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## UIP Update

A number of issues critical to the future of the UIP were discussed and approved during the most recent UIP Executive Committee (EC) meeting held 1 July, 2017 in Porto, Portugal. All but one member of the EC were in attendance. This will be an update for all UIP members of the important topics introduced in the most recent newsletter sent last month. For detailed information please refer to the [minutes of the EC meeting](#).

### Restructuring of the UIP:

The EC approved unanimously a recommendation to the General Council (GC) in Melbourne to assume scientific and fiscal responsibility for the UIP World Congresses and UIP Chapter Meetings, beginning for the 2021 UIP World Congress. This recommendation will be among the first items to be voted upon during the GC meeting in Melbourne. Because this restructuring will require a change to the UIP Constitution, the vote for approval will need to be by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority. If it is approved, those societies wishing to bid for the 2021 World Congress will present a bid under the new structure as well as the current structure. Complete details of the application for these bids are available [on the website](#). In brief, the EC recommended a newly-formed UIP Education Committee that will organize the scientific content of the meeting, in cooperation with the member society awarded the bid for the meeting. Unlike in the past, it will be the UIP itself that takes fiscal responsibility for the meeting. The UIP will indemnify the member society against any financial loss incurred by the meeting, while at the same time sharing with the member society any profit generated. A Professional Conference Organizer (PCO) will be contracted to handle the logistics of the UIP meetings. The PCO will be selected by the EC from several candidates and presented to the GC in Melbourne.

In order to support the scientific content of the UIP meetings a proposal was approved by a unanimous vote of the UIP EC to add two major committees, the Education and Certification Committee (ECC) and the Scientific Standardization Committee (SSC). The Chairs of these committees will become members of the EC, bringing the EC to 12 members. Renewable terms of the committee chairs will be 4 years. Candidates will need to apply for either committee chair position according to the regulations and deadlines included in the UIP Constitution and Internal Regulations.

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We look forward to welcoming you to the World Congress on  
4-8 February, 2018 in Melbourne, Australia

### Brief News

#### 2019 UIP Chapter Meeting in Krakow, Poland

A proposal to change the dates for this meeting will be made to the UIP GC in Melbourne. The change would return the meeting to the more traditional time of late summer from the previously-decided dates of 6-9 June, 2019 to 25-27 August, 2019.

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### Candidates for UIP Officer Positions

The list of members whose society has proposed them for UIP officer positions is shown as of July 2017:.

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### Key Dates and Deadlines

Due 4 October 2017

- Nominations for the UIP Officer positions
- Nominations for the Education and Certification Committee chair
- Nominations for the Scientific Standardization Committee chair
- Bids for the 2021 UIP World Congress

## UIP Update – Cont'd

### Creation of a UIP Foundation

The proposal for a UIP Foundation (UIPF) intended to fund education, research, and humanitarian projects proposed by the UIP, was approved by a unanimous vote of the UIP EC. The EC accepted the Feasibility Study and voted to move ahead with a Steering Committee to further develop the UIPF *with a vote by the GC to accept or decline the UIPF concept scheduled for the GC meeting in Melbourne.* A number of interesting items emerged from the Feasibility Study, details of which can be seen [here](#).

In brief, the UIPF will be governed by a separate UIPF Board of Directors consisting of 9 physician members and 8 industry members. In its proposal to the UIP GC, the UIPF Board of Directors would be elected by the UIP GC from a slate of candidates submitted and chosen by the UIP EC according to 4 criteria listed here. Any UIP member may be proposed by their society to the UIP EC for a seat on the UIPF Board. In order to maintain a strict firewall between projects submitted to the UIPF for funding, all projects will be thoroughly evaluated by the Scientific Standardization Committee (SSC) and only then submitted to the UIPF for funding. This firewall is intended to prevent bias from being introduced into specific projects.

Since the UIPF is being established to support initiatives of the UIP, but is a separate entity from the UIP, a vote to accept or reject the UIPF by the UIP GC will not require a change to the UIP Constitution, and therefore will be decided by a simple majority of the UIP GC members in attendance in Melbourne (either physically present or by proxy as allowed by the UIP Constitution).

## Brief News – Cont'd

### *The Venous Glossary*

A project of international venous experts, conceived by Michel Perrin and funded by Servier was officially endorsed by the UIP EC. *The Venous Glossary* will be finished in 2018 and distributed by Servier.

### *UIP Website*

The UIP website is now at [www.iup-phlebology.org](http://www.iup-phlebology.org). The move was made necessary because the old domain was not under complete control of the UIP. Societies who link back to the UIP web site are asked to update their links accordingly.

## Candidates for UIP Officer Positions– Cont'd

- President: Kurosh Parsi (ACP)
- Treasurer: Paul Thibault (ACP)
- General Secretary: Pier Luigi Antignani (Italian College of Phlebology)
- Assistant General Secretary: Alavaro Orrego (Chile), Malay Patel (VAI)
- Vice Presidents: Jean Luc Gillet (French Society of Phlebology), Shoaib Padaria (VAI), Lorenzo Tessari (Italian College), Shenming Wang (Chinese Association of Phlebology), Alun Davies (UK Venous Forum)

The deadline for other nominations and for member society bids for the place and date of the 2021 World Congress is 4 October, 2017. In addition to the notification in this newsletter, further notification will be sent electronically to all UIP addressees in the data base with a “read receipt”. A hard copy by registered mail will be sent to those addressees for whom we do not have confirmation of receipt of the electronic notification. It is extremely important that the UIP Secretariat has *current and accurate information* on each society’s officers and members.



EC Members at the Porto 2017 Meeting  
(Left to Right): PL Antignani, A. Schapira, A. Scuderi, N. Morrison, M. Patel, M. de Maeseneer, K. Parsi  
(Attending but not pictured): A. Cavezzi, M. Meissner

Best regards,

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