



Dear Vascular International Friends,

The Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS), Vascular Annual Meeting is nearing and we are once again preparing for the Resident and Student Simulation and Surgical Skills Program.

The objective of the Resident and Student Simulation and Skills Program is to provide novice learners with an opportunity to learn how to perform basic vascular and endovascular procedures under expert guided supervision. This year the program will offer an array of open and endovascular procedures including: 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).

The overarching goal of the SVS simulation program is to allow residents and students to explore their interest in vascular surgery. The program provides an excellent opportunity for learners of all levels (first year medical students to senior level surgical residents) to meet other learners with similar interests and to meet with and be mentored by members and leaders of the vascular surgical community.

Vascular International, in collaboration with Atrium, will be supporting this SVS educational program. This year we anticipate a packed program as more than 200 US medical students and surgical residents have registered for the program. There will also be several attendants from Canada and Europe. Finally, 40 US Vascular Surgery faculty and trainees have signed up to help with the course.

We look forward to this exciting program and hope to see you there in the coming years.

On behalf of the co-directors,



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REVIEW

Charing Cross Meeting – London 2012

Again for the second time the VI followed the invitation of Maquet and offered hands-on and masterclass training courses in the Maquet Pavilion at the Charing Cross Meeting in London from 14–17 of April 2012. The courses drew large crowds and were fully booked within a couple of hours. This again shows the present need and interest in practical surgical trainings. VI thanks Maquet for the excellent organisation and cooperation.

[Read more about the event and the feedbacks of participants](#)

Basic course for the German Army – Ulm 2012

On May 4–5 2012 Vascular International held another basic course for the German Armed Forces in Ulm, Germany. The VI courses are now integrated in the training program of the German Army and will take place in Ulm twice a year starting in 2013. VI thanks the German Army for the excellent organisation and cooperation.

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PREVIEW

Course Programme 2012–2013

Find the latest course schedule 2012–2013 on our [website](#) and [facebook](#)



June 6–7 2012 Washington DC SVS

Upon last year's success Vascular International will again offer various hands-on trainings at the annual meeting of the **Society of Vascular Surgery (SVS)** in Washington DC. The different courses covering basic vascular techniques as well as more complex aortic repair are designed for all levels.

June 22–23 2012 Stuttgart-Ludwigsburg Open and endovascular Basic vascular techniques

Vascular International holds a 2-day basic workshop for surgeons in training at the Marienhospital Stuttgart. Basic techniques in vascular surgery are performed on realistic VI models.
Registration is still possible!

[Read more](#)

Pontresina 2013 New course schedule!

Basic course:
January 28–30
Masterclass:
January 30–February 1

Vascular International adjusted the dates of the well-known Pontresina courses 2013. Taking account the international convention schedule, the Pontresina courses will now be held; from January 28 to February 1. Additionally, VI has enhanced its contents to meet the needs of all participants.

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

November 5–9 2012 Lucerne

This year, Vascular International organises, in cooperation with SwissIntervention three different interdisciplinary courses in Lucerne: The basic interventional hands-on course for physicians and teams (November 6–7), the practical interventional course for MTRA & OP-Teams (November 5) and the EVAR Masterclass (November 8–9). The course for MTRA & OP-Teams is also offered in French.

[Read more for the basic course for physicians & teams](#)

[Read more for the EVAR 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!

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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
You can easily pay per PayPal, Mastercard, Visa, American Express. In case of technical problems while registering please contact admin@vascular-international.org

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

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NEWS



We are happy to announce that **VI courses are now recognised by the Swiss institute for the education of physicians (SIWF)**. VI courses are now integrated in the educational program of Swiss surgeons. By that, another important step was taken towards more quality and security for the treatment and care of patients.

Vascular International published its **first Image-Video!** The VI board of trustees as well as VI trainers and course participants talk about the importance of hands-on trainings on life-like simulators for the education of surgeons. The video can be watched on our [website](#) or on the [Youtube-Channel](#).

