



**The International Vascular Masterclass at the European Vascular Course**

## Dear Vascular International Friends,

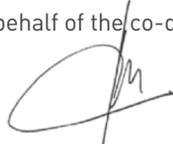
On March 11-13 2012, the 16th European Vascular Course (EVC) will be organized in Maastricht, the Netherlands. The main goal of EVC is to train vascular surgeons by means of theoretical and practical teaching.



The theoretical part consists of invited lectures presented by experts in the field of arterial, venous and access pathology and therapeutic procedures. These experts also write the chapters for the EVC textbooks, which also appear since 16 years. Furthermore, scientific presentations in cooperation with our partners from the medical industry are included in the program. The practical part consists of workshops and individual training. The main training environment is the Vascular International Masterclass ("Pontresina Course"), which was already integrated in the European Vascular Course in 2008 and indicating that this will be the fifth common event. During these past years we had many participants in the Masterclass, coming from all over Europe. We have arranged a reduced combined registration fee for the Masterclass and EVC and further details are available at [www.vascular-course.com](http://www.vascular-course.com)

We are looking forward to welcome you to EVC and the VI Masterclass, offering you high level training and education!

On behalf of the co-directors,



Prof. Dr. Michael Jacobs  
Chairman and Professor of Surgery  
Department of Surgery /Maastricht University Medical Center

## REVIEW

### Pontresina 2012

**One could say: Tradition bounds. As every year Vascular International starts with the Pontresina Courses from 21-28 of January 2012.**

The 75 course participants of the Vascular Basic Course and the Vascular Masterclass came from different parts of the world – especially, the guests from Brazil were excited about the cold and snow they experienced for the first time. Positive feedback was given by all the course participants and tutors. [Read more](#)

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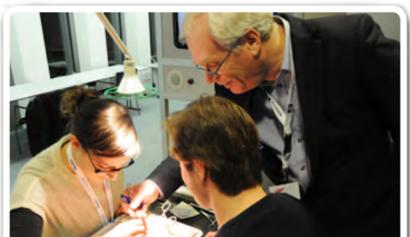
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## NEWS



**Pontresina 2012 turned out again as meeting-point for vascular surgeons using this unique opportunity to exchange know-how, visions and ideas.**

As a result of this a new Vascular International (VI) slogan was created: „**Passion for Education**“. It mirrors the commitment of all the tutors and course participants as well as the partners of the industry who have supported VI and its mission for so many years. Furthermore, the importance and necessity of practical hands-on training and education has obviously increased. Especially, the Pontresina Masterclass is a good rehearsal for the examination of the European Board of Vascular Surgery.

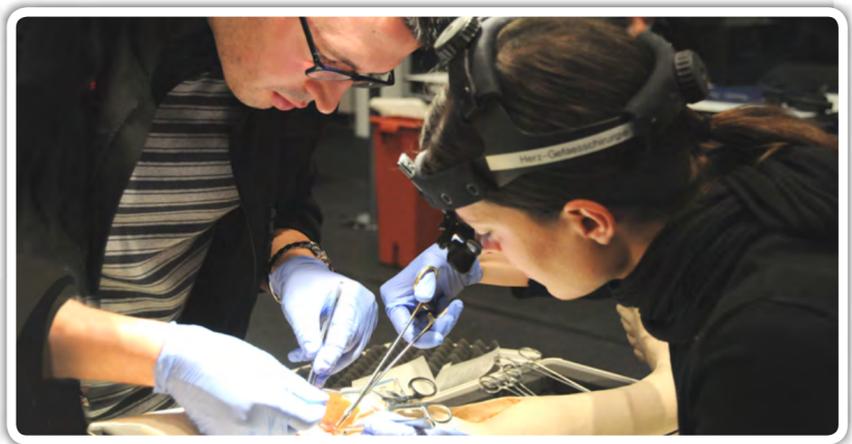


## PREVIEW

### Upcoming Courses March-June 2012

**Vascular International has enhanced its Course Programme for 2012 with courses in Switzerland, Germany, England and the USA.**

Please visit our website regularly for the new schedule [www.vascular-international.org](http://www.vascular-international.org)



#### March 11-13 Masterclass European Vascular Course Maastricht

The Masterclass Workshop provides excellent hands-on training on pulsatile realistic models to perform open straight forward and complex aortic repair, endovascular aortic reconstruction, carotid endarterectomy and distal bypass surgery as well as virtual simulation of carotid, iliac and renal interventions. The VI Masterclass is integrated in the EVC which is organized by Michael Jacobs.

#### April 14-17 Charing Cross Meeting London

Following the big success of last year Vascular International offers again an Advanced Workshop and a Masterclass by invitation of Maquet at the Charing Cross Meeting. On four days the participants get the opportunity to perform and practice complex surgery on realistic models.

#### June 22-23 Open and endovascular basic vascular techniques Stuttgart-Ludwigsburg

For the third time Vascular International organizes a 2-days Basic Workshop for surgeons in training in the Marienhospital Stuttgart. Basic techniques in vascular surgery (arteriotomy, anastomotic techniques) are performed on realistic VI models. [Please register here](#)

**Vascular International thanks all its industry partners for their commitment und support which enable VI to fulfill its mission to offer high quality training for vascular surgeons serving the patient's needs!**

## INFORMATION & CONTACT

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**SUPPORTING SOCIETIES**  
Austrian Society for Vascular Surgery (ÖGG)  
Swiss Society for Vascular Surgery (SGG)  
European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS)  
Division of Vascular Surgery of UEMS

**CME-CREDITS**  
CME, EVCME points /credits will be provided

**REGISTRATION COURSES**  
Online registration: [www.vascular-international.org](http://www.vascular-international.org)  
You can easily pay per PayPal, Mastercard, Visa, American Express. In case of technical problems while registering please contact [admin@vascular-international.org](mailto:admin@vascular-international.org)

For course-descriptions, more details go to [www.vascular-international.org](http://www.vascular-international.org) or [Facebook](#) or simply contact [info@vascular-international.org](mailto:info@vascular-international.org)

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