



## Dear VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL friends,

VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL (VI) has undertaken major efforts in the last three years to optimally manage all the challenges of simulation trainings in vascular surgery. In several studies VI doctors have shown that simulation training significantly shortens the learning curve. The demand of evidence for education and training increases the pressure to evaluate training courses and to perform quality checks. Since 2012 VI has systematically evaluated all workshops. Surveys are now conducted online. It is evaluated who the participants are, which workshops they attend along with their motives and what expectations they have.

The feedback on the workshops in regard of teaching-method, tutoring, quality of the models used, location, duration and the price/performance ratio is consistently positive or very positive. Course participants also expressed personally how satisfied they are with the teaching concept, which consists of a mix of demonstration, training and correction by experienced tutors and specialists.

It goes without saying that all surveys are subjective and appear to be a "happiness-score". Therefore, it is important and interesting to find out in future if the effect of simulation training can be evaluated in daily clinical practice and to which extent VI models with pulsatile flow can be used for assessments.

**Conclusion: VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL does everything to get to know even better the needs of course participants through evaluations in order to design even better course programmes – in terms of content and method.**

Yours



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## NEWS

### New paper about learning successes

Along with the growing interest in practical simulation training, the question for scientific evidence comes up. A [recent paper](#), published by Springer-Verlag and written by VI tutor Klaus Klemm as first author, clearly shows the significant learning successes on VI models, not only for beginners, but also for advanced and experienced vascular surgeons.

More scientific papers on the effect of simulation training are in progress. Additionally, VI introduced a new tool evaluating the feedback of the course participants even more systematically.

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### Certification

2014 VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL (VI) will pursue the idea of a VI school even further. Cooperations with various national specialist societies will be intensified. VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL basic courses, which have been submitted for the certification as endovascular surgeon by the Private Academy of the DGG (German society for vascular and general surgery), are currently under discussion.

## REVIEW

### Pontresina has a tradition

For VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL the new year always starts with the traditional Pontresina courses. From January 19 – 25, 2014 the vascular basic course and masterclass were held. Participants from 13 nations (among them Canada, Japan and Romania for the first time) gave VI very positive feedback. International guests, such as Dr. Ingemar J. Davidson, MD, PhD, vascular and transplant surgeon from Dallas, as well as the VI founders were welcomed. Additionally to the training, Pontresina is also popular for meeting friends.

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### Zurich Practical anatomy on cadavers (surgical access to all lower limb arteries)

On specially prepared human cadaver legs (stained blood vessels) course participants realistically practiced the cut-down to all lower limb arteries. The one-day course took place on January 13, 2014. All classical accesses, from supragenicular to pedal, were performed under guidance.

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## PREVIEW



### Course programme 2014 - 2015

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### April 5-8, 2014 Charing Cross London

At the largest European vascular medicine congress vascular surgeons and industry partners meet again for exchanges and dialogue. On the heels of last year's huge success and demand VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL will again offer training courses at the [MAQUET Pavilion](#).

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### May 12-14, 2014 EVC 2014 Maastricht

VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL plays a prominent role again at the [EVC Maastricht](#). At the EUROPEAN VASCULAR MASTERCLASS course participants get the opportunity to learn and train open carotid, peripheral and abdominal aortic and shunt procedures on various VI models.

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### May 23-24, 2014 Basic techniques in vascular surgery Marienhospital Stuttgart-Ludwigsburg, Germany

The two-day hands-on course aims at surgeons in training of all disciplines. Anastomoses and suture techniques as well as operative reconstructions of the A. femoralis and of the femoro-popliteale bypass (vein, prosthesis) can be practiced on the VI leg model. Theory and practice are taught by renowned specialists.

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### May 23-24, 2014 Second Vascular Access Hands-on Course Marienhospital Stuttgart-Ludwigsburg, Germany

The course aims at young as well as experienced vascular and general surgeons. The course participants will gain special knowledge and learn special techniques for shunt-surgery. After a short training unit of basic vascular techniques on the VI box, the course participants will perform arterial-venal fistulae and arterial-venal prosthesis shunts on the newly developed VI arm model. The new model allows learning the principles of surgical techniques for various types of vascular access in a simple way.

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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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