



Dear Colleagues,

The 64th ESCVS International Congress has been finished with great success.

At the crossroad between East and West in the beautiful City of Istanbul (Turkey), from 25th to 29th March 2015, more than 1000 cardiac and vascular surgeons shared their expertise regarding state of the art of cardiac and cardio-vascular surgery.

More than 700 abstracts have been accepted, and more than 200 oral presentations from all around the world were given.

The scientific program was admittedly very rich and fruitful including outstanding presentations in cardiac surgery, vascular surgery, but also cardiovascular medicine.

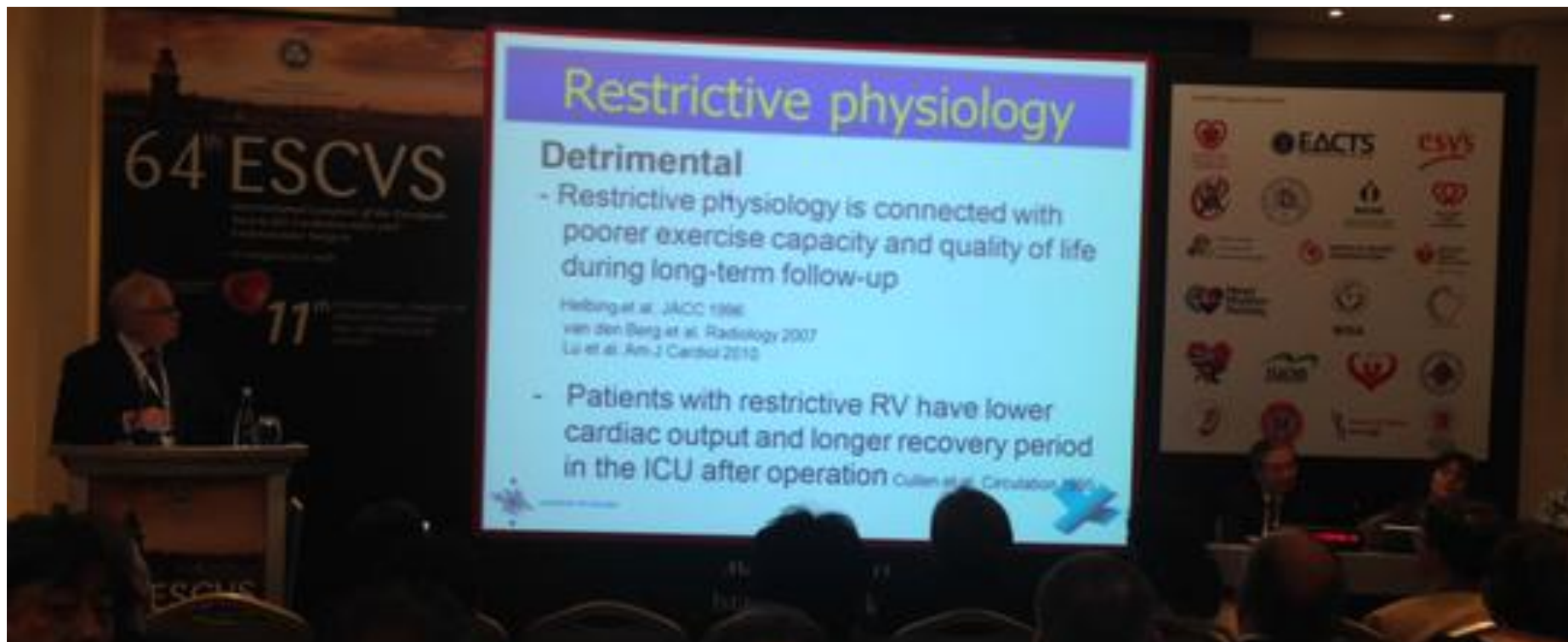
The first congress day was dominated by numerous interdisciplinary sessions, most important the joint session of the ESCVS along with the ESC (European Society of Cardiology) with regard to "Translating Guidelines into Best Clinical Practice".

Distinguished experts in the field of cardiovascular medicine gave their exceptional lectures to the topics of "Cardiovascular Prevention" (Ian Graham, Ireland), "Heart Failure" (Burkert Pieske, Germany), Aortic Disease (Roberto DeChiesa, Italy), Aortic Valve Disease (Thierry Folliguet, France), Pulmonary Embolism (Fausto Pinto, Portugal) and Coronary Artery Disease (Matthias Thielmann, Germany).

Moreover, poster sessions for both cardiac and vascular surgery with highly interesting research projects and/or advances in these fields were presented by various study groups.

At the opening ceremony distinguished Professor Peter Libby (Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, US) gave his Keynote lecture: "Inflammation in Atherogenesis: A Translational Tale" showing recent advances in identifying inflammatory markers with possible relevance to atherosclerosis giving special emphasis to the clinical perspective of such a research topic.

At the second day interdisciplinary sessions opened the scientific program "Hot Topics in the Treatment of Aortic Disease" included interesting debates in subjects such as Surgery versus Endovascular Treatment for Zone 0 and Surgical versus Endovascular Repair for TAA where audience had the chance to vote for the most convincing presenter.



ESCVS President, Prof Oztekin Oto giving a lecture

In the same session, former ESCVS President, Professor Domenico Palombo, presented “Multilayer Endografts are still an Ongoing Project but with a Grounded Scientific Rationale”. Following, distinguished surgeons competed in debates regarding aneurysmal disease. Professor Sherif Sultan marginally overcome Professor Lazar Davidovic arguing for the endovascular versus the open repair for RAAAs, while Professor Miltiadis Matsagas managed to surpass Sonia Ronchey and persuaded the audience that post-EVAR type I endoleaks must be treated surgically rather than endovascularly. Moreover Professor Vladislav Treska argued that EVAR should be forbidden for patients with hostile anatomy while Professor Tulga Ulus suggested EVAR forever in another interesting debate.

Special mention should be made for the first time organized joint session of the two European scientific societies dealing with vascular surgery meaning the ESCVS and ESVS.

The president of the ESVS, Professor Arkadiusz Jawien gave a lecture about the society’s perspectives regarding education of vascular surgeons, while president elect of the ESCVS, Professor Lazar Davidovic commented on the role of eastern countries in maintaining open surgical skills for young specialists from western countries.

At the third congress day among various interesting sessions one should mention the Leriche Lecture Experimental Vascular Surgery where the Secretary General of the ESCVS, Professor Vladislav Treska spoke on “Aortic Grafts Infection - The Past, Present and Future”.

Moreover a joint session of the ESCVS with the UNESCO took place where Amnon Carmi presented the ethical considerations of cardio-vascular surgery in emergency situations.

Other interesting sessions that took place regarded: “Novel Solutions for Critical Limb Ischemia”, “What’s New in Peripheral Arterial Disease”, “Vascular Access in Desperate Patients and beyond” and also the joint session of the ESCVS and the Hellenic Society for Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. Finally, sessions regarding top-interesting subjects as “Endovenous Interventions for Treatment of Varicose Veins”, “Novel Treatments of Good Old DVT” and “Critical Limb Ischemia” provided insight in recent advancements in these fields.

At the last congress day and according to the ESCVS tradition there was a Cardiovascular Resident Forum where three young vascular and three young cardiac surgeons spoke on rare conditions in cardiovascular surgery.

The Dunbar, Nutcracker and aberrant subclavian syndromes were presented from the vascular part while the Barlow’s disease and left superior vena cava-heart transplantation were discussed from the cardiac part.



At the opening ceremony of 64th ESCVS congress

Sessions regarding updates in Carotid Surgery and Treatment of Venous Disease also took place and captured attention of attendants.

Finally as it is a respected tradition and principle of the ESCVS, to encourage and teach young surgeons and/or researchers, an important session during the meeting was the Young Investigator Award Session.

There were 3 prizes for each, the cardiac and vascular part, in which distinguished professors served as judges (D.Palombo, V.Treska, P. Kasprzak, L. Davidovic and A. Tulga Ulus as chairman and part of the committee) and awarded 3 among 14 interesting and well presented papers.

The first prize was given to Oguz Erman Hashas (Turkey), who presented "Assessing the Effect of Carotid Endarterectomy on Choroidal Thickness".

The second prize was won by Nikolaos Kontopodis (Greece), who presented "Use of M-mode Ultrasonography to Estimate Decrease of Aneurysm Sac Pressurization Following EVAR".

Nina Mzhavanadze (Russia) presented "Humoral Mechanisms of Adaptation to Ischemia and Reperfusion in Lower Extremity Arterial Reconstructive Surgery" and raised the third place.

In the cardiac award session, professor Ö.Oto as chairman and professors M.Zembala, S.Schueler, M.Laskar, T.Folliguet, M.Thielmann and Z.Sutlic as juries, awarded Giulia Bordin (Italy) presenting "Late Outcomes In Patients Undergoing Surgery For Failing Fontan: A Single Institution Experience" with the 1st prize.

Berik Bolatbekov (Turkey), won the 2nd prize for an interesting report on "Simultaneously Atrial Fibrillation surgery".

Finally the 3rd prize was given to Chiara Tessari (Italy) for presenting "Effective ECMO Support Without a Dedicated ECMO Team: Is It Possible?"

Hands on wet labs on various topics such as carotid surgery, elective EVAR, EVAR for RAAAs, peripheral arterial disease endovascular interventions and others were performed throughout the congress.

With the precious contribution of Dr. Nikos Kontopodis.



Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends and Guests,

We are delighted to invite you to Belgrade and Serbia for the 65th Congress of the ESCVS.

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 Pacemakers 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.

The congress venue will be located at the Crown Plaza hotel, convenient for business and pleasure alike, located in midst of the central business district just a short drive away from Old Town and shopping area.

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

On behalf of local organizing committee,

Lazar Davidovic
Miklos Fabri
Igor Koncar
Oztekin Oto

Cardiovascular Cinema at 2016 ESCVS Congress

During the 65th International Congress of ESCVS (Belgrade 21-24, April 2016), a "CARDIOVASCULAR CINEMA" will be organized. In order to provide movies dedicated to different cardiovascular and endovascular techniques we are cordially inviting you to send us movies from your library and to be part of our CV cinema.

Movies should be shorter than 10 minutes and focused on cardiac, vascular or endovascular surgical techniques. In order to have safe transfer of your movie please contact us preliminary on ESCVS2016@gmail.com. A short explanatory text (maximum 300 words) should be attached to the movie.

Once accepted by the ESCVS Executive Committee the movie will be presented during the Congress and the summary will be published in the abstract book. The author of the movie should be present in the meeting and give interactive commentary. Movies of authors who are not participating at the meeting will not be presented.

For any further information do not hesitate to contact us on ESCVS2016@gmail.com

News from Press

Medtronic developing a stent graft system for less invasive treatment of thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms. A concept for the novel system, which was described in the November 2014 issue of the Journal of Vascular Surgery, is currently being studied under a physician-sponsored (PS) investigational device exemption (IDE) recently approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Sanford Health vascular surgeon Patrick Kelly, the physician sponsor of the PS IDE, developed the concept for the system and has since collaborated with Medtronic to manufacture devices based on the concept.





2015 Main Congresses and Meetings

- **SVS: Society for Vascular Surgery Annual Meeting, 17–20 Jun 2015**
 - **SITE – 11th International Symposium on Endovascular Therapeutics, 24–27 Jun 2015**
 - **BSET Annual Meeting 2015, 2–3 Jul 2015**
 - **European Venous Forum, 2–4 Jul 2015**
 - **European Society for Vascular Surgery Annual Meeting, 23–25 Sept 2015**
 - **EACTS: 29th Annual Meeting, 3-7 Oct 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**
 - **TCT: Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics, 11–15 Oct 2015**
 - **VIVA: Vascular Interventional Advances Annual Conference, 2–5 Nov 2015**
 - **AHA: Scientific Sessions, 7-11 Nov, 2015, Orlando, Florida, USA**
 - **VEITH Symposium, 17–21 Nov 2015**
 - **STS: 52nd Annual Meeting, January 23-27 2016, Phoenix, Arizona, USA**
 - **AATS: Annual Meeting, 14-18 May 2016, Baltimore, ME, USA**
-