



President's Corner

by **W. Darrin Clouse, MD FACS RPVI**



Get ready... Members, friends, family and trainees here comes the 2014 PVSS Annual Meeting! Steamboat is, well, Steamboat!

Whether you want to shred the backside and find your powder and bumps or edge a cruiser and take in the beautiful peaks, it's going to be awesome! Plus, staying at the Steamboat Grand is pretty nice.

This year has been outstanding for PVSS. The Spring Sessions at the Vascular Annual Meeting in San Francisco were engaging and full of spectacular content. Our camaraderie and activities were on full display, and co-sponsored events with SVS highly successful. We have re-established our young investigator award structure which is critical to the PVSS mission. It's now time to turn our attention to the mountains.

The Annual Meeting program committee, headed by **Mark Conrad**, has put together an amazing scientific meeting from a record of over 140 submitted abstracts. **Zach Arthurs** has crafted a Society for Military Vascular Surgery session you won't want to miss. **Ravi Veeraswamy** and his team have again established PVSS as the leaders in professional trainee education with the Fellow Luminaries course and established the new Technology Forum on Aortic Disease occurring Thursday afternoon. ALL will want to participate. Also, **Wei Zhou** and our newly established Women and Diversity Committee are highlighting the end of the day on Friday with a session which will not only be interesting and informative, but of great importance to us all. I believe we should be very excited to get together!

Finally, I have been extremely humbled and privileged to serve as the 2013-2014 PVSS President. I want to thank each and every one of you for your time, dedication and expert care of our amazing society. Let's have some fun.

Best,
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Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society 2014 Annual Meeting

The **24th Annual Winter Meeting of the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society** will be held **January 30 to February 2, 2014** in Steamboat Springs, Colorado at the **Steamboat Grand**. The abstract submission deadline closed on September 13, 2013. Steamboat Grand is a premier ski resort, at approximately 7,000 feet elevation in the Colorado Rockies. Hotel and meeting registration information are available on the PVSS website. All registrations must be received by **Friday, January 3, 2014**.

Reservations must be made by **5:00 pm (Eastern) Friday, December 13, 2013**, to guarantee the group rate and can be made by contacting the Steamboat Grand directly at 970-871-5500. After this deadline, or if the PVSS block of rooms sells out prior to the above mentioned deadline, availability and rates cannot be guaranteed. Please mention the PVSS Annual Meeting to ensure the discounted rate.

The winter meeting promises to be another exciting opportunity to educate the participants of the latest in clinical vascular research. We are pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Society for Military Vascular Surgery Session on Thursday afternoon (1/30/2014) In addition, social programs throughout the meeting will allow the attendees to network and lay the foundation for future collaboration. We plan on continuing our tradition of the Fellows Program to educate and mentor young vascular surgeons. In addition, we are having the PVSS Medical Imaging and Technology Forum. This forum "Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair: State of the Art from Imaging to Deployment" has allowed our partnership with industry to continue in order to educate trainees, optimize patient care, and enhance research efforts.



ANNUAL WINTER MEETING AT-A-GLANCE

Thursday, January 30, 2014

7:00am – 5:00pm	Registration
7:00am – 5:00pm	Speaker Ready Area – Slide Check-In
8:00am – 11:30 am	Cook Fellows Program
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Coffee Break
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	Fellows Lunch
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Military Vascular Surgery Session
1:25 pm – 1:45 pm	Coffee Service
3:30pm – 6:30pm	Technology Forum
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Welcoming Reception

Friday, January 31, 2014

6:00am – 9:30am / 3:00pm – 6:30pm	Registration
6:00am – 9:30am / 3:00pm – 6:30pm	Speaker Ready Area
6:00am – 9:30am / 3:00pm – 6:30pm	Exhibit Hours
6:00am – 7:00am	Continental Breakfast
7:00am – 9:15am / 4:00pm – 6:00pm	General Sessions
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Ski-in / Ski-out Luncheon (tentative)
3:00pm – 4:00 pm	Snacks & Beverages w/Exhibitors
6:00pm – 6:30pm	Member Business Mtg.

Saturday, February 1, 2014

6:00am – 9:30am/ 3:00pm – 6:00pm	Registration
6:00am – 9:30am/ 3:00pm – 6:00pm	Speaker Ready Area
6:00am – 9:30am/ 3:00pm – 6:00pm	Exhibit Hours
6:00am – 7:00am	Continental Breakfast
7:00am – 9:00am/4:00pm – 6:00pm	General Sessions
9:00am – 9:30am	Presidential Address
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Snacks & Beverages w/Exhibitors <i>Last Chance to Visit Exhibits</i>
7:00pm – 10:00pm	President's Dinner/Entertainment (ticketed event)

Sunday, February 2, 2014

6:30am	Registration
6:30am – 9:00am	Speaker Ready Area
6:30am – 7:00am	Continental Breakfast
7:00am – 9:00am	General Session

PVSS EARLY CAREER FACULTY RESEARCH AWARD '14

ANNOUNCEMENT: ONE \$12,500 GRANT FOR BASIC SCIENCE OR CLINICAL RESEARCH WILL BE AWARDED DURING THE PVSS SPRING MEETING, JUNE 4, 2014, BOSTON, MA
APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2014

Funding Amount - \$12,500
Eligible –Early Career Faculty Member
“Early Career” implies holding a full-time vascular surgery academic appointment within 5 years of completing surgical training at the time of grant submission. Senior Vascular Surgery trainees (2nd year fellows or 5th year residents) are eligible with proof of appointment at an academic medical center upon graduation. The applicant must be an active PVSS Member in good standing.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS: (15 pages total, inclusive of all items below)

- a. Introductory Letter (<1 page)****
- b. Letter of support and oversight from VS Division Chief (<1 page)***
- c. NIH Biosketch for PI (NIH format, 3 pages)
- d. Other support (NIH format)
- e. Title and Abstract (<200 words)
- f. Grant Proposal (7 pages)*
 - i. Specific Aim (1 page)
 - ii. Background (1 page)
 - iii. Preliminary Data (1 page)
 - iv. Project (4 pages)
 - v. Literature citation list (exempt from page limit)
- g. Budget with justification** (1 page)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- a. Page margins: Layout and format should conform to current NIH standards
- b. A summary and interim report are expected to be presented at the 25th Winter meeting of PVSS, 2015 with final report and summary to be presented at the Spring meeting, 2015. (mandatory)

*The grant proposal itself should be a maximum of 7 pages, anything longer will be administratively triaged and will not be considered by the committee.

**The funds from these awards are intended to directly fund the research contained within this proposal. No indirect institutional funding is available through this grant mechanism.

***Recipients of these awards must demonstrate that they have the commitment for dedicated research time and effort to complete their proposed project during the year of the award. This information should be included in the Introductory Letter and letter of support letter from the Vascular Division Chief or PVSS research mentor.

****Applicants are not eligible for award if they are funded by similar seed grants from other societies (i.e. SVS, ACS, AAS, etc.). The absence of dual/ redundant funding should be addressed in the Introductory Letter.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS TO:

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FELLOWS PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce the 2014 Fellow Luminaries Program. Through a generous educational grant provided by Cook Medical, Inc., we are able to offer each qualified fellow a \$1,000 reimbursement stipend to help offset travel and accommodations. The Fellow Luminaries Program (January 30th) is limited to 40 individuals and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Drs. Mark Conrad** and **Ravi Veeraswamy** have developed an agenda that will be beneficial to trainees as they begin their careers.

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE

- Billing and Coding
- Negotiating A Contract: Pitfalls, Red Flags
- VESAP Jeopardy
- Changes In Health Care
- Financial Management In Early Career
- Cases: Getting Out of Trouble/Fellows Panel

Participating fellows will be asked to submit an interesting or challenging case for review and possible inclusion in the Case Presentation session.

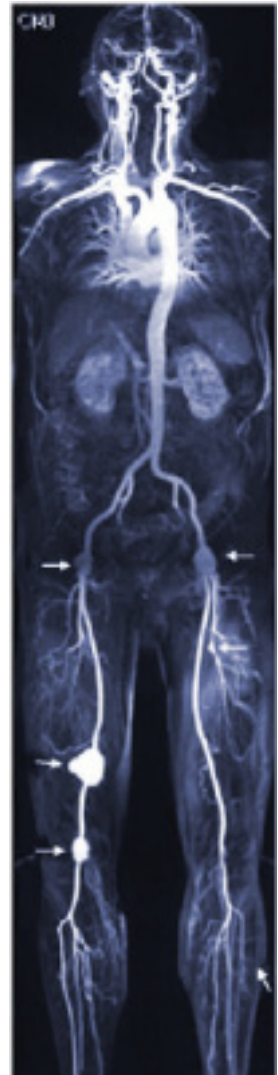
PVSS MEDICAL IMAGING & TECHNOLOGY FORUM: Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair– State of the Art from Imaging to Deployment

There is a current void in participation and discussion of medical imaging capabilities and technologies during current national and regional vascular society meetings. Furthermore, for both trainees and faculty involved in decision-making regarding imaging equipment, this could be a valuable resource as most companies are working on the “next generation” in the field.

The focus of this year’s forum will be aortic disease. The emphasis of this program is to provide an intensive, “hand-on” experience in a small group format that provides a granular experience to trainees and shows them how to plan for specific cases and what new developments will be available in the near future.

Based on previous year’s attendance, we expect 30-40 fellows to participate along with PVSS faculty. The program will begin by discussing some general concepts of endovascular aneurysm repair and how the field has advanced over the past few years. CT images from two cases will be presented to the fellows. The fellows will then be divided into small groups of and will rotate through “stations”. Each station will be represented by an endograft or imaging company. They will have been provided with the same two cases given to the fellows. Each graft company will demonstrate how they would approach the case, what components they would use and how the strengths and weaknesses of their graft apply to the specific cases. They can utilize demos, simulators and are free to utilize their time without constraints. Imaging companies will also have prior access to the cases and can demonstrate with a combination of didactics, reconstructions etc how their fixed imaging systems can optimize endovascular treatments. The ability of the system to enhance technical success, correlate intraoperative images to pre-operative imaging and seamless embedding of adjunct technologies such as IVUS should be emphasized.

Although the course was developed with trainees in mind, it is open to ALL registered attendees of the PVSS Annual Winter Meeting. Pre-registration is required.



Spring Meeting – Boston

The Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society 2014 Spring Meeting will be **Wednesday, June 4, 2014** during the SVS Vascular Annual Meeting (June 5-7, 2014) at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, MA.

Abstracts for the spring meeting must be submitted by **Thursday, January 2, 2014** via the SVS website (www.vascularweb.org). Please note that the PVSS no longer sends a secondary Call for Abstracts. All submitted Abstracts are peer-reviewed by the SVS/PVSS Joint Program Committee.

SVS Clinical Research Seed Grants

Application Deadline: January 17, 2014

The SVS Foundation announces the **Clinical Research Seed Grant** program.

The goals of the Clinical Research Seed Grant program are as follows:

- Encourage the interest and development of clinical investigators among the SVS membership, particularly junior members or those with limited prior experience as Principal Investigators
- Provide direct support for pilot clinical projects that have potential to develop into larger studies fundable by industry or governmental sources

Scope: Clinical research, preferably patient-oriented (research conducted with human subjects or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena for which an investigator directly interacts with human subjects).

Applications addressing one of the SVS Clinical Research Priorities are particularly encouraged. Small-scale clinical trials and ancillary studies in the setting of existing clinical trials (industry or NIH-supported) will be accepted. \$15,000 will be awarded for direct costs for a one-year period. Costs for laboratory assays, imaging studies (as appropriate), data collection, and statistical support are allowable. Principal investigator salary, institutional overhead expenses, major equipment and travel expenses are not allowed.

The principal investigator for the Clinical Research Seed Grant must be 1) an SVS Active Member within the first 10 years of practice or 2) a fellowship-trained, board-eligible, vascular surgeon within the first 10 years of practice with a full-time faculty position with an SVS Active Member serving as mentor. The principal investigator may submit only one application for the Clinical Research Seed Grant. Residents and fellows are not eligible.

The deadline for applications is **January 17, 2014**. An electronic copy of the complete application must be submitted to SVSFoundation@vascularsociety.org on **January 17, 2014**.



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