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Message from the President

Michael R. Jaff, D.O.

It is my pleasure to provide an update on the activities of your Society. The Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology has been very busy over the past several months on several important initiatives which will change the face of vascular medicine in the future.

At the December 2003 Board of Trustees meeting in New York, a unanimous vote by the Trustees has resulted in the formation of the American Board of Vascular Medicine (ABVM). This Board, co-chaired by Bruce Gray, DO and Mark Creager, MD is charged with developing and administering the first official certification examinations in vascular medicine. Through collaboration with ACT, one of the most highly respected professional testing and certification outfits in the United States, two separate certification examinations will be offered. A general vascular medicine certification examination will be available for all eligible candidates, and an endovascular medicine certification examination will also be developed and administered to those candidates with expertise in this rapidly evolving field of management of vascular diseases. It is anticipated that the first examinations will be offered in the Summer/Fall, 2005. It is my belief that board certification is a critical step in establishing vascular medicine as a recognized medical subspecialty. More information will be forthcoming.

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SVMB Annual Meeting Welcomes Nobel Laureate

The Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology has an outstanding program planned for Vascular 2004 in Anaheim. "We are extremely excited to welcome Nobel Laureate, Louis Ignarro, Ph.D., 1998 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, to our program," said SVMB program chairman John Cooke, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. Ignarro will give the keynote address on Nitric Oxide and its role in vascular disease on Friday, June 4 at 11:45 a.m.

"I would go as far as saying this will be the best program we have put on to date," continued Dr. Cooke. "This is going to be a superb scientific program and social event. When you introduce a Nobel Laureate into the program, it makes the event even more significant."

"On Saturday, we will present a program entitled, 'Bioengineering the Next Generation of Vascular Devices,'" Dr. Cooke said. "I am really looking forward to this session and believe the membership will get a significant benefit from attending." The symposium will focus on the interface of vascular devices and vascular biology and will specifically address how physicians will deliver stem cell therapy or angiogenic agents in the future. In

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Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology

15th Annual Scientific Sessions

June 4-5, 2004 | Anaheim Marriott Hotel | Anaheim, California



During this past year, the SVMB was engaged in several important educational initiatives, highlighting our role as a leader in vascular education and in coordinating vascular related policies with other medical societies. **Two venous thromboembolic disease supplements were published in *Circulation*.** These are the first two of a series of monographs covering the epidemiology, natural history, hypercoagulability, prevention and management of venous thromboembolic disease. The project is supported by generous unrestricted educational grants from AstraZeneca, Aventis and Abbott Laboratories. Also, we plan to publish the entire 4 volume monograph series on a CD-ROM and distribute it to Society members, as well as primary care physicians. This monograph series follows a successful office-based approach to the diagnosis and treatment of peripheral arterial disease. Given the success of the PAD and venous monograph series, plans are underway to develop another series.

On December 18, 2003, **the 2nd Annual American Society of Echocardiography and Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology Vascular Laboratory Symposium was held in New York City.** The Symposium was extremely successful and was “standing room only” for some sessions. The success of this meeting reflects the increased interest among cardiologists to complement their echocardiographic skills with additional skills in ultrasound imaging of the peripheral vascular system. **The 3rd joint symposium will be held on December 9, 2004, in New York City at the Hilton Hotel.** This program will be expanded to include not only arterial disease, but also venous disease imaging. The symposium will include programs for both beginners and experts. Further details regarding an application for the symposium is available on the SVMB website.

In order to develop a mechanism to recognize the training, knowledge and competence of vascular medicine physicians, the SVMB Board of Trustees **voted to fund the development of the American Board of Vascular Medicine.** The SVMB has provided seed funding for the ABVM to cover examination development costs and start-up operational costs. It is anticipated that the ABVM will administer two examinations: a general vascular medicine examina-

tion and an endovascular medicine examination. An important goal of the SVMB is creating opportunities for training physicians interested in acquiring competence in vascular medicine. The Board of Trustees is exploring the possibility of establishing a scholarship program for training in vascular medicine and established a fellowship training committee to develop the program and identify resources for funding this initiative.

The **4th TransAtlantic Vascular Medicine Symposium** is scheduled for April 28 2005 in Glasgow, Scotland. Additional details will be forthcoming. As with previous TransAtlantic Symposiums, it is hoped that both European and American societies will come together to not only discuss new research, but also advance the understanding of care of patients with vascular disease.

Other inter-societal relations are being established. **The SVMB is exploring the possibility of conducting the annual meeting in 2005 in collaboration with the North American Vascular Biology Organization (NAVBO).** Translational vascular medicine and biology “common ground” topics would be presented at this meeting. This collaboration underscores SVMB’s commitment to vascular biology research. The SVMB is also a member of the Coalition of Cardiovascular Organizations. The coalitions’s focus is to unite similar societies and provide a forum for discussion of educational and public policy efforts.

The SVMB membership continues to grow, and we encourage interested professionals who are not yet members to consider joining us. **The SVMB Board of Trustees invites you to introduce a vascular colleague to the Society.** A membership application can be downloaded from the SVMB website. In order to apply for membership, a letter of recommendation is needed if the applicant would like to enter at the Fellow level. Individuals who are accredited in post-graduate training programs are invited to become Associate members.

I look forward to reporting on SVMB activities throughout the coming year and hope to see you in Anaheim this June, 2004, for the 15th Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY BY-LAWS, JUNE 2004

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ARTICLE VI - Committees

Section I: Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee will consist of a Chair and four Fellows. The Secretary of the Society shall serve as Chair. In addition, four Fellows of the Society shall be appointed by the President to **the** Credentials Committee with the approval of the Executive Committee. **Each Fellow, other than the Chair,** will serve for three years. Terms on this Committee will be staggered by appointment of one new member each year.

This Committee will review the credentials of new applicants to the Society and decide on Fellow, Member or Associate status. The Credentials Committee will present their decisions **to the Board of Trustees.** Nominations must be approved by a simple majority vote of the **Board of Trustees:**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page one)

Congratulations to Emile Mohler, MD and Marie Gerhard-Hermann, MD for the tremendous success of the SVMB/American Society of Echocardiography meeting entitled "Vascular Imaging for the Cardiologist" held in New York on December 18, 2003. This second annual meeting surpassed attendance figures from the prior year. Feedback has been superb. For those SVMB'ers who did not attend, mark your calendars now for December 9, 2004, and plan to attend. It has emerged as the finest course of its kind.

The Venous Monograph series in *Circulation* will continue in 2004. At least two more issues will be published this year on topics including "Diagnosis of Venous Thromboembolism" guest edited by Gregory Moneta, MD, and "Treatment of Venous Thromboembolism" guest edited by Jeffrey Weitz, MD. The response to the first installment published in 2003 has been very positive, and it is our hope that these monographs will become the authoritative document in the field. My personal thanks to Past-President Jonathan Halperin, our friends at Adelphi, and to *Circulation* and the American Heart Association for their hard work and collaborative efforts.

John Cooke, MD, President-Elect of the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology has put together a fabulous agenda for the Annual meeting. In addition to the favorites including Vascular Jeopardy, the clinicopathologic conference, and the young investigators competition, there are new topics including a mini-symposium on interactions between the vascular endothelium and devices. Through a panel of experts, we will take a look into the future of endovascular therapy for vascular disease. Mark your calendars today, and join us for the finest meeting ever. The meeting is being held in Anaheim, California on June 4/5, 2004. Check out www.svmb.org for more details.

The long term success and viability of the SVMB and more importantly, our specialty, depends on membership in the SVMB. I urge all members to recruit one candidate to join the SVMB before the June meeting. The application may be downloaded at our web site. Please contact Dr. Mohler (mohlere@uphs.upenn.edu) for further information.

See you in Anaheim in June!

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Visit the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology's website: www.svmb.org for the latest Society news, including:

PUBLICATIONS

SVMB Newsletter, information from *Vascular Medicine* and *PERIPHERY*, and more.

SVMB CASES

Participate in our online discussion board dedicated to vascular medicine and read comments and controversy—ongoing clinical presentations from SVMB members.

EVENTS & SYMPOSIA

Program for the 15th Annual SVMB Meeting in Anaheim.

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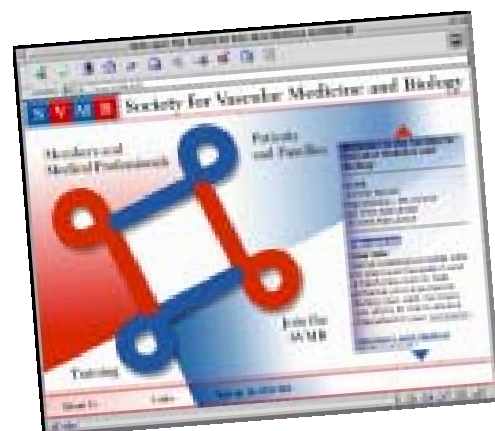
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ABSTRACTS

Taken from recent vascular medicine journals.

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15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology

June 4-5, 2004 / Anaheim, California



FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2004

- 8:00 am **WELCOMING REMARKS**
John P. Cooke, MD, PhD, Scientific Program Chair
- 8:05 am **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
Michael R. Jaff, DO, President

PRACTICUM I: DIABETIC VASCULAR DISEASE

- Moderators: Emile R. Mohler, III, MD / Robert Schainfield, DO
- 8:30 am **The Insulin Resistance Syndrome: What is it? How Can You Identify It?**
Gerald M. Reaven, MD
- 9:00 am **Contemporary Approaches to Treating Diabetes**
Willa A. Hsueh, MD
- 9:30 am **Therapeutic Challenge of the Diabetic Foot**
Peter Sheehan, MD

PRACTICUM II: VENOUS DISORDERS

- Moderators: Anthony J. Comerota, MD / Kenneth Rosenfield, MD
- 10:15 am **New Insights into Diagnosis and Treatment of Venous Thrombosis**
John R. Bartholomew, MD
- 10:45 am **Management of Venous Insufficiency in 2004: A Surgeon's Perspective**
John J. Bergan, MD
- 11:15 am **Current Concepts in Venous Insufficiency: An Internist's View**
Thom W. Rooke, MD
- 11:45 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Nitric Oxide and Protection Against Cardiovascular Disease
Louis J. Ignarro, PhD
Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, 1998
- 12:30 pm **VASCULAR JEOPARDY LUNCHEON**
Moderator: Thomas Parker, MD
Discussants: Joshua A. Beckman, MD
Stephen Dean, D.O.

STATE OF THE ART: EXERCISE REHABILITATION AND FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT

- Moderators: Judith Regensteiner, PhD / Diane J. Treat-Jacobson, RN, PhD
- 2:00 pm **Rethinking the "Asymptomatic" PAD Patient**
Mary M McDermott, MD
- 2:30 pm **Methods of Exercise Testing: Bringing Precision to the Test**
William R. Hiatt, MD
- 3:00 pm **How Does Exercise Rehabilitation Work? New Insights into Mechanisms**
Judy G. Regensteiner, PhD
- 3:30 pm **The Role of Angiogenesis in PAD Rehabilitation**
Brian H. Annex, MD

- 4:00 pm **THE GREAT DEBATE**
Endografts are Superior to Open Surgery for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
Pro: Christopher K. Zarins, MD
Con: J. Michael Bacharach, MD

- 5:00 pm POSTER SESSION / WELCOME RECEPTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2004

- 8:00 am **YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AWARDS COMPETITION**
Chairman: Mark A. Creager, MD
Judges: Marie D. Gerhard Herman MD
Emile R. Mohler, III, MD, Sanjay Rajagopalan, MD
- 10:00 am **LYMPHEDEMA UPDATE**
Found in Translation: Advances from Molecular to Clinical Lymphology
Marlys Witte, MD
- 10:30 am **CLINICOPATHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**
Presenter: Emile R. Mohler, III, M.D.
Discussant: Jeffrey W. Olin, DO
- 11:15 am **HOT TOPICS**
Moderator: Alan T. Hirsch, M.D.
- 12:00 pm **SVMB BUSINESS MEETING with Lunch**
- 2:00 pm **Bioengineering the Next Generation of Vascular Devices**
Moderators: Brian H. Annex, MD
and Sanjay Rajagopalan, MD
- 2:00 pm **Drug-eluting Stents for Coronary and Peripheral Arterial Disease**
David Lee, MD
- 2:30 pm **Therapeutic Angiogenesis and Arteriogenesis**
Sanjay Rajagopalan, MD
- 3:00 pm **Genetic Modification of Venous Bypass Grafts**
Michael J. Mann, MD
- Nitric Oxide and Protection Against Cardiovascular Disease**
Louis J. Ignarro, PhD
- 4:00 pm **Retrograde Venous Perfusion for Delivery of Angiogenic Agents**
Mehrdad Rezaee MD
- 4:30 pm **Cell-based Strategies for Myoangiogenesis**
Douglas W. Losordo, MD
- 5:00 pm **Stem Cells for Vascular Regeneration**
Irving L. Weissman, MD

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In addition, the speakers will examine how close the industry is to a bioengineered and biologically functional bypass graft and what the latest developments are regarding vascular implants for delivery of therapeutics.

Returning this year are the popular debates and Vascular Jeopardy. The Great Debate will feature Chris Zarins, M.D., and Michael Bacharach M.D., on the role of endografts for abdominal aortic aneurysms and the entertaining and educational Vascular Jeopardy event will challenge the entire audience. SVMB uses an audience response system in which audience members press in their answers and the top 10 participants are selected. Those 10 participants then progress through several tough case questions to move on to the final round. Prizes are awarded.

"We will also have an exceptional clinical symposia about Diabetic Vascular," Dr. Cooke said. "One of the symposia, regarding detecting insulin resistance, will be presented by Dr. Gerald Reaven, the father of insulin resistance."

The young investigators awards competition promises to be exciting, as judges had to choose five finalists from a pool of more than 50 excellent abstracts.

Back by popular demand is the 'Hot Topics' segment, which includes four different topics by established investigators/clinicians of the society who have made an interesting observation, have a new drug or device to report, or a new manifestation of vascular disease to reveal.

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- ★ Carotid Imaging
- ★ Venous Disease Imaging

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