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President's Corner **by Jon Eliason, MD**



I am honored and thankful for the opportunity to serve as president for the VESS this year. This society has really been foundational for me in so many ways. Since Marc Passman first encouraged me to get involved as a general surgery resident interested in vascular surgery (thanks Marc!), until now, the society's focus on embracing vascular trainees, grounding them in a collegial academic environment, and supporting excellence in research and scholarship has been a rudder for me professionally. The fact that VESS makes these endeavors very enjoyable is significant as well in this era of increased physician burnout.

The 42nd Annual Winter Meeting in Vail, Colorado, was no exception to the attributes listed above. The presentations were outstanding and the attendance was record setting! Thanks to the program committee, all who participated in the resident/fellows programs and the tech forum, as well as our industry partners for making this such an outstanding meeting. Also introduced this year was the medical student program, initiated by our immediate past president Peter Nelson, and spearheaded by Gabriela Velazquez-Ramirez. Thanks Peter and Gaby! This will be a great addition to our program for years to come.

We look forward to this year's 2018 annual spring meeting held in conjunction with the Vascular Annual Meeting (VAM) in Boston, MA. Located at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston's Back Bay area, this always provides an excellent venue. The program looks excellent so we hope you will be joining us on June 20th for VESS at the VAM. Looking further into 2019, we will be making our first ever foray into Snowbird Resort in Utah. The 43rd Annual Winter Meeting will be held January 31st-February 3rd. Snowbird is nestled in the Wasatch Mountains, has an average of 500 inches of snow annually, and encompasses 3,240 vertical feet and 2,500 acres of terrain. Looking online they currently have a 103" base and sunny skies. Just a teaser...

In closing, for those of you already in this society we thank you for making it what it is, a thriving culture of excellence in vascular surgery! Whether you are just starting out in a private, hospital based, or academic practice, or have been at vascular surgery for a while, this society will commit to bringing relevant and educational topics to the forefront of each meeting. For those of you who have partners or colleagues on the fence of joining, or those who know trainees not already candidate members, please encourage them. They will be welcome!

Jon Eliason, MD



2018 AWARDS

Best Paper - The fourteen highest scoring abstracts were considered for the Best Paper Award. The Program Committee evaluated the actual presentations based on originality, methodology, clinical impact, and quality of presentation.

Cash prize for Best Paper is \$1,000.

2018 Best Paper Winner: William Yoon, MD

Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL

"The Utility of the Agatston Calcium Score in Predicting Carotid Plaque Vulnerability"

William Yoon, Paul Crisostomo, Pegge Halandras, Carlos Bechara, Bernadette Aulivola; Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

W. L. Gore Travel Award - The primary purpose of the VESS / WL Gore & Associates Travel Award 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.

Award: \$5,000.

2018 G. L. Gore Travel Award Winner:

Nicolas J. Mouawad, MD

McLaren Health System

Bay City, MI



2018 Medtronic Resident Research Award Winner:

Frank Davis, MD

University of Michigan Health Systems

Ann Arbor, MI

"Epigenetic Alterations in Macrophages Influence Chronic Inflammation in Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms"



Medtronic Vascular Resident Research Award

Grant for basic/translational science, educational, clinical or health outcomes research was awarded during the VESS winter 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.

Award: \$12,500.

Medtronic



2018 Early Career Faculty Award

Winner: Jeffrey Siracuse, MD

Boston Medical Center

Boston, MA

"Perioperative Nutritional Optimization in Patients Undergoing Revascularization for Critical Limb Ischemia"

VESS Early Career Faculty Award - The

VESS/FVI 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.

Award: \$22,500.

The Next Generation Students' Mentor Program

The Next Generation Students' Mentor Program was launched during the 2018 VESS winter meeting with great success. We received 50 applications from institutions all over the country. Seventeen medical students between years 1-3 were able to attend. Scholarships were sponsored by Gore and Endologix. VESS faculty presented talks on Vascular Surgery, academic and private practices, training paradigms, how to apply and how to pursue research and mentoring opportunities. To close the day we had a hands on surgical skills session where students performed endovascular procedures and suturing anastomosis in our simulators. We received excellent feedback and look forward to growing this program in the future.



Winner of Fellows Case Competition
David Dockery with Karan Garg & Saumya Premchandra from Cook Medical Representative.

Fellows Program

The fellows program had 26 senior residents and fellows participate covering topics ranging from leadership, negotiating contracts and understanding the changes in healthcare. Participants had the opportunity to present some interesting cases which was followed by spirited discussions. The highlight, as is every year, was the Vascular Jeopardy, which instilled some confidence that the trainees have a reasonable fund of knowledge. We'd like to thank Cook Medical for their continued support of this program.



Winner of the Vascular Jeopardy Competition Jennifer Sanford (with Cook Representative Saumya Premchandra and Chair of the Vascular Resident Education Committee, Karen Garg)

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

ACTIVE

Oliver Aalami	Stanford University School of Medicine
Shahram Aarabi	University of Washington
Matthew Abate	St. Anthony's Medical Center
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Joshua Arnold	University of Tennessee
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Adel Barkat	Loyola University Medical Center
Andrew Baxter	NYU Langone Medical Center
Jaime Benarroch-Gampel	Emory University School of Medicine
Joseph-Vincent Blas	Greenville Health Systems
Danielle Cafasso	New York Presbyterian
Brandon Cain	UAB
Allan Conway	Lenox Hill Hospital
Ramoncito David	Mayo Clinic
Victor Davila	Mayo Clinic
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Chelsea Dorsey	Stanford Hospital
Yana Etkin	Northwell Health
Garietta Falls-Beddies	Wright State Physicians
Lindsay Gates	Yale New Haven Hospital
Matthew Goldman	Wake Forest Baptist Health
Ahmad Hussain	Scott & White Memorial Hospital
Kamran Jafree	Wright State University
Douglas Jones	Boston Medical Center
Dejah Judelson	UMass Memorial
Marcus Kret	Stanford University
Kathleen Lamb	Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Werner Lang	University Hospital Erlangen
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Melissa Loja	UC Davis
Paul Long	Baylor Scott and White
Gregory Magee	University of Southern California
Junaid Malek	Northshore Medical Center - MGH
Justin Margolis	St. Catherines of Sienna, Catholic Health Systems
Courtney Morgan	Northwestern Univeristy
Shardul Nagre	Wellmont Cardiology Services
Andrea Obi	University of Michigan
Zachary Osborne	Mayo Clinic
Mary Ottinger	University of South Florida
Pouria Parsa	Baylor University Medical Center
Syed Peeran	Appledore Medical Group/Coastal Cardiovascular Group
Varinder Phangureh	General Vascular Surgery
April Rodriguez	University of Washington
Sean Ryan	Beebe Medical Center
Daniel Scott	US Air Force
Jessica Simons	University of Massachusetts Medical School
Brigitte Smith	University of Utah
Robert Smith	Baylor Scott & White
Jordan Stern	Stanford University Hospitals & Clinics
Bjoern Suckow	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Kevin Taubman	University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Tulsa
Richard Teed	Vascular Specialists of Central Florida
Sam Tyagi	Beth Israel Medical Center
Areck Ucuzian	University of Maryland Medical Center
Brant Ullery	Stanford University
Marie Unruh	LSU Health Sciences Center
Karen Walker	Johns Hopkins Hospital
Jessica Wallaert	Coastal Cardiothoracic & Vascular Associates
Michael Williams	Saint Louis University
Mathew Wooster	University of South Florida

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VESS 43rd Annual Meeting



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Join us for the VESS Spring Meeting,
Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the
Hynes Convention Center in Boston, MA



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vascular.org/meeting/2018-vascular-annual-meeting.