



## Interdisciplinary cooperation – an absolute must!

### Dear Vascular International friends,

traditionally angiologists, radiologists and vascular surgeons use their own specific therapies and techniques for the treatment of vascular patients.

In our opinion this is unrewarding and a thing of the past. The modern treatment of vascular patients must include the knowledge and experience of all disciplines. Additionally, we have to offer individual therapies considering both – the patient's individual needs and all available interventional and operative techniques and skills.

This requires a structured and interdisciplinary cooperation – which we live in our interventional courses in Lucerne. Therefore the courses are organised by angiologists (M. Banyai), radiologists (L. Jacob, SwissIntervention) and vascular surgeons. The hands-on courses offer the unique chance of interdisciplinary training on various models.

The ideal infrastructure in Lucerne ([www.AMTS.ch](http://www.AMTS.ch)), the small number of participants per tutor and the diversity of the applied interventional material turn the course into an event that is worldwide unique. The best solutions for our patients can only be obtained by interdisciplinary cooperation. Now is the time to get trained by Vascular International!

Yours sincerely,



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## NEWS



### Training Impact of the Master Class

In order to evaluate the impact of our VI-Masterclass intense training course on vascular surgical skills, a study carried out in January 2012 is about to be published in the Journal of Vascular Surgery®. The VI lifelike carotid training model with pulsatile pressure was used as simulator model for a conventional carotid endarterectomy (CEA) with a Dacron patch plasty. The analysis comprised various parameters for the measurement of both surgical skills and the technical quality of the patch plasty, performed before and after 3 days of simulator training in the VI Masterclass. This training was able to significantly increase the outcome in both endpoints allowing the trainees a rapid adoption of this highly sophisticated multi-step vascular intervention (all Study Results under Copyright Ownership © of the Journal of Vascular Surgery®).

## REVIEW

### Open and endovascular basic techniques – Stuttgart 2012

After two intensive hands-on training days in the Marienhospital, VI was happy about the positive feedback of the participants. The members of the course said they had gained confidence in treating bleeding and injured vessels by closely observing their tutors while they performed operations in front of them. On the second day vascular surgeons in training would perfect their skills on the Pontresina-Endotrainer. The relaxed atmosphere and the small groups especially enhanced the learning success.

### UCLA Los Angeles

After a very successful start in Washington last year, the well-known VI courses were held at the famous UCLA Symposium for the very first time. Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Henning Eckstein, VI president, and Prof. Dr. Peter Lawrence, UCLA medical center, as well as by support of Atrium, the course participants performed aortic and carotid surgery on VI models. Organisers, tutors, sponsors and participants were extremely enthusiastic, the cooperation will be intensified next year.

### SVS Washington

Like last year, the VI top surgeons started summer with a basic workshop on vascular surgical techniques. At the Vascular Annual Meeting of the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) over 100 participants attended the program: it included the performance of a vascular anastomosis on an arterial model (medical students), performance of an open abdominal aortic aneurysm repair (surgical residents), and performance of both endovascular abdominal aortic aneurysm (EVAR) and thoracic aortic aneurysm repairs (TEVAR). It was particularly pleasing that a lot of European surgeons, who are currently working in the USA, took the chance to benefit from the VI expertise.



## PREVIEW



Find an overview of all courses 2012-2013 on our website [www.vascular-international.org](http://www.vascular-international.org)

**November 5-9, 2012**

**Practical endovascular course for MTRA / OR teams**  
**Basic course for physicians & teams**  
**EVAR Masterclass**  
Lucerne

The practical endovascular courses in Lucerne are coming up this autumn. In cooperation with SwissIntervention three different interdisciplinary courses will be held in Lucerne: the basic interventional hands-on course for physicians and teams (November 6-7), the practical interventional course for MTRA & OR-teams (November 5) and the EVAR Masterclass (November 8-9). The course for MTRA & OR-teams is also offered in French.

[Read more on the endovascular course](#)  
[Read more on the basic course for physicians & teams](#)  
[Read more on the EVAR Masterclass](#)

**January 21, 2013**

**Practical anatomy on cadavers**  
Zurich

The 1-day course includes the exposition of the popliteal artery, of the tibiofibular trunk and the three arteries of the lower leg. The course participants can realistically practice the cut-down to all lower limb arteries on specially prepared human cadaver legs (stained blood vessels). No formaldehyde used. Attendance limited to 14 participants. Highly recommended for trainees having some experience in lower limb revascularization

[Read more](#)

**Basic course: January 28- 30**

**Masterclass: January 30 - February 1**  
**Basic Workshop Pontresina & Masterclass**  
Pontresina

Pontresina is known as the „heart“ of Vascular International. The well-established intensive courses are held in the beautiful Swiss Alps from January 28 till February 1, 2013. The basic course features vascular surgical techniques whereas the masterclass focuses on open and endovascular aortic, carotid and bypass surgery.

[Read more on the Basic course](#)  
[Read more on the Masterclass](#)

**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

### VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

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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)

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