The XVIII UIP World Congress of Phlebology attracted more than 1200 worldwide delegates from 67 countries to a hot and sunny Melbourne between 4th – 8th February 2018.

The World Congress brought together world experts in the field of phlebology, including vascular surgery, interventional radiology, interventional cardiology, dermatology, nursing and vascular medicine.

The strong scientific program featured a range of key-note lectures, plenary sessions, presentations, free paper sessions, consensus meetings, workshops, hands-on training sessions and masterclasses on a wide range of topics with over 700 presentations taking place over the 5 days.

A total of 574 scientific presentations were scheduled over UIP2018 covering all matters phlebology. That’s a total of 136 hours of pure scientific content. And that doesn’t include the 8 debates, 35 How-I-Do-It Videos, 44 HOTS stations, 59 masterclasses and 23 Basic Phlebology Course presentations.

Thanks to the Founders of the UIP for the “Forum of the Founders” on recurrent varicose veins, all our Journal Editors for the “Forum of the Editors” and the Venous Forums involved in the “Forum of Venous Forums”.

With over 50 sponsors and congress partners filling the exhibition hall, it was a busy few days!

We also enjoyed a few fun elements in the Exhibition over lunch, including a Fashion Show sponsored by Medi, a Turkish Dance Performance sponsored by The Turkish Society of Phlebology and a Dragon Dance to celebrate the Chinese New Year organised by Prof. Jinsong Wang from China.

“A fantastic place for a congress. The congress had overall a very high standard which not least was seen in the high number of participants at the venue in spite of the temptations in Melbourne with surroundings”
Live Broadcast
The Live Broadcast session was extremely well attended and showcased the latest in Interventional Radiology, advanced Endovenous Procedures including new glue ablative methods, laser and radiofrequency ablation, MOCA, foam sclerotherapy, as well as new treatments for Lymphoedema and Vaginal Rejuvenation.

HOTS (Hands on Training Sessions)
The HOTS sessions proved to be a huge success with over 300 delegates attending these small hands on sessions. This was a perfect opportunity for delegates to touch, feel and ask questions about the products in a small interactive environment.

Ultrasound in Phlebology Certificate Program
The UIP 2018 Ultrasound in Phlebology Certificate Program was extremely popular and provided interesting, comprehensive and practical experience for the delegates including IVUS, Venous Mapping, Vascular Access and Live Scanning.

UIP Consensus
The UIP consensus on “Contraindications of Sclerotherapy” and an “Intersociety Consensus on Venous Mapping” met to discuss ongoing consensus documents. Final Reports for the UIP Consensus’ on “Venous Rehabilitation” and “Pelvic Congestion Syndrome” were presented during the UIP plenary.

Program and Social Highlights
- 72 Concurrent sessions
- 400 Abstract submissions received
- 54 Masterclasses
- 7 Plenary sessions
- 720 Presentations
- 11 Social events

“UIP 2018 was an excellent international meeting. Great HOTS.”
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“From a nursing perspective the HOTS were very helpful”

Masterclasses
Our masterclass program was a tremendous success. Delegates benefitted from small group interaction with world experts in all fields of phlebology. Thanks to our many masterclass speakers and all those who braved the early morning starts.
UIP Awards Ceremony

Several distinguished members of the Phlebology community were recognised for their contributions to Phlebology during the UIP Awards Ceremony in the company of The Governor of Victoria.

UIP Awards

UIP Presidential Medal
Dr Nick Morrison

UIP Past Presidents Medal
Dr Angelo Scuderi
Prof. Eberhard Rabe
Prof. Claudio Allegra
Prof. Hugo Partsch
Prof. Georges Jantet

The Inaugural UIP Gold Medal
Dr Michel Perrin

Award of Excellence for Distinguished Long Service
Dr Ivan Staelens
Prof. J J Guex

Award of Excellence for Clinical Research in Phlebology
Prof. Nicos Labropoulos

Award of Excellence for Basic Science Research in Phlebology
Prof. Thomas Wakefield

Award of Excellence for International Collaboration in Phlebology
Dr Attilio Cavezzi

Award of Excellence for Delivery of Education in Phlebology
Prof. Alun Davies

ACP Awards

ACP Presidential Medal
Dr Adrian Lim

Gold Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Phlebology
A/Prof. Kurosh Parsi

Lifetime Achievement Award
Prof. Andre van Rij
Dr Louis Loizou
Prof. Ken Myers

Award of Excellence for Education and Training in Phlebology
Dr David Jenkins

Award of Excellence for Basic Science Research in Phlebology
Dr David Connor

2016 President's Medal for Sclerotherapy
Dr Niloofar Yazdani
Dr Mary Swan

Gala Dinner

With a 1920's theme, the Gala Dinner saw an amazing selection of outfits and feather boas. Guests enjoyed a gorgeous dinner followed by dancing to the sounds of the fabulous Melbourne SKA Band at the Crown Palladium.

Finally, a big thank you must go out to our amazing sponsors and program partners and to all of those who were involved in the organisation of sessions, reviewing of abstracts, our speakers and all those involved behind the scenes. There are too many of you to thank here, but your contribution and dedication to the UIP and the congress is hugely appreciated.