

More details here:

<http://www.escvs.com/pdf/paod-study-protocol-escvs.pdf>

NEWS from PRESS



Cordis announces distribution of Chocolate PTA balloon catheter

the Chocolate PTA balloon catheter, is a special PTA balloon that permits “non traumatic” dilatation in peripheral artery disease.

Its nitinol “wire” structure creates uniform “pillows” that make contact with the vessel and “valleys” that allow for plaque modification and are designed to relieve stress during inflation.

The Chocolate PTA balloon catheter is indicated for balloon dilatation of lesions in the peripheral vasculature, including the iliac, femoral, ilio-femoral, popliteal, infra-popliteal and renal arteries.

Gore REVISE clinical study demonstrates superiority of Gore Viabahn endoprosthesis

The results of the Gore REVISE clinical study will be presented soon in Phoenix, USA.

The multicentre, randomised-controlled trial evaluated the safety and effectiveness of the Gore Viabahn endoprosthesis in treating stenoses, thrombotic, occlusions of a synthetic arteriovenous access graft at the venous anastomosis.

The study compared the results of two patient groups, one treated with the Gore Viabahn device and the other receiving percutaneous transluminal angioplasty.

The press release reports the key points from the Gore REVISE clinical study as follows:

- Statistical superiority over the PTA group in target lesion primary patency over a 24 month follow-up period (p = 0.008)
- Non-inferiority in terms of freedom from major device, treatment, or procedure related adverse events as compared to the percutaneous transluminal angioplasty group (p < 0.001)
- Greater primary patency for both thrombotic and non-thrombotic patients as compared to PTA
- A reduction in repeat interventions as compared to PTA angioplasty group necessary to maintain access secondary patency

- No reported fractures crossing the elbow.

“The results of this study demonstrate the superior clinical benefit of using a stent-graft for arteriovenous graft revisions as opposed to percutaneous transluminal angioplasty alone. In addition to its proven clinical benefit, the Gore Viabahn endoprosthesis is both flexible and durable, allowing it to conform to the anatomy of a moving arm and cover every curve. The device provides physicians with an endovascular tool to treat even the most challenging venous anastomotic locations.



2014 Main Congresses and Meetings

- 63rd International Congress of ESCVS 2014 (24–27 Apr 2014)
 - 22nd Annual Pennsylvania Hospital Vascular Symposium (2–3 May 2014)
 - 18th European Vascular Course (12–14 May 2014)
 - ESVS Vascular Biology, Materials and Engineering Meeting (16–17 May 2014)
 - EuroPCR (20–23 May 2014)
 - LIVE—Live Innovative Vascular Education (22–24 May 2014)
 - SCAI 2014—Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (28–31 May 2014)
 - First International Live Course on Drug-Coated Balloon Angioplasty (30–31 May 2014)
 - Vascular Annual Meeting (5–7 Jun 2014)
 - MEET Congress (8–10 Jun 2014)
 - European Venous Forum (26–28 Jun 2014)
 - VIP—Vascular Interventional Padova Congress (26–28 Jun 2014)
 - 18th International Expert Symposium on Critical Issues in Aortic Endografting (27–28 Jun 2014)
 - Vascular Interventional Advances Annual Conference (4–7 Nov 2014)
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