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VESS Spring Meeting Re-Cap

Another successful VESS Spring Meeting was held on May 31, 2017 at the San Diego Convention Center. Our Spring meeting was held in conjunction with the Society for Vascular Surgery VAM2017. The timeline of sessions was coordinated to minimize topic overlap with SVS Postgraduate courses running concurrently and attendance was great – 125 - 150 attendees throughout the day. We hope you all were able to participate.

We want to congratulate the VESS Spring Program Committee led by **Dr. Bernadette Aulivola (Chair)**, and including **Drs. Katherine Gallagher, Niten Singh, Jeffrey Siracuse, Ravi Rajani, Matthew Smeds, and Misty Humphries**. They worked with the SVS/VESS Joint Program Committee to select a spectacular line-up of papers for our session.

A Total of **717 submissions: 667 abstracts, and 50 videos** were reviewed (versus 626 abstracts submitted in 2016). **Thirty (30) abstracts** were selected for the VESS Spring Program, and included presentations on Aortic, Cerebrovascular, Complications, Dialysis, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Practice Management, Vascular Lab/Imaging and Venous Disease topics.

Once again, VESS Candidate Members were featured as invited discussants for each paper. The response to the call for discussants was overwhelming with more than 20 names on a waiting list. Manuscripts given prior to the meeting provided overviews of the material to be presented in context with the literature allowing the Candidate Members to frame their discussion with thoughtful and insightful questions for the authors. This long-standing VESS tradition of inviting young residents and fellows to be primary discussants during a national meeting is a unique opportunity that many have not experienced before.



VESS @ Social Media!



VESS is making efforts to increase its' presence on Social Media. Our **Facebook** account has been revamped so find and like us at facebook.com/vesurgery.

Also we are now on **Twitter**. Follow us at [@vesurgery](https://twitter.com/vesurgery).



Interact with Society leadership and other members through these avenues. If you have information you think should be posted by VESS, send potential content to the Society by tagging [@VESurgery](https://twitter.com/vesurgery) on your post or tweet or email potential content to ves@administrare.com for review by the Communications Committee.

SAVE THE DATES!! The VESS 42nd Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 1-4, 2018 at the Hotel Talisa in Vail CO. This venue will be spectacular! With over fifty million dollars in renovations, the facilities are amazing!

The Winter Program Committee is already hard at work putting together a great program. In addition to the scientific presentations based on member abstract submissions, this year's program will once again feature the Resident and Fellow's Program, the Technology Forum, and topical small group breakout sessions.

NEW this year will be the **Next Generation Program** focused on medical student career development (see back panel).

Add in great skiing, the opportunity to catch up with friends, the chance to identify or become an important mentor, and interact with industry partners, and it again promises to be one of the best meetings of the year. And, if you stay through Sunday, It's likely you'll get to watch the New England Patriots win another SuperBowl!

Visit the VESS website for more information on Registration & Hotel Reservations!
www.vesurgery.org.



VESS 2018 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society is now accepting abstracts for their 42nd Annual Meeting to be held February 1-4, 2018 at the Hotel Talisa in Vail, CO. Abstracts must be submitted online and submission must be completed by **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** at 11:59 p.m. (EDT). Submission Guidelines can be found at: www.vesurgery.org.

VESS GRANTS AND AWARDS

W. L. Gore Travel Award – 2018

Application Deadline: Friday, September 15, 2017

The primary purpose of the **VESS/W.L. Gore & Associates Travel Award (\$5,000)** is to provide the recipient with the opportunity to visit one or more vascular surgery centers of excellence. The visit is intended to stimulate academic inspiration and to foster the development of fraternal fellowship in vascular surgery. Achievement of these objectives will enhance the vascular surgery career of a VESS member recipient. This award is not intended to support specific research interests but rather to assist the award recipient in a unique opportunity for travel and professional exchange.



Medtronic Vascular Resident Research Award – 2018

Application Deadline: Friday, October 13, 2017

One **\$12,500 grant** for basic/translational science, educational, clinical or health outcomes research will be awarded during the VESS Annual Meeting in 2018. The VESS/Medtronic Resident Research Award is specifically designed to help residents in training initiate projects during protected academic development time that will lead to future academic potential toward extramural funding for basic or clinical research.



Medtronic

VESS 2018 Early Career Faculty Research Award

Application Deadline: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

One **\$22,500 grant** for basic/translational science, educational, clinical or health outcomes research will be awarded during the VESS Annual Meeting. The VESS/ FYI *Early Career Faculty Research Award* is specifically designed to help new vascular surgical investigators initiate projects that will lead to extramural funding for basic or clinical research.

Eligibility and Guidelines for all awards can be found on the VESS Website:

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VESS NEXT GENERATION Student Program

At this year's VESS Annual Meeting in Vail, we have added an exciting program entitled **"The Next Generation"** focused on providing medical students with a career interest in vascular surgery a forum to see what we are all about. There will be dedicated programming aimed at their needs, overlap programming with the fellows program so that they can engage current trainees, and ample time for them to meet VESS members who might offer them mentorship.

VESS, in collaboration with the Foundation for Vascular Innovation (FVI) will be providing **\$1,000 scholarships** to 10 – 20 medical students representing medical and osteopathic schools around the country.

These awards will help support travel expenses and lodging to enable these students to attend the meeting. A request for applications will be going out to medical schools, but if you know any bright medical students at your home institution, make sure they apply.