



Dear **VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL** friends,

In 2010, I was asked by a vascular surgery trainee from the German Armed Forces, whether VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL (VI) would develop a vascular suture course for damage control surgery. Within a few months, VI together with the German Armed Forces implemented a concept and held our first courses.

The first VI special course, "vascular damage control surgery", for the German Armed Forces showed its benefits after only a few weeks' time when a complex vascular arm injury was repaired in Masār-i Scharīf, Afghanistan by one of the course participants. The concept and success were so convincing that the VI course was integrated into the curriculum of the German armed forces and is now offered to NATO. The opportunity to practise complex procedures intensively in a safe environment before a stressful situation – be that in the field hospital of Masār-i Scharīf or at home – will be an integral part of future vascular training. I am aware that I am biased when I say these training courses are beneficial and sensible. I have participated in these courses as a trainee myself. Now I teach them because of my convictions that they are valuable. Through many positive feedbacks I was allowed to learn about the benefits first handed.

For many years now, I share this passion with all our tutors. However because of my partiality for these courses, I feel that it is especially important that several publications in [peer review journals](#) independently prove the positive impact of these vascular training courses. **At VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL, we are thrilled to offer special courses designed to meet your needs. Take the chance!**

Yours



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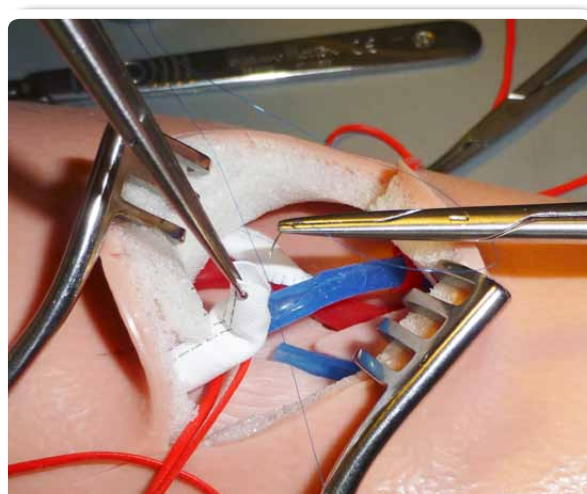
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## NEWS



### Dreiländertagung ÖGG Linz

From 4th to 7th September 2013, VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL tutors will pass on their knowledge to vascular trainees and young surgeons at the Dreiländertagung of the Austrian Society for Vascular Surgery. In a training pavilion they can practise basic vascular techniques on lifelike VI models. In addition [MAQUET](#) will organise a special symposium for shunt surgery using the new VI arm model. 60 training places are offered in total and the training for students is free of charge.

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## REVIEW

### CX Meeting London

This year's Charing Cross Meeting from 6th to 9th April in London was a big success: In the MAQUET Pavilion roughly 120 vascular trainees practised vascular surgery techniques under the supervision of Afshin Assadian and Hans-Henning Eckstein. In six different modules they focused on aortic, carotid and bypass procedures. Lifelike VI models were used.

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### SVS Annual Vascular Meeting San Francisco

For the third time, about 65 trainees and 60 students followed the instructions of the VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL tutors at the Vascular Annual Meeting of the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) from 30th May to 1st June 2013 in San Francisco. Under the supervision of Afshin Assadian and Hans-Henning Eckstein and with the support of ATRIUM/MAQUET the students performed basic suture and anastomosis techniques on lifelike VI models. At the same time trainees practised interventions on the open aorta: Simultaneously, vascular surgery trainees practised open aortic surgery.

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### Wiener Gefäßgespräche 2013

VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL presented its new courses for av access surgery at the Wiener Gefäßgespräche 2013 featuring the topic "Kidney – Replacement – Therapy" from 14th till 15th June in the Wiener Börse: "First VI Vascular Access Hands-on Course on a new pulsatile arm model" and "Focused ultrasonography of the vessels for surgeons".

### Basiskurs Stuttgart

On the same weekend, 14th to 15th June 2013, the annual VI basic course took place in the Marienhospital Stuttgart/Germany. The tutors were very happy about the participants' extremely positive feedback who praised the side-by-side teaching, the high quality of the used materials as well as the excellent infrastructure.

## PREVIEW



### Course programme 2013 – 2014

Find [here](#) an overview of all courses or [f](#)

### VI series of events 2013

Lucerne

**In November 2013 the annual VI courses will come up in the [AMTS](#) of the Kantonsspital Lucerne – this year with some alterations!** Three new courses complete the programme: The course "Focused ultrasonography of the vessels for surgeons" (4-5 November) is held in cooperation with the section ICAN of the Swiss Society for Ultrasound in Medicine. In the course "First VI Vascular Access Hands-on Course on a new pulsatile arm model" (8-9 November) participants can practise av access on the new pulsatile VI arm model for the first time. An Advanced Interventional Hands-on Course for Physicians and Teams will also be held for the first time.

November 4-5	<b>Focused ultrasonography of the vessels for surgeons, Lucerne</b>	<a href="#">Read more</a>
November 5	<b>Practical interventional course for MTRA/OR professionals, Lucerne</b>	<a href="#">Read more</a>
November 6-7	<b>Basic Interventional Hands-on Course for Physicians and Teams, Lucerne</b>	<a href="#">Read more</a>
November 8-9	<b>First Vascular Access Hands-on Course on a new pulsatile arm model, Lucerne</b>	<a href="#">Read more</a>
November 8-9	<b>Advanced Interventional Hands-on Course for Physicians and Teams, Lucerne</b>	<a href="#">Read more</a>

**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!**

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European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS)  
Division of Vascular Surgery of UEMS

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CME, EVCME points /credits will be provided

### REGISTRATION COURSES

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