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UIP XIX World Congress 2022

Are you ready for the World Congress?

Check out the updates in our newsletter or social media platforms.

Nominations for the UIP Executive Positions have closed and the nominees have sent their application. Read their biographies on pages 6-50.



UIP ANNOUNCEMENTS



UIP SPEAKER'S CORNER INVITATION FOR NEWSLETTER CONTENT

The UIP is delighted to offer all its members to report a comment in future editions of the UIP newsletter. Topics can be related to evidence based science, phlebo-lymphology advancement, problem solving in clinical practice. If you are interested in submitting a comment, send a 300 word summary to:

communications@uipmail.org

ABOUT US

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PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH UIP PRESIDENT

Since August 2021, Prof Kurosh Parsi has been meeting with Presidents of the UIP Member Societies with the main aim of updating everyone on the latest news, activities and various matters concerning the UIP, as well as to meet personally the representatives and Presidents of each Member Society.

We strongly recommend each Member Society to keep their contact details updated on their profile at the UIP Website (www.uip-phlebology.org). If unsure about your current contact details, you can check on the website or you can let Dr David Connor know at execdirector@uipmail.org.

If your Society has not received an invitation yet, please feel free to contact Melisa Lopez at communications@uipmail.org.

TREATMENT OF ANTERIOR ACCESSORY SAPHENOUS VEIN INSUFFICIENCY

Dear colleagues,

The Haemodynamics Working Group of the German Society of Phlebology (DGP) has prepared a survey on the strategy for isolated insufficiency of the anterior accessory saphenous vein (AASV). The aim of this survey is to identify possible existing different approaches and to investigate whether these are influenced by the choice of therapeutic procedures.

The questionnaire takes 5 minutes to complete. Of course, participation is completely anonymous.

Thank you very much for your participation.

PD Dr Lars Müller, Dr Erika Mendoza



You can access the survey here:

https://www.surveymonkey.de/r/Treatment_Option_AASV



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UIP XIX WORLD CONGRESS PROGRAM

XIX WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PHLEBOLOGY

Lütfi Kırdar Convention and Exhibition Center - ICEC / Istanbul, Turkey

12th - 16th September, 2022

**YOU CAN FIND THE UPDATED
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM
2 MONTHS BEFORE
THE UIP ISTANBUL
WORLD CONGRESS!**



www.uip2022.org/scientific/scientific-program



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NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR UIP EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

Nominations have now CLOSED for UIP Executive Positions for the term 2022-2025.

The Elections for all positions will be held during the UIP General Council Meetings, to be held on the 12th and 15th of September, 2022 in Istanbul, Turkey, during the [XIXth World Congress of Phlebology](#).

NOMINATIONS

The UIP has received the following nominations (listed by position and alphabetically):

President Elect

Prof. Alun Huw Davies (United Kingdom)
A/Prof. Sergio Giancesini (Italy)
Dr Malay Patel (India)

General Secretary

Prof. Pier Luigi Antignani (Italy)
Prof. Ahmet Kürsat Bozkurt (Turkey)
Dr Mark H Meissner (United States of America)
Prof. Jaroslav Strejcek (Czech Republic)

Treasurer

Prof. Jaroslav Strejcek (Czech Republic)
Dr Paul Thibault (Australia)

Chair of Science

Prof. Alun Huw Davies (United Kingdom)
Dr Jose Antonio Diaz (United States of America)
Dr Fedor Lurie (United States of America)
Dr Pauline Raymond Martimbeau (Canada)

Chair of Congresses and Events / Assistant Secretary

Dr Oscar Hugo Bottini (Argentina)
Dr Lowell Stuart Kabnick (United States of America)

Chair of Education

Dr Luis René Arias Villarroel (Bolivia)
Prof. Kurosh Parsi (Australia)
Dr Pauline Raymond Martimbeau (Canada)
Dr Rodrigo Rial (Spain)
Prof. Jaroslav Strejcek (Czech Republic)
Prof. Jean Francois Uhl (France)
Prof. Jinsong Wang (China)

Vice-Presidents

Prof. Pier Luigi Antignani (Italy)
Prof. Mohamed Ayman Fakhry (Egypt)
Dr Lorena Grillo (Costa Rica)
Dr Tobias Hirsch (Germany)
Dr Ravul Jindal (India)
Prof. Zaza Lazarashvili (Georgia)
Dr Fedor Lurie (United States of America)
Prof. Alvaro Orrego (Chile)
Dr Rodrigo Rial (Spain)
Dr Javier Serralde Gallegos (Mexico)
Dr Carlos Simkin (Argentina)
Prof. Jean Francois Uhl (France)
Prof. Shenming Wang (China)
Em. Prof. Dr Cees H.A. Wittens (The Netherlands)

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Alun Huw Davies (United Kingdom)

Nomination from the Venous Forum of the Royal Society of Medicine

Professor Alun H Davies is Professor of Vascular Surgery at Imperial College London/NIHR Senior Investigator and an Honorary Consultant Surgeon whose NHS practice is based at Charing Cross and St Mary's Hospital, London. Professor Davies trained in Cambridge, Oxford, Plymouth, Harvard and Bristol, prior to taking up a Consultant appointment in Charing Cross in 1994. He is the Editor in Chief of Phlebology, past President of the European Venous Forum, General Surgical Forum at the RSM & The Venous Forum at The Royal Society of Medicine. He is the current President of the European College of Phlebology. He has been a Hunterian Professor and Arris & Gayle Lecturer at the RCS England. He is an

"Emeritus" Fellow of the Australasian College of Phlebology, Distinguished Fellow of the American Venous Forum and Honorary Fellow of the American Venous and Lymphatic Society (AVLS). He is the current chair of the UIP Scientific Committee. He was the Chairman of the Varicose Vein Guideline Group for the NICE (National Institute of Clinical Excellence), a member of the Quality Standards Group has co-chaired the first ESVS guidelines group on the management. He is a special advisor to the NHS Evidence Based intervention programme. He sits on the NIHR CET funding committee. He is an invite as a member of faculty to many international meetings. He also written extensively on many aspects of venous/vascular disease, writing over 600 peer reviewed manuscripts and he runs a large research group, having supervised over 50 higher degrees (PhDs). He has raised, more than £30,000,000 for research. He conducts clinical and laboratory-based research; some of the clinical trials he has been Chief Investigator on include COMET, AVULS, GAPS & EVRA, all of which have impacted on international venous practise. Clinically he runs a busy tertiary vascular surgical practise including the management of not only superficial venous disease, but complex deep vein and compression syndromes.

My rational to remain on the UIP executive is that as the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, I feel I have made a significant contribution, including the development of UIP 1page which will be published in the Autumn and steps to engage with industry to raise research funding. I have also been able to represent the UIP executive on the editorial board of Phlebology. I believe that the UIP could have a pivotal role in helping improve knowledge to all practitioners (doctors / nurses / technicians) and be a vehicle in which research could be conducted, both of which would improve the life of patients.

Why me? I have put my name forward for two posts, one as President Elect and the other to remain as the Chair of the Scientific Committee. I feel I have the appropriate credentials to stand for the Presidency, having been the President of the UK Venous forum, European Venous Forum and now the European College of Phlebology. I have a vast experience in guideline development, publication, research, financial prudence, and people management. However, if the electorate do not support my candidacy for the Presidency; I feel I have a lot to offer the UIP by remaining in post as Chair of the Scientific Committee.

Achieve in the roles?

- 1. Ensure that the UIP is fully representative of its constituent members opinions*
- 2. Ensure that the ongoing constitutional reforms allow the UIP to thrive*
- 3. Develop a global inclusive research strategy and a global venous registry*
- 4. Have a global workshop to understand what the constituent societies want from the UIP*
- 5. Review the Terms of office for the executive officers e.g. reduce the term of the Presidency to two years (more opportunity for others & prevents) anyone individual monopolizing the organisation*
- 6. Consult on the frequency of UIP meetings going for either an annual or every 2 year meeting, which could rotate around the continents*

The above summarises my thoughts on as to why I think I would be a good candidate for the posts.

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Sergio Giancesini (Italy)

Nomination from the Italian Society of Phlebology

Sergio Giancesini is a surgeon of the University of Ferrara (ITALY) where he holds an associate professorship Italian habilitation in cardiovascular surgery and where he is dedicated to Vein & Lymphatic basic science, clinical research and practice. He is part of the permanent teaching body of the School of Medicine, as well as of the Vascular Surgery Residency program, of the courses of Physiotherapy and of the School of Dentistry. He is an adjunct associate professor in Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, USA. He has a PhD in Vascular System Molecular Patho-physiology and he is part of the teaching body of the Advanced Therapies & Experimental

Pharmacology PhD course at the University of Ferrara. Inside the University of Ferrara PhD programs he is involved in the internationalization process, facilitating interaction among different countries universities. He is invited professor of the Angiology II level Master of the University of Padova (ITALY). He is invited professor of the Albania University as well. He serves as editor in chief of Vascular Insights journal and as associate Editor of Phlebology Journal and of International Angiology Journal. He is in the editorial boards of Journal of Vascular Surgery venous & lymphatic disorders, of the Chinese Medical Journal, of the Surgical Sciences Journal and of the Turkish Journal of Vascular Surgery. He has published more than 80 scientific papers on vein-lymphatics topics, 3 textbooks and he has delivered more than 380 lectures around the world. He is a founding member of the venous-lymphatic World International Network (v-WIN) foundation, with which he developed projects leading to an official recognition of the United Nations Communications Coordination Committee and to an institutional representation during the 2021-2022 Universal Expo World Fair. From 2018 to 2022 he has served as UIP vice-president.

Dear General Council, I wish to convey to you the reasons that led me to accept the kind proposal of different Societies to run for the presidential office, apart the obvious honor of such prestigious charge. The difficulties all the world has been facing clearly reminded us the need of constant adaptation and innovation. These difficulties have also represented the opportunity to showcase the huge value of prompt reaction, of joint global projects and of proper synergy. The International Union of Phlebology (UIP) was created long ago, yet funded on these same actual concepts. Along time, UIP has demonstrated great potentials as well as significant flaws. A proper, moral, transparent, democratic, engaging, global governance is greatly needed, particularly in the current days. In this context, I hope the actions developed by myself and by the colleagues who have been coworking with me from all around the world along the years can speak far more than abstract electoral promises. I stand for a UIP as "Society of Societies", whose main task must be supporting its members local activities, while bringing them to the global scale, in a productive synergy among parts. I support a UIP promoting transparent use of all the available means, aimed to elevate Vein & Lymphatic positioning around the world. With these values, I'd like to run for a UIP in which the General Council can find a constantly available communication channel dedicated to assessing the different Regions needs and to finding proper solutions. Exactly in this sense, I remain at your full disposal, hoping you will like the idea of reaching out to me (gnssrg@unife.it , sergiogiancesini@gmail.com ; t. +393498012304) to provide YOUR feedback on what the UIP should be and do for your Society, for your Region and for our Discipline advancement. I truly hope this exchange between you ("U") and "I" will represent an opportunity of "P"rogress for the UIP and of a candidacy in line with the real needs of its members.



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Malay Patel (India)

Nomination from the Venous Association of India

Dr. Malay Patel is the founding president of the Venous Association of India and has been a former vice-president of the International Union of Phlebology (UIP) and its current Assistant General Secretary.

He is well known among phlebology circles for promoting the cause of management of venous diseases around the globe. He is currently spearheading the global campaign of the 'No More Venous Ulcers' of the European Independent Foundation in Angiology /Vascular Medicine more popularly known as VAS.

In the past he has been responsible for bringing newer countries under the membership the UIP.

As a part of the UIP since 2013 I have the ability to maintain continuity of the goals that the UIP is trying to achieve in spreading awareness about management of venous disease as well as bringing more national phlebology societies into the UIP.

I would like to continue the work that the UIP has undertaken so far and further the cause of leading the world towards better management of venous disease. I also have the ongoing task of bringing more and more countries into the UIP and see its outreach increase into areas that still are not represented within the UIP

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Pier Luigi Antignani (Italy)

Nomination from the Italian Society of Phlebology

Prof. Pier Luigi Antignani is a vascular physician with specialization in Medical Angiology. He is Director of a vascular Centre in Rome (Italy). He is professor of the Angiology, Phlebology and non invasive vascular investigation. He is teacher in the Master of Angiology in the Universities of Padova, Rome and Catania. He is President of the International Union of Angiology (2020-2022). He is Honorary President of the Italian Society for Vascular Investigation and has published, as lead author, the "diagnosis of vascular diseases ultrasound investigations – international guidelines". He has been Assistant Secretary and General Secretary of the International Union of Phlebology. As part of the activities in the UIP, he followed the publication of some guidelines and consensus documents (Superficial vein thrombosis, Corona phlebectatica, Diagnosis and treatment of pelvic congestion syndrome, Chronic lymphedema of the limbs, Venous hemodynamic changes in lower limb venous disease, vascular anomalies: vascular malformations and hemangiomas). He is Editor in Chief of Acta Phlebological journal. He is member of Editorial Board of Journal of Vascular Surgery: Venous and Lymphatic Disorders, Vascular Investigation and Therapy, International Angiology. He is honorary member of Pan-American Society of Phlebology and Lymphology of the Argentinian Society of Phlebology and Lymphology. He is distinguished fellow of American Venous Forum and emeritus fellow member of Australasian College of Phlebology. He is author of several books regarding the vascular diseases and he has published several papers on the various aspects of vascular diseases (more than 400 papers); he has organized a lot of national and international congresses concerning the vascular diseases and, especially, phlebological aspects (the last was the international congress of the UIP - Rome 2016). Recently he has organized the world congress of the IUA in 2020.

Dear colleagues of the General Council, it will be a honour to resume my activity in the International Union of Phlebology continuing along the path traced by the previous executive Committees: the increase of regional presence proposing educational and scientific projects, the involvement of new phlebological societies around the world, the cooperation with other specialties with common interest, the definition of the better management of the phlebological and lymphatic diseases by means of guidelines, consensus documents and a proper training and education of the operators in order to guarantee the high quality of the care. I put my experience at the service of the International Union of Phlebology with the aim to work all together in a friendly and effective way in the interest of a bigger and stronger Union.

NOMINATIONS



Ahmet Kürsat Bozkurt (Turkey)

Nomination from the Turkish Society of Phlebology

Born in 1962 in Izmir. He graduated from the Aegean University Medical Faculty in 1985. He completed his residency program in 1993 at the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, Istanbul University Cerrahpasa Medical Faculty. He became Associate Professor in 1997 and Professor in 2003 in the same Department. He worked for five months at the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Scotland; and for 2 years at the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, Castle Hill Hospital, England.

He was accepted as a "Fellow of the International College of Angiology (FICA)" in

1993. He passed the necessary examinations and was entitled a "Fellow European Board of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons (FEBCS)" in October 2003.

He is a member of the American Venous Forum, Turkish Society of Cardiovascular Surgery, National Society of Vascular Surgery, European Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, International Union of Angiology, and Vascular Access Society. He has several book chapters, papers in international scientific journals, and over 1300 citations. He was the President of the Turkish Society for Vascular Surgery between 2008 and 2012, the President of the Asian Society of Vascular Surgery between 2012 and 2013, and Vice President of the Turkish Society of Cardiovascular Surgery between 2015 and 2017. Currently, he is the President of the Turkish Society of Cardiovascular Surgery. He will be the Chairman of the Union International Phlebology 2022 Istanbul World Meeting.

Dear members of the UIP Council

As you know, we have been involved with the preparations for the UIP Istanbul World Meeting for the last four years. The process started with the candidacy, and it was decided that the congress will be held in Istanbul with most votes in Melbourne. Then we had troubled days due to the Covid pandemic and the tension in Europe. However, in the meantime, we gained a lot of experience and learned to find the best way under difficult conditions. Thanks to these achievements, I think that I will make great contributions to UIP both administratively and economically. The UIP Istanbul World Meeting makes the most economic contribution to the society in the history of UIP, and half of the promised support was already transferred to the account 2 years ago. I aim to provide a successful service to UIP as the general secretary; with detailed knowledge about the societies I have gained in these 4 years, the relations I have gained with the industry during this period, and with my strong scientific background.

NOMINATIONS



Mark H Meissner (United States of America)

Nomination from the American Vein & Lymphatic Society and the American Venous Forum

Dr. Meissner attended medical school at the University of Colorado and completed general surgery residency as well as fellowships in vascular surgery and interventional radiology at the University of Washington. He also completed a research fellowship under the mentorship of Dr. D. Eugene Strandness. Dr. Meissner is currently the Peter Gloviczki Professor of Venous & Lymphatic Disorders at the University of Washington Medical Center. He is the past president of the American Venous Forum, president of the American Vein &

Lymphatic Society, and general secretary of the International Union of Phlebology. Clinical interests include acute and chronic venous disease, pelvic venous disorders, and venous reconstruction. He has published over 120 peer-reviewed manuscripts with research interests including the natural history of acute deep venous thrombosis and evidence-based venous disease.

Over the past 8 years, I have had the honor of serving the International Union of Phlebology in the capacity of Vice-President and General Secretary and have most recently served on the constitutional reform committee. Over this time, I have seen UIP add several new societies to its membership, develop a world-wide educational curriculum, and publish a number of high-quality scientific consensus documents. Going forward I believe the most pressing needs of the UIP include continuing efforts to draft a legal constitution, which is currently lacking; continuing to attract new member societies and assist in their growth, particularly in developing countries; continue to develop international standards for quality venous care and educate our members on their adoption; and to continue to sponsor high-quality scientific projects with a global impact. If elected, my responsibility would be to continue to shepherd this agenda and move it forward.

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Jaroslav Strejcek (Czech Republic)

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1989 – Ph.D. 1990 – additional spec.: Phlebology

Profesional:

1977 - 1992 - 1st. Dermatological Clinic (assistant and associate prof.)

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Prague/??any – Medical director

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2003 - 2004 - University of California San Diego – lab for vascular research – head of research and visiting professor

Present positions (shortend)

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Member of the Board of the Czech Society of Lymphology

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Let us quote because this nomination: "Prof. Strejcek became involved in the activities of the UIP bodies as Secretary General of the CSP in 1993, and in 2005-2009 he served as Vice-President of the UIP. During this time, he worked intensively for the benefit of the UIP and its members and spread its ideas and mission, especially in post-communist Central and Eastern Europe. He brought a number of phlebological societies from our area of ??influence to UIP. We believe that even the majority of members of the General Council will share our belief that in / Prof. Jaroslav Strejcek, MD, PhD can continue to be beneficial to UIP and global phlebology in some of the positions in the EC. "

UIP Manual is ranked by prof. Strejcek among the so-called Ambassadors of Phlebology, and again I will quote: "Prof. Strejcek is one of very few phlebologists from the former Eastern Bloc, who has gained recognition and respect in the global phlebological community. His work in the field of functional vascular diagnostics , the importance of monitoring the dynamics of circulating endothelial cells in relation to sclerotherapy has won the highest awards in several global forums, incl. Congress of Americal Col. of Phlebology. highly rated for his organizational, professional and diplomatic skills.

I can only add that as a long-time president of CSP, which is one of the oldest phlebological companies (founded 1965, UIP 1975), I am ready thanks to many years of experience, language skills and extensive personal contacts with phlebologists around the world to perform tasks in any management position of UIP.

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Matthieu Josnin (France)

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Dr Matthieu Josnin is a specialist in vascular medicine. He is founder and head of a centre for interventional phlebology (including minimally invasive and cutting edge technology venous procedures), including advanced wound healing. The Clinic is also a university-approved training centre for interns and post-graduate training as well as for European training. The Clinic has a vascular surgery department and works in close collaboration with the Nantes University Hospital, particularly with the interventional radiology department.

Dr Matthieu Josnin is the current president of the French Society of Phlebology, an associate member of the National Academy of Surgery and Innovative Operating Practices, and an associate member of the College of Teachers of Vascular Medicine. He is the current director of the journal of the French Society of Phlebology (Phlébologie Annales Vasculaires). He is currently also a member of the French Vascular Medicine union and Lymphology Society.

Dr Matthieu Josnin has conducted and is conducting various clinical trials (interventional phlebology, anticoagulation, leg ulcers care). He has authored or co-authored articles and books, and has participated in numerous national and international conferences. He remains very active in teaching, particularly with the University Diploma in Phlebology and the endovenous techniques of Paris Sorbonne University. He is also actively involved in continuing medical and nursing education.

Having started my involvement with the French Society of Phlebology at the end of my studies, I quickly understood the importance of its role in my training as a vascular physician. Phlebology is not a specialty in its own right and follows very different training paths from one country to another. In France, the specialisation of Vascular Medicine is recent and includes Phlebology, which has allowed it to be recognised even if things are still taking time to fall into place. I have been able to see this evolve and have been able to participate in this evolution through my involvement in the various learning societies and the University and to contribute my experience and my point of view.

Having been involved in such long process, I've also witnessed the importance of a proper structural organization of a Scientific Organization, for which a moral, adequate, transparent finance administration becomes mandatory. For me, the UIP is the main body for communication between the various learned societies in order to standardise this training as much as possible, but also to allow better communication between the various health actors who wish to be able to welcome and train students and practising doctors in their centres.

One of my main missions inside the scientific organizations I've been working in so far has always been favoring national and international synergy, fostering scientific and public health awareness interaction. It's my hope that this mission can be accomplished also inside the global umbrella of the UIP, favoring interaction among continental and intercontinental realities, reaching out to underserved areas, in particular offering my French speaking and organizational skills for opening a communication and engagement process with francophone regions. By the present statement, I would like to offer you my experience and my full commitment.

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Paul Thibault (Australia)

Nomination from the Australasian College of Phlebology

Dr Paul Thibault is a Phlebologist working in private practice in Newcastle, Australia. He graduated in medicine and surgery at the University of Sydney and worked in General Practice for 11 years before specialising in Phlebology in 1988. He was the founding President of the Sclerotherapy Society of Australia in 1993 and the inaugural President of the Australasian College of Phlebology from 1999 to 2002. He was Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Phlebology from 2002 to 2007 and is currently Associate Editor of the journal "Phlebology". He has written many peer-reviewed articles in medical journals in the field of phlebology and has contributed to major textbooks on venous diseases.

Dr Thibault is known for his pioneering work in duplex ultrasound evaluation of superficial varicose veins, ultrasound-guided sclerotherapy, post-sclerotherapy pigmentation, cutaneous vascular laser therapy, perivenous tumescent compression in sclerotherapy and more recently, duplex ultrasound assessment and medical management of cerebrospinal venous obstruction.

In phlebology administration Dr Thibault has held the position of Treasurer of the Australasian College of Phlebology since 2002 and has served as Treasurer of the Union Internationale de Phlebology since 2018.

I believe that I can continue to contribute to the financial administration of the UIP due to my broad range of knowledge and abilities regarding financial administration of medical societies. In time I would endeavour to achieve greater financial security of the UIP.

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Alun Huw Davies (United Kingdom)

Nomination from the Venous Forum of the Royal Society of Medicine

Professor Alun H Davies is Professor of Vascular Surgery at Imperial College London/NIHR Senior Investigator and an Honorary Consultant Surgeon whose NHS practice is based at Charing Cross and St Mary's Hospital, London. Professor Davies trained in Cambridge, Oxford, Plymouth, Harvard and Bristol, prior to taking up a Consultant appointment in Charing Cross in 1994. He is the Editor in Chief of Phlebology, past President of the European Venous Forum, General Surgical Forum at the RSM & The Venous Forum at The Royal Society of Medicine. He is the current President of the European College of Phlebology. He has been a Hunterian Professor and Arris & Gayle Lecturer at the RCS England. He is an "Emeritus"

Fellow of the Australasian College of Phlebology, Distinguished Fellow of the American Venous Forum and Honorary Fellow of the American Venous and Lymphatic Society (AVLS). He is the current chair of the UIP Scientific Committee. He was the Chairman of the Varicose Vein Guideline Group for the NICE (National Institute of Clinical Excellence), a member of the Quality Standards Group has co-chaired the first ESVS guidelines group on the management. He is a special advisor to the NHS Evidence Based intervention programme. He sits on the NIHR CET funding committee. He is an invite as a member of faculty to many international meetings. He also written extensively on many aspects of venous/vascular disease, writing over 600 peer reviewed manuscripts and he runs a large research group, having supervised over 50 higher degrees (PhDs). He has raised, more than £30,000,000 for research. He conducts clinical and laboratory-based research; some of the clinical trials he has been Chief Investigator on include COMET, AVULS, GAPS & EVRA, all of which have impacted on international venous practise. Clinically he runs a busy tertiary vascular surgical practise including the management of not only superficial venous disease, but complex deep vein and compression syndromes.

My rational to remain on the UIP executive is that as the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, I feel I have made a significant contribution, including the development of UIP 1page which will be published in the Autumn and steps to engage with industry to raise research funding. I have also been able to represent the UIP executive on the editorial board of Phlebology. I believe that the UIP could have a pivotal role in helping improve knowledge to all practitioners (doctors / nurses / technicians) and be a vehicle in which research could be conducted, both of which would improve the life of patients.

Why me? I have put my name forward for two posts, one as President Elect and the other to remain as the Chair of the Scientific Committee. I feel I have the appropriate credentials to stand for the Presidency, having been the President of the UK Venous forum, European Venous Forum and now the European College of Phlebology. I have a vast experience in guideline development, publication, research, financial prudence, and people management. However, if the electorate do not support my candidacy for the Presidency; I feel I have a lot to offer the UIP by remaining in post as Chair of the Scientific Committee.

Achieve in the roles?

- 1. Ensure that the UIP is fully representative of its constituent members opinions*
- 2. Ensure that the ongoing constitutional reforms allow the UIP to thrive*
- 3. Develop a global inclusive research strategy and a global venous registry*
- 4. Have a global workshop to understand what the constituent societies want from the UIP*
- 5. Review the Terms of office for the executive officers e.g. reduce the term of the Presidency to two years (more opportunity for others & prevents) anyone individual monopolizing the organisation*
- 6. Consult on the frequency of UIP meetings going for either an annual or every 2 year meeting, which could rotate around the continents*

The above summarises my thoughts on as to why I think I would be a good candidate for the posts.

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Jose Antonio Diaz (United States of America)

Nomination from the Argentinian College of Venous and Lymphatic Surgery and the Latin American Venous Forum

José Antonio Diaz, MD, is a Vascular Surgeon-Scientist trained in Cardiovascular and General Surgery with an additional specialization in Phlebology. Following his career as a surgeon in Argentina, he moved to the US to pursue a research career, where he now serves as Director of the Division of Surgical Research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Dr. Diaz is internationally recognized for his contributions to preclinical models of venous thrombosis (VT). He led the development of novel preclinical models

and the development of the first consensus on models of VT in history, endorsed by multiple societies.

Additionally, his research has contributed to key findings related to inflammation in VT, uncovering potential therapeutic targets.

Beyond his research accolades, Dr. Diaz is an active member of the international scientific community. He has held leadership positions through the Argentinian College of Venous and Lymphatic Surgery, the American Venous Forum, the International Society on Thrombosis Haemostasis, and the American Heart Association. He serves on the editorial board of Phlebology Journal, the Journal of Vascular Surgery Venous Lymphatic Disorders, as a member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at Vanderbilt University, and he serves as Co-Director of the Day of Innovation and Science Program at the American Venous Forum.

Dr. Diaz was awarded the 2019 ATVB Special Recognition Awardee in Thrombosis, an award that was established to recognize members who have made significant contributions to Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology. The Council's Nomination Committee selects only one scientist from each field yearly.

Dr. Diaz is currently Associate Editor of the Journal of Vascular Surgery Vascular Science and Honorary President (Exterior) of the Argentinian College of Venous and Lymphatic Surgery, Inaugural Exterior President.

"Don't forget where you are coming from." My father (1935-2016).

Dear colleagues,

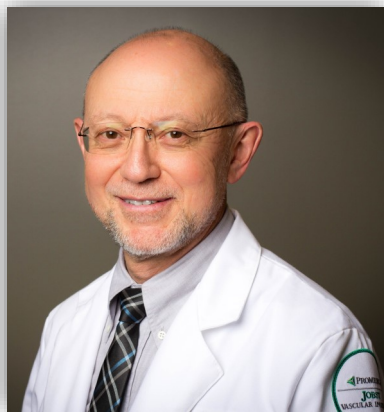
As a surgeon-scientist, I have had the honor of serving all steps of the scientific process from the bench's laboratory to the patient. I pursued the best possible research training, and I had the opportunity to learn from brilliant minds at the best institutions, leading one of the most productive laboratories in our specialty. This provides me with a unique set of skills to serve the scientific committee.

The UIP offers a great platform to serve science and support global advancement in research, with equity to all regions, which requires a global perspective. While practicing phlebology and science in Latin-America, I developed a deep understanding of the challenges developing countries face in practice and research. I learned how to find and share resources with the scientific community, adapting to each group's infrastructure and capability limitations without losing scientific quality.

Now it is my commitment to carry forward these skills to enhance research on a global scale, with the critical insight of knowing exactly how it feels to pursue research in all geographical regions including a low-resource environment. I know the Science Committee at the UIP provides a great platform to impact the lives of millions in our field. I am committed to advancing the UIP's scientific initiatives by getting resources, listening to the scientific needs of each region and society, understanding cultural backgrounds, and initiating efforts to create a pipeline that can last after my departure while serving with humanity, humility, and passion. I am confident we will accomplish great things together.



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Fedor Lurie (United States of America)

Nomination from the American Vein and Lymphatic Society and the American Venous Forum

Dr. Lurie started his career as an academic vascular surgeon in 1980. He served as the faculty at the Urals Medical Academy, University of California Davis, and the University of Hawaii. He currently is the Associate Director of the Jobst Vascular Institute and Adjunct Research Professor at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. Dr. Lurie's main clinical and research interests are venous and lymphatic diseases, venous physiology, and clinical imaging. He serves as the Director of the American Board of Venous and Lymphatic Medicine, Director of

the Vein Center Accreditation Board of the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission, and member of the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee.

Dr. Lurie is the Past President of the American venous forum, and the American venous forum Foundation, member of several committees of the Society for Vascular Surgery, an Honorary Member of the European venous Forum, and several vascular Surgery societies. He served as the principle investigator on eighteen multi-center clinical trials, published more than 200 original papers, multiple invited commentaries and review articles, and 19 book chapters. He is also an accomplished speaker with more than 300 presentations nationally and internationally.

My experience in clinical and basic research including organizing and leading multicenter clinical trials will be helpful in helping UIP to further advance its research activities. I will be focusing on facilitating the collaboration among the UIP member societies in conducting new clinical trials, and developing UIP research training program.

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Pauline Raymond-Martimbeau (Canada)

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Luis René Arias Villarroel (Bolivia)

Nomination from the Bolivian Scientific Community of Phlebology and Lymphology

Dr. Luis René Arias Villarroel is a surgeon graduated from the Royal and Pontifical University of San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca, Bolivia and the Veracruz University, Mexico. Currently Rector of the Scientific Institute of Higher Education and Director of the Advisory Council of the Association of Rectors of the Caribbean and the Americas. Director of Arias Medical Clinic based in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra and Cochabamba, Bolivia, as well as in the city of Xalapa, Boca del Rio and Puebla, Mexico, where attention is specialized in Phlebology and Lymphology with more than 20 years of experience. Doctorate in science and collaborated as co-author of several international consensus of Phlebology and Lymphology. He has been part of the training of doctors around the world for over two decades, especially was recognized by the chancellery of the Plurinational State of Bolivia with the Condor of the Andes award for excellence, as well as by the Chamber of Deputies of the Plurinational State of Bolivia as a pioneer in this important area of medicine. Participated as a speaker at conferences in India, Japan, Russia, Germany, Spain, United States, Ecuador, Paraguay, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Mexico, Bolivia, El Salvador, Italy, Poland, United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan, Czech Republic and others. He is currently president and founder of the Bolivian Scientific Community of Phlebology and Lymphology. Within the areas of innovation, he has done multiple research works in order to obtain improvements in venous ulcer management treatments such as Microcurrent Management in venous ulcer patients, Ph control in a venous ulcer and in-situ tissue culture, achieving important results and publications of his research in Russian, German, Japanese, English and Spanish. As rector of the Scientific Institute of Higher Education, he is seeking to obtain through his university the specialization in phlebology and lymphology in Mexico.

After having dedicated more than half of my life to education and teaching as well as research, I want to dedicate these years to phlebology and lymphology.

Phlebology and lymphology is a very important part of current medicine It is necessary to work to get education to be recognized as specialists in lymphology and phlebology.

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Kurosh Parsi (Australia)

Nomination from the Australasian College of Phlebology

Professor Kurosh Parsi MBBS, MSc (Med), PhD, LLM, FACD, FACP, FACLM is a dermatologist, phlebologist and vascular anomalies specialist.

Prof. Parsi is the Head of Department of Dermatology, St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia and Program Head, Dermatology, Phlebology and Fluid Mechanics Research Laboratory, St. Vincent's Centre for Applied Medical Research. Professor Parsi sub-specializes in vascular anomalies and vascular dermatology and worked as a paediatric vascular anomalies staff specialist at Sydney Children's Hospital for ten years.

Prof. Parsi is a conjoint Professor of Medicine at University of New South Wales (UNSW) and served as an Adjunct Professor of Fluid Mechanics at the University of Sydney, School of Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering. He is a medical graduate of the University of Sydney, obtained his Master of Science in Medicine followed by a PhD in thrombosis, haemostasis and fibrinolysis from the UNSW and a Master of International Law (LLM) from the University of Salford (Manchester, UK).

Prof. Parsi is the President of the International Union of Phlebology (UIP). He previously served the UIP as the Vice President (2009-2013), Treasurer (2013-2017) and President-elect (2018-2019).

Professor Parsi served the Australasian College of Phlebology (ACP) as President (2007-2017) and was the convener of the ACP annual Scientific Meetings (2007-2017) and the World Congress of Phlebology (Melbourne, Australia; 4-8 February 2018).

Professor Parsi's basic science research has focused on physiochemical and fluid mechanics of sclerosant foams and the interaction of detergent sclerosants with coagulation, antithrombotic and fibrinolytic mechanisms. His clinical research in phlebology has focused on deep vein sclerosis and sclerothrombus. His research in dermatology has been on pigmented purpuric dermatoses (PPD), vascular malformations and reticulate eruptions.

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Rodrigo Rial (Spain)

Nomination from the Spanish Chapter of Phlebology and Lymphology

I am the first MD in my family. My vocation arose from my father's frustration at not being able to study medicine. In the third year of my career I became an intern in Cardiovascular Surgery Department of Air Force Hospital in Madrid, and since then I have not abandoned this orientation.

In Spain, an exam is carried out to be able to decide on the specialty, and I was able to choose the specialty of Angiology and Vascular Surgery, in one of the most prestigious Departments of Vascular Surgery in Spain, Hospital Clínico San Carlos, in Madrid. I completed the five years training in 1994

My professional life was developed with all the vascular diseases, arterial and venous pathology. In 2005 I was elected to form part of the Executive Committee of the Spanish Chapter of Phlebology and Lymphology. Since then I have had different responsibilities, several Board Member Chairs, Member of the Scientific Committee, Vice President and currently I'm occupying the Presidency.

I think that it is necessary for the UIP to define an updated curriculum and common basic skills for the practice of Phlebology. Each country has a different training itinerary, in some places it is a unique specialty, in others is included within the specialty of Angiology and Vascular Surgery and in other circumstances there are other specialists who are dedicated to phlebology, such as Dermatology, for example. All itineraries are valid, provided that professional competence is achieved.

In the coming years, the UIP should reach a consensus on a basic training recommendation to practice phlebology. The different societies that make up the UIP could use this basic curricular development to denounce intrusiveness and unfair competition by poorly trained professionals.

We must continue to promote workshops on techniques and skills for attendees within the Congresses and carry out regular training webinars.

UIP, as a society made up of national societies, must play a leading role in achieving excellent practice, supporting research projects aimed at advancing techniques and basic research, and of course collecting doubts, suggestions and requests from different societies.

To be part of Educational Committee of the UIP is a great responsibility that I will assume with enthusiasm and dedication if the members of the UIP give me their confidence.

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Jaroslav Strejcek (Czech Republic)

Nomination from the Czech Society of Phlebology

Education
1976 - 1st. Medical
School of Charles
University, Prague
1980 - 1st Grad
Dermatovenerology
1983 - 2nd Grad
Dermatovenerology

1989 – Ph.D. 1990 – additional spec.: Phlebology

Professional:

1977 - 1992 - 1st. Dermatological Clinic (assistant and associate prof.)

1992 - now - Centre for Dermatological Angiology

Prague – Medical director

1994 - now - Dermatological Clinic 2nd Medical faculty

Charles Univ. Prague – visiting professor

2003 - 2004 - University of California San Diego – lab for vascular research – head of research and visiting professor

Present positions (shortend)

President of Czech Society of Phlebology

Vice-President of the Czech Academy of Dermatovenereology

President of the Dermatological Board of the Czech Medical Chamber

Member of the Board of Czech Society of Dermatology and Venereology

Member of the Board of the Czech Society of Lymphology

Director of Centre for Dermatological Angiology and founder

Past Vice-President of the Union International of Phlebology

Member of the International Editorial Board – Acta Phlebologica (Italy)

Honorary Membership:

Slovak Society of Angiology

Czech Society of Phlebology

Czech Society of Dermatology and Venerology

Czech Academy of Dermatovenereology

German Society of Phlebology (corresponding member)

Societa Italiana di Flebologia

Publications : 129 Journal Articles, 18 Book chapters

International Awards:

Gold Abstract Award for Excellence for an abstract

presented at the 18th Annual Congress of the American College of Phlebology (San Marco Island, Florida, 2004)

Gold Award for scientific presentation– Sclerotherapy – Florence 2007

Congress President:

2005 – VII. Euro-American Congress on Venous

Diseases, Presidents –prof. Dr. Jaroslav Strejcek, CSc., a dr. Mitchel P. Goldman (USA). Over 400 participants from 27 countries worldwide– Prague

2011 – President European Chapter Meeting of UIP – Prag – over 1600 participants from 49 countries worldwide.

Dear members of the UIP General Council, I have to say here in a few words why I am interested in working in some part of the UIP leadership. I would like to point out in advance that the primary initiative for my nomination came from the committee of the Czech Phlebological Society. So let others talk about me ...

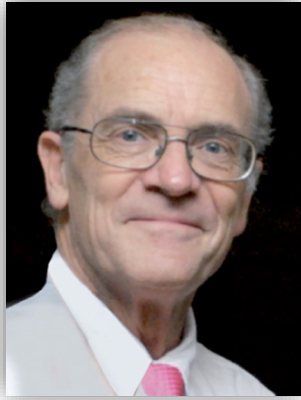
Let us quote because this nomination: "Prof. Strejcek became involved in the activities of the UIP bodies as Secretary General of the CSP in 1993, and in 2005-2009 he served as Vice-President of the UIP. During this time, he worked intensively for the benefit of the UIP and its members and spread its ideas and mission, especially in post-communist Central and Eastern Europe. He brought a number of phlebological societies from our area of influence to UIP. We believe that even the majority of members of the General Council will share our belief that in / Prof. Jaroslav Strejcek, MD, PhD can continue to be beneficial to UIP and global phlebology in some of the positions in the EC. "

UIP Manual is ranked by prof. Strejcek among the so-called Ambassadors of Phlebology, and again I will quote: "Prof. Strejcek is one of very few phlebologists from the former Eastern Bloc, who has gained recognition and respect in the global phlebological community. His work in the field of functional vascular diagnostics, the importance of monitoring the dynamics of circulating endothelial cells in relation to sclerotherapy has won the highest awards in several global forums, incl. Congress of American Col. of Phlebology. highly rated for his organizational, professional and diplomatic skills.

I can only add that as a long-time president of CSP, which is one of the oldest phlebological companies (founded 1965, UIP 1975), I am ready thanks to many years of experience, language skills and extensive personal contacts with phlebologists around the world to perform tasks in any management position of UIP.



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Jean Francois Uhl (France)

Nomination from the French Society of Phlebology

Dear Colleagues,

I am a French vascular surgeon dedicated in venous surgery since 35 years, member of the French Academy of surgery and past vice-president of the French Society of Phlebology.

It would be my honor and pleasure to serve as vice-president the Congresses and Events Committee for the UIP.

In fact, I am closely involved in the UIP congresses since 2003, where I presented overall 36 oral communications and 22 posters. I won 3 awards (Kyoto 2007, Monaco

2009, Kracov 2019) and was a part of the UIP consensus committee for Anatomy, venous mapping, CEAP and compression.

I am also very involved in teaching surgery, anatomy and 3D imaging of the venous system.

My project as Vice-President is to put my experience at the service of the UIP.

My expertise is focused on venous anatomy and CVD:

1. CEAP classification (member of the international ad-hoc committee).
2. Venous anatomy at Paris Descartes University since 1985 with Claude Gillot. (25 educational CD-ROMs of venous anatomy – Atlas book)
3. Venous imaging (DUS and CT venography)
4. Mini-invasive surgery, ASVAL (40.000 patients)
5. Compression therapy (founder member of ICC club)
6. Educational workshops worldwide in Mapping, surgery, anatomy and compression.

Better knowledge and education are the goals I would like to achieve for the UIP.

Thank you for your confidence.

My experience in Educational anatomy, international workshops and Masterclasses in Phlebology around the world during 20 years could be very useful to develop and improve the role of UIP in education for CVD.

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Jinsong Wang (China)

Nomination from the Chinese Association of Phlebology

Personal Information

Date of Birth 12/25/1968

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Place of Birth: Xuchang, China

Citizenship: Chinese

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China, 510080

Home Phone Number: +86-20-87602924

Email: wangjinsong@gdph.org.cn

2. Education (start and end dates)

Medical School: Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences, 1986-1992

Residency: 1992-1995

Fellowship: 1995-2000

3. Medical Licensures

License for clinical practice, China,

199844110440102681225326, issued in Dec, 2001

4. Current Appointment

Director, Department of Medical Education

Clinical Professor

Chief, Department of Vascular Surgery

Guangdong Provincial People's Hospital

5. Professional Memberships and Societies

Aug, 2016– present: Deputy Secretary-general, Chinese Association for Phlebology

2016 – present: Member, International Union of Phlebology

2015– present: Committee Member, Chinese Society for

Vascular Surgery

2009 – present: Membership, Society for Vascular Surgery, USA

2000 – present: Membership, Chinese Medical Association

Vice Secretary, Chinese Association of Phlebology 2017

Vice Secretary, China Chapter, Society for Vascular Surgery 2017

6. Educational Activities

Lecturing

2000 – present: Vascular Surgery, Medical Students (4th year), (in English)

ZhongShan Medical School, Sun Yat-sen University

Mentoring and supervising interns

2000 – present: General Surgery and Vascular Surgery, 10 month/year

1992 – 1995: General Surgery and Vascular Surgery, 10 month/year

The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University

7. Presentations at Regional, National and International Meetings

1). "Food for Veins - Veins for Food " not-for-profit educational and humanitarian project

(www.vwinfoundation.com/v-learning). Deep venous procedures. Webinar HONOR CHAIR, July, 12, 2020

2). Sigvaris International Webinar Meeting: "Venous Diseases and Compression Therapy" 18, July, 2020 Oral presentation: Compression Treatment after Minimal-Invasive Endovascular Treatment

Dear General Council representatives,

With respect, grace and humility I hereby announce my decision to run for chair of education of the International Union of Phlebology (UIP). The UIP celebrated its 63rd anniversary this March. Since its inception, 69 member societies have joined its rank. This is a huge accomplishment as an international organization. In the past several years, I have witnessed opportunities for development and reform across continents as well as aspects to harmonize collaboration amongst member societies. I have been the director of Department of Medical Education in affiliated hospitals for 5 years, I know how important education plays in promoting awareness of disease in both academic and public settings. I truly believe the next few years will be a critical time for UIP to move towards an era of prosperity and inclusivity. The following is my focused agenda:

1) Develop language translation platform(s) including artificial intelligence based technology to facilitate communication amongst UIP societal scientific meetings, groups and individuals

2) Formalize working groups between regional societies to strengthen academic and scientific collaboration across continents

3) Facilitate scientific publication and translation of publication in multiple languages including English, Spanish, Chinese and others amongst relevant SCI ranked journals to expedite transfer of knowledge so all can benefit

4) Enact partnerships between academic and non-academic institutions across continents to cross-train the next generation(s) of phlebologist and lymphologist.

I earnestly look forward to see UIP as an union brimming vibrancy and embracing unity. Sincerely,

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Pier Luigi Antignani (Italy)

Nomination from the Italian Society of Phlebology

Prof. Pier Luigi Antignani is a vascular physician with specialization in Medical Angiology. He is Director of a vascular Centre in Rome (Italy). He is professor of the Angiology, Phlebology and non invasive vascular investigation. He is teacher in the Master of Angiology in the Universities of Padova, Rome and Catania. He is President of the International Union of Angiology (2020-2022). He is Honorary President of the Italian Society for Vascular Investigation and has published, as lead author, the "diagnosis of vascular diseases ultrasound investigations – international guidelines". He has been Assistant Secretary and General Secretary of the International Union of Phlebology. As part of the activities in the UIP, he followed the publication of some guidelines and consensus documents (Superficial vein thrombosis, Corona phlebectatica, Diagnosis and treatment of pelvic congestion syndrome, Chronic lymphedema of the limbs, Venous hemodynamic changes in lower limb venous disease, vascular anomalies: vascular malformations and hemangiomas). He is Editor in Chief of Acta Phlebological journal. He is member of Editorial Board of Journal of Vascular Surgery: Venous and Lymphatic Disorders, Vascular Investigation and Therapy, International Angiology. He is honorary member of Pan-American Society of Phlebology and Lymphology of the Argentinian Society of Phlebology and Lymphology. He is distinguished fellow of American Venous Forum and emeritus fellow member of Australasian College of Phlebology. He is author of several books regarding the vascular diseases and he has published several papers on the various aspects of vascular diseases (more than 400 papers); he has organized a lot of national and international congresses concerning the vascular diseases and, especially, phlebological aspects (the last was the international congress of the UIP - Rome 2016). Recently he has organized the world congress of the IUA in 2020.

Dear colleagues of the General Council, it will be a honour to resume my activity in the International Union of Phlebology continuing along the path traced by the previous executive Committees: the increase of regional presence proposing educational and scientific projects, the involvement of new phlebological societies around the world, the cooperation with other specialties with common interest, the definition of the better management of the phlebological and lymphatic diseases by means of guidelines, consensus documents and a proper training and education of the operators in order to guarantee the high quality of the care. I put my experience at the service of the International Union of Phlebology with the aim to work all together in a friendly and effective way in the interest of a bigger and stronger Union.

NOMINATIONS



Mohamed Ayman Fakhry (Egypt)

Nomination from the Egyptian Venous Forum

I was Graduated at School of medicine of Alexandria University – Egypt, 1984. After internship 1985-1986 , I became a resident of general & vascular surgery in vascular surgery department – Alexandria University, 1986-1990. I got the master's degree of general & vascular surgery. 1991 Got a scholarship in Fitzsimons army medical center and Colorado University-USA, with Dr. Hammond and supervised by Professor Robert Rutherford. Coming back to Egypt and joined Alexandria Armed Forces Hospital as vascular surgery specialist, 1992-2000. By 2001 I got MD degree of vascular surgery, Monofeia-University, and Become lecturer of vascular surgery. I Joined Emory University, Atlanta GA. -USA. With professor Elliot Chicof and professor Atef Salam and received the fellowship, 2005. Returned back to Egypt as professor and chairman of vascular surgery department of military academy, 2006-2016. I got the job as consultant of vascular surgery for Egyptian ministry of health 2016 till now. I founded the Egyptian venous forum and became the 1st president 200-2008 and reelected as the president 2017-2023. I was elected as the general secretary of vascular society of Egypt, 2019-2023. I became Harvard university, USA.(for medical education). I joined the board of the Egyptian fellowship of vascular surgery, was responsible for fellow's training in venous surgery, 2019-2022. I published more than 30 papers in phlebology and wrote a new chapter in year book of vascular & endovascular surgery 2021, selected as Editor- In- Chief of the Egyptian Journal of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery, 2021-2024 and Coauthor of Acta phlebojica journal 2020. Now I'm the Co of the Royal Center of vascular surgery, Alexandria – Egypt, 2016-2023.

- 1-Although there are more than 50 countries in Africa, there are 2 or 3 registered societies in the UIP, and I have very good connections with vascular surgeons and phlebologists in these countries and I'll encourage them to join the union and receive education programs and training
- 2- I want to increase the training grants for fellows in the poor African countries.
- 3- I like to increase and encourage the young female doctors to join the field of venous surgery
- 4- I 'll try hardly to make strong ties and remove conflicts between different specialties) vascular surgery, cardiology, intervention radiology, dermatology, hematology, ...) in African countries
- 5- I would like to increase the joint projects between societies
- 6- I would like to encourage the publication of the official journal of the Union

NOMINATIONS



Lorena Grillo (Costa Rica)

Nomination from the Costa Rican Association of Vascular Surgery

Lorena Grillo born in San Jose, Costa Rica, Central America; earned her Doctorate's degree in UCIMED, University of Medical Sciences, one the most prestigious Universities in Costa Rica and the region. Did her two postgraduate Residency Programs in the University of Costa Rica, graduating in General Surgery and Vascular Surgery, becoming the first female surgeon with both Specialties in the country. Vascular Ultrasound graduate from the Gulfcoast Ultrasound Institute in Tampa, Florida.

She became Associate Professor for to major Universities in San Jose, Costa Rica, like the University of Costa Rica and UNIBE Iberoamerican University, teaching Peripheral Vascular Surgery for PreMed students. Professor at the Universidad Latina in San Jose, Costa Rica. Tutor for students of Medicine and Pharmacy for Clinical & Hospital Pharmacology Rotation and Actual Surgery Internship Tutor at the Hospital San Rafael de Alajuela.

Grillo's career experience includes working as General Surgery Resident for 3 top Hospitals in San Jose: San Juan de Dios, Calderon Guardia & Alajuela.

She is a member of the Panamerican Trauma Society, International Society of Vascular Surgery, Society of Advanced Wound Care, Association of Peripheral Vascular Surgeons of Costa Rica, Society Of vascular and Endovascular Surgeon of Central America and Caribbean. She is board member of the Association of Peripheral Vascular Surgeons of Costa Rica, founding and Board Member Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery of Central America and Caribbean. Costa Rica's Society chose her as UIP Costa Rica DELEGATE in 2019, also AVLS international member. MIT graduate in Leadership in Innovation with skills that have been useful in all the Activities held in Pandemic Times. President of PHLEBOLATAM SINCE 2019, leading meetings in 2020, 2021 hybrid and holding the coordination of three international session in Buenos Aires 2021. Member of the Scientific Committee of the Buenos Aires 2021 meeting.

Dear Member of the UIP Council,

Every day, more women are leading the healthcare and working hard to make changes in our field. It is in the spirit of recognizing and keeping the good efforts, that I would like to present my nomination to be part of the Executive Committee of the UIP.

Creating and maintaining scientific international, intercontinental bridges with the vision of providing equal opportunities in science and education that have global impact and return to the smaller, developing countries.

Will promote and support scientific activities and implementation of gender equality; bridging South, Central and North America as per previously conducted projects in the UIP VISION.

Empower the Projection of the Latin American colleagues in the field and promote the multidisciplinary collaboration within each country and worldwide activities.

We have been involved in many activities in the Central America region like PHEBOLATAM for the last 3 years, involving more colleagues in a growing phlebology field in an underserved area of central America, as we have and continue to do in synergy with similar regions around the world.

Have more involvement with the new generation recruitment in the region.

NOMINATIONS



Tobias Hirsch (Germany)

Nomination from the German Society of Phlebology

Dr. Tobias Hirsch received his medical degree from Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. He completed his training as a specialist in internal medicine by working as a junior doctor in the department of Internal Medicine at BG Kliniken Bergmannstrost Halle. After completing his angiology fellowship at the University Hospital Halle in the Department for Angiology, he returned to Bergmannstrost, where he worked as a senior physician until 2008.

In 2008 Dr. Hirsch founded his clinic for internal medicine and vascular diseases where he treats patients with both venous and arterial diseases. The practice

was certified as a Vein Competency Center® in 2013.

Dr. Hirsch specializes in ultrasound diagnostics (level III course director) and minimally invasive venous procedures including laser and radiofrequency ablation, non-thermal techniques, and sclerotherapy. Patients with arterial diseases and vascular malformations are treated in cooperation with the vascular centers at the universities in Halle and Leipzig. Dr. Hirsch is also the co-founder and organizer of the Lymph Network Saxony-Anhalt. In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Hirsch takes great interest in vascular disease research. He has been a principal and coordinating investigator on different clinical trials (endovenous varicose and compression treatment, lipedema, and novel anticoagulants for thromboembolism).

He is a member of the editorial board of the journals *Phlebologie* (Thieme) and *Vasomed* (WPV publishing) and has authored and co-authored many peer-reviewed articles that have been published in German and international journals as well as text book chapters.

Dr. Hirsch has been an invited speaker at many international conferences in Germany, Europe, the UK and the US. In 2020 he chaired the 62nd international Annual Conference of the German Society of Phlebology. He is a board member of the German Society of Phlebology and Secretary General of the Professional Association of German Phlebologists.

In Germany training in phlebology follows an interdisciplinary approach. As a result, the German Society for Phlebology (DGP) unites doctors and healthcare professionals with very different professional backgrounds. In addition to vascular surgeons and dermatologists, angiologists and internists as well as GPs also acquire the qualification to become phlebologists. I myself am an angiologist and internist and devote myself to these interfaces between phlebology and internal medicine / cardiology in both my clinic and scientific work. I would very much like to put my expertise in internal medicine, angiology and cardiology at the service of the UIP.

As a board member of the DGP Advisory Board, I am fascinated by how differently the same diseases are treated in different parts of the world. I am firmly convinced that closer networking of the international societies under the umbrella of the UIP will be of great benefit to scientists, doctors and our patients.

*As a member of the editorial board of the journals *Phlebologie* (Thieme, Germany) and *Vasomed* (WPV publishing, Germany), I would like to contribute to bringing the activities of the UIP closer to my country's colleagues and to promote active contributions to international phlebology.*



NOMINATIONS



Ravul Jindal (India)

Nomination from the Venous Association of India

Dr. Ravul Jindal Director of Vascular Surgery India. He has been working in surgery from 26 years in peripheral arterial and venous interventions. He was trained at PGIMER India and St. Mary Hospital London in Vascular Surgery. He is involved in National vascular bodies and is Life member of Vascular Society of India, Past President (2017-2019) & Past Chairman of Governing Council (2019-2021) of Venous Association of India, Member of International Compression Club, Education Committee Member of UIP, International Ambassador of American Venous Forum, Member of International Society for the Study of Vascular

Anomalies, Treasurer of Asian Venous Forum, Asia Continental Chair for American Vein & Lymphatic Society, Member of National College of Phlebology- NCPH (Russia) and Steering committee member on the Vein Inception Programme. He was involved in four International clinical trials on DVT. He has presented more than 500 talks at National and International meetings. He has written 15 book chapters and is credited with 40 publications in International journals. He has co-authored a book on Venous Disorders published by Springer in 2018. He is on editorial board for Indonesia Journal of Vascular Surgery, India Journal of Surgery, Indian Journal of Vascular Surgery. He was the lead in writing Indian guidelines on management of venous ulcers. He is also incharge for doing first registry study on venous ulcer from India. He was pioneer in introducing Glue, MOCA and steam ablation techniques first time in India. He runs a very successful, world renowned and first of its kind hands on workshop in treatment of varicose veins on patients (Endovascular & Ultrasound-guided Intervention Course - EUVIC) from last 8 years. He also conducts various courses in India and abroad to teach people about venous diseases. This centre also gets various International doctors to come for attachment to learn venous and arterial disorders.

Dear colleagues of the General Council, I would be glad that with my vast experience and knowledge, I am able to share my good deeds with all of you and with the help of the Society of International Union of Phlebology, we can achieve worthful and fruitful things. As we all know, " Together we can do great things". If I am given the chance of seeing as a Vice President of UIP, then I would like to take the venous awareness programme to a greater level involving a lot of Asian countries where venous awareness is at a very low level. We have taught more than 10,000 local general physicians across North India through Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme under Vascular Society for Limb Salvage (VLS) where aim of society is to make North India free of venous ulcer disease. We have also conducted more than 400 press conferences to create venous awareness among the public all across India. Our society also conducts various venous workshops in Government Medical Colleges to teach general surgeon, physicians about venous disease. With my experience in creating an awareness among the public and also training of various different specialties. I feel I will be a good choice for Vice President. I am already part of UIP and friends with most of you, so will be happy to work along with Committee member to take UIP to greater heights will be my soul goal.

NOMINATIONS



Matthieu Josnin (France)

Nomination from the French Society of Phlebology

Dr Matthieu Josnin is a specialist in vascular medicine. He is founder and head of a centre for interventional phlebology (including minimally invasive and cutting edge technology venous procedures), including advanced wound healing. The Clinic is also a university-approved training centre for interns and post-graduate training as well as for European training. The Clinic has a vascular surgery department and works in close collaboration with the Nantes University Hospital, particularly with the interventional radiology department.

Dr Matthieu Josnin is the current president of the French Society of Phlebology, an associate member of the National Academy of Surgery and Innovative Operating Practices, and an associate member of the College of Teachers of Vascular Medicine. He is the current director of the journal of the French Society of Phlebology (Phlébologie Annales Vasculaires). He is currently also a member of the French Vascular Medicine union and Lymphology Society.

Dr Matthieu Josnin has conducted and is conducting various clinical trials (interventional phlebology, anticoagulation, leg ulcers care). He has authored or co-authored articles and books, and has participated in numerous national and international conferences. He remains very active in teaching, particularly with the University Diploma in Phlebology and the endovenous techniques of Paris Sorbonne University. He is also actively involved in continuing medical and nursing education.

Having started my involvement with the French Society of Phlebology at the end of my studies, I quickly understood the importance of its role in my training as a vascular physician. Phlebology is not a specialty in its own right and follows very different training paths from one country to another. In France, the specialisation of Vascular Medicine is recent and includes Phlebology, which has allowed it to be recognised even if things are still taking time to fall into place. I have been able to see this evolve and have been able to participate in this evolution through my involvement in the various learning societies and the University and to contribute my experience and my point of view.

Having been involved in such long process, I've also witnessed the importance of a proper structural organization of a Scientific Organization, for which a moral, adequate, transparent finance administration becomes mandatory. For me, the UIP is the main body for communication between the various learned societies in order to standardise this training as much as possible, but also to allow better communication between the various health actors who wish to be able to welcome and train students and practising doctors in their centres.

One of my main missions inside the scientific organizations I've been working in so far has always been favoring national and international synergy, fostering scientific and public health awareness interaction. It's my hope that this mission can be accomplished also inside the global umbrella of the UIP, favoring interaction among continental and intercontinental realities, reaching out to underserved areas, in particular offering my French speaking and organizational skills for opening a communication and engagement process with francophone regions. By the present statement, I would like to offer you my experience and my full commitment.

NOMINATIONS



Zaza Lazarashvili (Georgia)

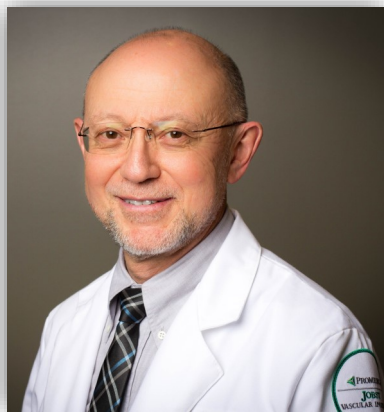
Nomination from the Georgian Association of Angiologists and Vascular Surgeons

Dr. Zaza Lazarashvili is a vascular surgeon, whose main activity is the treatment of venous diseases. He is the Medical Director of Chapidze Cardiovascular Center (Tbilisi, Georgia). He has introduced ambulatory phlebectomy (CHIVA) techniques in the region, as well as endovascular treatment methods for pelvic vein disorders. He has been carrying out educational and scientific activities at Tbilisi State University for several years. From 2010 to 2012 he was member of National Council for Accreditation of Educational Programs. He is the past president of Georgian Association of Angiologists and Vascular Surgeons. Zaza Lazarashvili

actively participates in international educational and scientific programs: he is member of international committee of America Vein and Lymphatic Society (AVLS), international ambassador of American Venous forum (AVF), member of International Pelvic Vein Working Group (IPVWG), member of scientific committee of venous-lymphatic World International Network (v-WIN) foundation. Under his leadership, important regional projects have been implemented: Black Sea Venous meeting, Near East – North Africa (NENA) Venous Society, together with a dedicated global project on Pelvic Venous Disorders in conjunction with the European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. His last initiative, which is actively developing, is European Pelvic Vein Alliance (EPVA). He is the author of Consensus Document of International Union of Phlebology "Diagnosis and Treatment of Pelvic Congestion Syndrome." Zaza Lazarashvili has published more than 30 scientific papers and 1 monography, he is member of editorial board of the Turkish Journal of Vascular Surgery, associated Editor of "Acta Phlebologica". From 2018 till today he is member of educational committee of International Union of Phlebology (UIP).

Dear Colleagues, in my opinion, the most important direction for the development of UIP should be the maximum involvement of local organizations in global educational and scientific activities, implementation of targeted projects based on the specifics of the regions, deepening ties among national phlebology societies and, of course, increase geography by recruiting of new members. It is in fact one of the main tasks of UIP to raise awareness about venous diseases among physicians of different specialties, as well as in the general population, which is a cornerstone for the proper strategic development of the field. UIP is a large family, the strength and greatness of which each member must take care of, and the actions of the family must ensure the advancement and development of each member. I would be honored in serving the UIP and its mission, convinced that what I have developed along the years in my region in terms of educational, scientific and venous awareness activities can represent an optimal synergy with colleagues from all the world.

NOMINATIONS



Fedor Lurie (United States of America)

Nomination from the American Vein and Lymphatic Society and the American Venous Forum

Dr. Lurie started his career as an academic vascular surgeon in 1980. He served as the faculty at the Urals Medical Academy, University of California Davis, and the University of Hawaii. He currently is the Associate Director of the Jobst Vascular Institute and Adjunct Research Professor at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. Dr. Lurie's main clinical and research interests are venous and lymphatic diseases, venous physiology, and clinical imaging. He serves as the Director of the American Board of Venous and Lymphatic Medicine, Director of

the Vein Center Accreditation Board of the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission, and member of the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee.

Dr. Lurie is the Past President of the American venous forum, and the American venous forum Foundation, member of several committees of the Society for Vascular Surgery, an Honorary Member of the European venous Forum, and several vascular Surgery societies. He served as the principle investigator on eighteen multi-center clinical trials, published more than 200 original papers, multiple invited commentaries and review articles, and 19 book chapters. He is also an accomplished speaker with more than 300 presentations nationally and internationally.

My experience in clinical and basic research including organizing and leading multicenter clinical trials will be helpful in helping UIP to further advance its research activities. I will be focusing on facilitating the collaboration among the UIP member societies in conducting new clinical trials, and developing UIP research training program.

NOMINATIONS



Alvaro Orrego (Chile)

Nomination from the Chilean Phlebology and Lymphology Foundation

My beginnings were as a surgeon dedicated to arterial pathology, from which I have beautiful memories. I promoted the implementation of endovascular surgery by performing the first hemodynamics suit and the start of modern endovascular surgery in the institution where I worked. I also introduced the use of low molecular weight heparins in the treatment of deep vein thrombosis.

Because of 2 fatal complications in varicose vein operated patients: Pulmonary Embolism I begun studying deeply the cause of the fatal outcome of those young people and quickly learned that the understanding of the most prevalent pathology

in vascular surgery was scarce in my environment.

I became the youngest president of the Vascular Surgeons Department. Later I was president of the Chilean Phlebology and Lymphology Society and after a talk with Professor Eberhard Rabe, I entered this society to UIP. Subsequently I presided the Chilean Phlebology and Lymphology Foundation, which is the oldest institution in Chile dedicated to venous and lymphatic disease and which had entered to UIP in 1997.

For a long time, I have worked intensively at American Venous Forum, an institution with which I widely identify, and which has recognized me as a distinguished member, the first Latin American professional to get this distinction. At present I'm serving the International Committee and have served in the Guidelines Committee. For 2 years, I have served as revisor for the JVS VL, being nominated as distinguished reviewer. I have been the president of the Scientific Committee in Pan American Phlebology and Lymphology Society.

Regarding publications and presentations, I have tried to comply with a large agenda, in terms of conferences and presentation of works. This has allowed me to visit many podiums on 5 continents.

Regarding teaching, I am a professor at San Sebastian University. I am a visiting professor at several universities.

My motivations are focused on the desire to improve the standards of care for patients with venous or lymphatic diseases. The UIP is a great opportunity to do it globally.

The project I would respectfully like to show you is the following:

- 1. Assist the Chair and the Executive Committee in the implementation of their work program.*
- 2. To guide my constituents to work towards the objectives set by the President and the Executive Committee.*
- 3. To represent energetically, faithfully, and gently the member societies under my responsibility before the UIP, ensuring that the two-way communication of the institutions is committed.*
- 4. Above all, my desire is to facilitate the growth initiatives of the societies I represent, by promoting the diffusion of these societies throughout the world, by making its achievements known and allowing the global recognition of the professionals of excellence that attend the Latin American group. This will certainly facilitate the best integration at the global level.*
- 5. To cooperate actively with other vice-presidencies, to achieve a synergistic and coordinated work for the growth of the UIP, which would lead to a concatenation of positive effects.*
- 6. To emphasize the central objective of our activity, which consists in the progress of professionals dedicated to the treatment of venous and lymphatic diseases, which must be at the service of the central axis of our work and that is the well-being of our patients.*

These are the goals I would like to achieve in this role.

NOMINATIONS



Rodrigo Rial (Spain)

Nomination from the Spanish Chapter of Phlebology and Lymphology

I am the first MD in my family. My vocation arose from my father's frustration at not being able to study medicine. In the third year of my career I became an intern in Cardiovascular Surgery Department of Air Force Hospital in Madrid, and since then I have not abandoned this orientation.

In Spain, an exam is carried out to be able to decide on the specialty, and I was able to choose the specialty of Angiology and Vascular Surgery, in one of the most prestigious Departments of Vascular Surgery in Spain, Hospital Clínico San Carlos, in Madrid. I completed the five years training in 1994

My professional life was developed with all the vascular diseases, arterial and venous pathology. In 2005 I was elected to form part of the Executive Committee of the Spanish Chapter of Phlebology and Lymphology. Since then I have had different responsibilities, several Board Member Chairs, Member of the Scientific Committee, Vice President and currently I'm occupying the Presidency.

I think that it is necessary for the UIP to define an updated curriculum and common basic skills for the practice of Phlebology. Each country has a different training itinerary, in some places it is a unique specialty, in others is included within the specialty of Angiology and Vascular Surgery and in other circumstances there are other specialists who are dedicated to phlebology, such as Dermatology, for example. All itineraries are valid, provided that professional competence is achieved.

In the coming years, the UIP should reach a consensus on a basic training recommendation to practice phlebology. The different societies that make up the UIP could use this basic curricular development to denounce intrusiveness and unfair competition by poorly trained professionals.

We must continue to promote workshops on techniques and skills for attendees within the Congresses and carry out regular training webinars.

UIP, as a society made up of national societies, must play a leading role in achieving excellent practice, supporting research projects aimed at advancing techniques and basic research, and of course collecting doubts, suggestions and requests from different societies.

To be part of Educational Committee of the UIP is a great responsibility that I will assume with enthusiasm and dedication if the members of the UIP give me their confidence.

NOMINATIONS



Javier Serralde Gallegos (Mexico)

Nomination from the Mexican College of Phlebology

Dr. Javier Serralde is a Mexican physician with university studies in Phlebology, Lymphology, Vascular Venous Ultrasound and Advanced Wound Management. He is currently the President of the Mexican Academy of Phlebology and Lymphology in addition to being a Founding Member Emeritus of the Mexican College of Phlebology and Lymphology, Member of the Pan American Society of Phlebology, Professor at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Teacher at the Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán, Professor and Academic Coordinator of Phlebology and Lymphology Course and Vascular Venous Ultrasound

Course.

In addition to his academic and teaching activities, Dr. Serralde has been working in private medical practice performing diagnosis and treatment of venous and lymphatic diseases as well as being Chief of the "Clínica de Varices" in Mexico City, commenting that he is one of the first doctors to perform mechano-chemical ablation in Mexico and pioneers in the application of wraps in the treatment of venous ulcers.

Dr. Serralde has participated as author and co-author in multiple publications in national and international journals, including the Mexican Consensus on Sclerotherapy, the Mexican Consensus on Venous Ultrasound, Diagnosis Guides, Treatment and Compression Therapy; in addition to contributing to the preparation of chapters in some local and foreign books on venous and lymphatic diseases.

He has multiple participations as Professor, Speaker and Faculty in International Conferences in Mexico, USA, Canada, Australia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, United Kingdom, Germany, Hungary, Vienna, Italy, Latvia, Russia, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Japan, India, United Arab Emirates and Egypt.

Honorary Member of the Venous Forum of Mini Venous Surgery and Miniphlebectomy, Paraguayan Society of Phlebology and Lymphology, Panamanian Society of Phlebology and Lymphology and the Roman Academy of Phlebology.

Dear Colleagues and Members of the UIP General Council, I would be glad if you consider my candidacy for the Vice Presidency for Latin America derived from my main interest in uniting the work and research of venous and lymphatic diseases carried out by North American and Latin American societies in conjunction with the Executive Committee, Continue representing all societies members of the UIP, Contribute to the development of educational activities and programs for the development of phlebology and lymphology in Latin America, Participate and promote all the societies under my charge in the development of local and multicentric guidelines and publications and finally promote new societies from the American continent to work and join to the UIP. All these goals and challenges I promise to carry out with all my effort and dedication. Thank you for your support and trust.

NOMINATIONS



Carlos Simkin (Argentina)

Nomination from the Argentinian Society of Phlebology and Lymphology

Medical Doctor, Vascular Surgeon, specialist in Phlebology and Lymphology with a diploma of honor by the Argentine Society of Phlebology and Lymphology (SAFyL).

President of the Latinamerican Venous Forum (FVL)

Secretary for Latin America of the International Union of Angiology (IUA)

Full member and member of the Board of Directors of the Argentine Society of Phlebology and Lymphology (SAFyL). Vice General Secretary

Full member of the Argentine College of Cardiovascular and Endovascular

Surgeons (CACCV)

Full member Argentine College of Venous and Lymphatic Surgery (CACVyL)

Full Member American Venous Forum (AVF).

Published numerous scientific papers in national and international journals.

Author of the book "Laser in Phlebology"

Author of multiple chapters in several books of recognized authors of national and international level.

Dear members and representatives of UIP,

My deepest desire is to unify the Latin American countries, minimizing the differences between them and trying to connect and unify criteria between Latin America and the whole world.

It would be an honor for me to represent UIP in Latin America trying to bring phlebological scientific knowledge to places where these specialties have not yet been developed and recognized.

Having the experience of being the current president of a Latin American scientific society, it would be very gratifying and enriching for me to serve as UIP Vice President for Latin America, to be able to disseminate phlebological knowledge all around the continents, continuing the line of work that we have been carrying out for many years.

NOMINATIONS



Jean Francois Uhl (France)

Nomination from the French Society of Phlebology

Dear Colleagues,

I am a French vascular surgeon dedicated in venous surgery since 35 years, member of the French Academy of surgery and past vice-president of the French Society of Phlebology.

It would be my honor and pleasure to serve as vice-president the Congresses and Events Committee for the UIP.

In fact, I am closely involved in the UIP congresses since 2003, where I presented overall 36 oral communications and 22 posters. I won 3 awards (Kyoto 2007, Monaco

2009, Kracov 2019) and was a part of the UIP consensus committee for Anatomy, venous mapping, CEAP and compression.

I am also very involved in teaching surgery, anatomy and 3D imaging of the venous system.

My project as Vice-President is to put my experience at the service of the UIP.

My expertise is focused on venous anatomy and CVD:

1. CEAP classification (member of the international ad-hoc committee).
2. Venous anatomy at Paris Descartes University since 1985 with Claude Gillot. (25 educational CD-ROMs of venous anatomy – Atlas book)
3. Venous imaging (DUS and CT venography)
4. Mini-invasive surgery, ASVAL (40.000 patients)
5. Compression therapy (founder member of ICC club)
6. Educational workshops worldwide in Mapping, surgery, anatomy and compression.

Better knowledge and education are the goals I would like to achieve for the UIP.

Thank you for your confidence.

My experience in Educational anatomy, international workshops and Masterclasses in Phlebology around the world during 20 years could be very useful to develop and improve the role of UIP in education for CVD.

NOMINATIONS



Shenming Wang (China)

Nomination from the Asian Venous Forum and the Chinese Association of Phlebology

Shenming Wang, M.D. Ph.D, FACS. Academic leader and chief expert of vascular surgery of the First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University, honorary leader of vascular surgery group of the Chinese Medical Association, honorary president of vascular surgeons of the Chinese Medical Association, He is the President of Chinese Association for Phlebology (CAP) of International Union of Phlebology (UIP). President of Asia Venous Forum (AVF), honorary member of the Society for Vascular Surgery. He is the director of the Engineering Research Center for the

Diagnosis and Treatment of vascular Diseases in Guangdong, director of the National Local Joint Engineering Laboratory of the Diagnosis and Treatment of vascular Diseases (Guangdong). He is the editor of Annals of Vascular Surgery. He is the chief Editor of Chinese Journal of Vascular Surgery, Chinese Journal of Vascular Surgery (Electronic Edition) and Chinese Archives of General Surgery (Electronic Edition). He is the deputy Editor of Chinese Medical Journal and many other core journals.

I want to try my best efforts for the development of UIP. I hope UIP will make great progress in the future.

NOMINATIONS



Cees H.A. Wittens (The Netherlands)

Nomination from the Benelux Society of Phlebology

Em. prof. dr. Cees H.A. Wittens is a vascular surgeon who dedicated, the last two decades, his practice and research to venous pathology. He is specialized in rheology and hemodynamics and has invented several surgical techniques and implants. The last decade he dedicated himself to improve deep venous pathology diagnostics and treatment in acute and chronic venous occlusive disease. For instance he developed the SEPS scoop to treat incompetent perforating veins in the 90s and did a large prospective randomized trial in patients with venous ulcers and proved that patients with primary medially located venous ulcers are best

treated with obliteration of incompetent perforating veins. He also patented products to treat patients with deep venous pathology like a new venous valve, a thrombectomy device and a dedicated venous stent. He became the first professor of venous surgery in 2010. In the European Venous Centre in Aachen, Maastricht and Amsterdam he performed around 350 to 400 deep venous reconstructions annually, from which he retired the 1st of September 2019. A team of around 10 researchers are conducting several trials and analyze new innovative treatment options in vitro, vivo and clinically. He is the Founder of the European College of Phlebology and runs for president of the Benelux Society of Phlebology. He supports and develops new training and education programs (e-Learning Courses, Hands on Courses and Annual meetings with workshops) for all coworkers in the field of venous pathology. It is his goal that in the near future every specialist should have a Certificate to prove his knowledge and skills to treat patients with venous diseases. He wrote more than 200 papers, more than 25 books and gave more than 1000 presentations all over the world.

The ideal would be that a recognized Phlebology Certificate is mandatory to treat patients with venous diseases in order to guarantee quality of care. Quality control, using improved clinical and patient recorded outcome measures, should be mandatory to monitor the quality and cost-effectiveness of care. Training and education must be available and affordable for everybody interested in Venous disease. And finally to expel inappropriate, money driven care.

NOMINATIONS



NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR OF CONGRESSES & EVENTS / ASSISTANT SECRETARY

*Each candidate was asked to provide a brief biography and reason for wanting to be elected to the UIP Executive.
Each one of these provided texts are published in this newsletter and on the UIP website.*



NOMINATIONS



Oscar Hugo Bottini (Argentina)

Nomination from the Argentinian College of Venous and Lymphatic Surgery

Founder member of the Argentinian College of Venous and Lymphatic Surgery - CACVyL - President in 2012 to 2014.

President of Latin American Venous Forum from 2014 to 2016.

Honorary President of Venous & Lymphatic International Network -vWin- and Chair of UIP Education Committee until today.

Head of Phlebology and Lymphology Service at German University Hospital, Buenos Aires.

Head of Phlebology and Lymphology Section of Universitary Clínicas Hospital of

Buenos Aires from 2003 to 2022.

Graduated in 1984 as Physician and later followed 4 specialties: General Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Phlebology and Lymphology.

Medical Director of Dr. Bottini Center for Phlebology and Aesthetics

Creator and Director of the Postgraduate Specialization in Phlebology and Lymphology Career. Faculty of Medicine, University of Buenos Aires since 2010.

Member of the first class of Specialists in Phlebology and Lymphology at the Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina, accompanying Prof. Enrici since then as a teacher, in the growth of the mentioned Career.

Director of University Diplomas in Non-invasive Vascular Diagnosis, Thrombosis, thrombolysis and stenting, Phleboaesthetics, Chronic Wounds and Lymphology, -UCES-

Director and Coordinator of 59 national courses and 12 international courses in the specialty since 1996.

Author of 20 scientific publications, 2 awarded.

Outstanding in projection, organization and execution of events and Congresses of his specialty, Guest Professor and Lecturer in 62 international and 159 national events.

Dr. Bottini counts on an enormous experience in the organization, direction and participation in scientific events and Congresses . He has been President of 10 International Meetings and of more than 15 National ones.

Dear UIP Societies representatives and members,

In my opinion UIP is a "union" among different regional needs and potentials, coworking in synergy for an appropriate global advancement of Vein practice and Science.

UIP must represents a great opportunity for its societies and members to grow stronger together, sharing projects, maximizing regional initiatives in a global scale.

After more than 30 years dedicated to promoting the advancement of Latin America Phlebology in synergy with all the national realities, I would be honored to serve in the UIP as connector between my continent and all the world organizations interested in developing joint initiatives, as well as in sharing phlebology-related experiences.

Having had direct experience in several intercontinental phlebology meetings organization, I'd be delighted in working for a UIP facilitating the interactions before, during and after the UIP Societies national events.

Having had direct experience of the UIP Executive Committee functioning, I would like to give my full commitment to serve as assistant-Secretary/chair of Congress & Events, promoting the most productive confrontation among the same Executive Committee members, maximizing the General Council engagement.

NOMINATIONS



Lowell Stuart Kabnick (United States of America)

Nomination from the American Vein and Lymphatic Society, the American Venous Forum and the Bolivian Scientific Community of Phlebology and Lymphology

Lowell S. Kabnick, MD, FACS, FAVLS, DABVLM, FAVF is a world-renowned, board certified surgeon-teacher. He is recognized as an international authority on the diagnosis and treatment of venous disease. He was the first vascular surgeon in the United States to perform the VNUS Closure (radiofrequency ablation - Medtronic) and the VenaCure EVLT™ (endovenous laser - AngioDynamics) procedure. He has served as Director of the New York University Vein Center, where he and his team developed testing/treatment guidelines, efficiency

standards, and established NYU as a leading academic global vein center. Also, he served as Director of Clinical Operations for United Vein Centers. He is the cofounder of Phlebobridge, Vascular Strategic Partners, and Vein and Lymphatic Teaching Network. Dr. Kabnick is a member of the Society of Vascular Surgery, American Venous Forum, and American Vein and Lymphatic Society. Previously, he served as President of the American Venous Forum and American Venous Forum Foundation, President of the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Vascular Surgery, American College of Phlebology, and Intersocietal Accreditation Commission. Presently, Dr. Kabnick serves as Vice President of the UIP, Chair of its Congresses and Events Committee, Chairperson of Vein and Lymphatic University, and associate Editor of the Journal of Phlebology. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Venous Forum, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons as well as the American Vein and Lymphatic Society, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Venous and Lymphatic Medicine. Dr. Kabnick has authored numerous scientific papers, book chapters, and has written extensively on the topic of venous disease and treatment. Since the beginning of his career, Dr. Kabnick has been instrumental in program planning and event coordination for major phlebology and lymphology congresses and events.

Dear Colleagues,

It would be my honor and pleasure to serve as the Assistant Secretary of the Congresses and Events Committee for the UIP. In serving on the Congresses and Events Committee of the UIP for the past several years, I have already been involved in the 2022 and 2023 selection process, and I have also had a hand in the contract preparation for the upcoming Congresses. I have interfaced collaboratively with the Committee Chairperson as well as the host societies of the UIP Congresses and have already begun preparations for 2025. In consideration of the knowledge and experience I bring to this role, I would like to be recognized as a strong candidate for the Assistant Secretary position. This position was created by Dr. Kurosh Parsi to fill a strong need within the UIP. Dr. Parsi asked me to serve in this capacity based on my prior experiences and I seized the opportunity, recognizing that it is a good fit for me and my interests. I believe I possess the cross-cultural communication skills needed for this role. My goal in serving in this position is to strengthen the UIP by advancing its mission and vision through global interactive events and facilitating the addition of new member societies. Thank you for your confidence.



UIP EDUCATION MODULES

The UIP is proud and excited to introduce online phlebology educational modules to improve and standardise education and training in phlebology across the globe. The education modules are designed to provide a basic and standardised understanding of various aspects of phlebology.

The online module system was developed as part of the Australasian College of Phlebology (ACP) training program under the auspices of the UIP. Each module covers a topic that is managed by an instructor who is an expert in the field.

Education Modules



Basic: Year 1

- ✓ Basic Sciences 1
- ✓ Clinical Sciences
- ✓ Venous Interventions 1
- ✓ Patient Management



Advanced—Year 2

- ✓ Basic Sciences 2
- ✓ Venous Interventions 2
- ✓ Venous Thromboembolism
- ✓ Conservative Management

Advanced—Year 3

- ✓ Pelvic Venous Insufficiency
- ✓ Venous Interventions 3
- ✓ Vascular Dermatology and Vascular Anomalies 1
- ✓ Lymphoedema and Lipoedema

Fellowship—Year 4

- ✓ Venous Obstruction
- ✓ Venous Interventions 4
- ✓ Vascular Dermatology and Vascular Anomalies 2

Important Information

- ✓ *Subscription to the modules is for one-year access to all modules within the system.*
- ✓ *UIP registrants can determine at which pace they would like to continue through the program.*
- ✓ *Your one-year subscription will also provide you with access to the Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) online library which will assist you in completing your online modules.*
- ✓ *The fee for the subscription varies depending on what program you choose and your country.*



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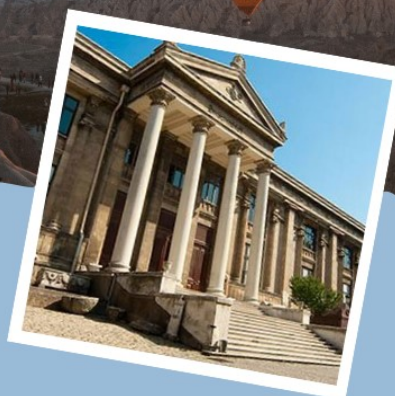
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Tourism Guide



Sultanahmet Square

Imagine a building standing in the same place for 1500 years, the headquarter of Orthodox Christendom and the first mosque in Istanbul. While you are in Istanbul, visit Sultanahmet Square, the heart of Istanbul.



Archeological Museum

Founded in 1875 by Osman Hamdi Bey, in this museum you will find a wealth of treasures on show from the Assyrian, Hittite, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman civilizations.



Istanbul Naval Museum

The massive collection of the Istanbul Naval Museum consists of hundreds of years old Ottoman wooden rowboats, caiques, ship models, figureheads, paintings, wood carvings, seals, and other maritime-related objects.

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Activities to do in Istanbul

Grand Bazaar

The Grand Bazaar is one of the biggest marketplaces globally, with 64 streets and 4000 shops. You can experience the authentic ambience of Turkish culture while wandering between kilim rugs, Turkish delights and spices, and colourful crafts.

Hot Air Balloons

The Cappadocia region of Turkey is the world's most popular hot air ballooning destination. It's also one of the few sites on the planet where you can virtually always go ballooning. Trips are available in both hot summers and cold winters, and the scenery is stunning in both.

Galata Mevlevi House

This mystic branch of Sufism was founded in 1273, by the followers of Mevlana Celaleddin-i Rumi, a Muslim saint, and Anatolian mystic. Sufism is well known for tall hatted Whirling Dervishes, of the Mevlevi (or Mawlawi) order.



UIP SOCIETIES: Past, Present & Future

Swiss Society of Phlebology



Activities Report of the Swiss Society of Phlebology (2019 – 2022)

Switzerland has four national languages: German, French, and Italian (the three official languages), and also Romansh which is spoken by approximately 100'000 people in the south-east of the country, all of whom are also proficient in one of the three official languages.

Five major and five smaller Swiss universities offer a standardized curriculum in medicine. Most young physicians start their postgraduate clinical training at a regional hospital and later switch to a secondary or tertiary hospital for completion.

Phlebology teaching and training is predominantly offered by three specialties: vascular surgery, angiology, and dermatology. Each of these disciplines regards phlebology as a subspecialty in their field and consequently offer three different viewpoints. The Swiss society of phlebology (SSP) promotes and coordinates the interaction of the three "parent" specialties, and more generally inspires young physicians to become excellent all-round phlebologists.

To pursue this goal, the SSP regularly organizes congresses and symposia, participates in the educational activities of the UIP, EVF, ECoP and AVF, and presents scientific awards.

Congresses and symposia of the SSP, 2019 – 2022

European Venous Forum 2019, as hosting society (27.-29.06.2019, Zurich)

Venalpina IX, 2020, in cooperation with the Austrian and German societies of phlebology (26.-31.01.2020, Seefeld in Tirol)

Webinar on Thrombosis and Hemostasis, 10.09.2020, Lausanne

Webinar on the Treatment of the Sapheno-Femoral Junction, 04.03.2021, Lugano

SSP Spring Symposium, 08.05.2021, Aarau

USSVM (cooperation of five vascular societies), 01.-03.12.2021, Interlaken

SSP Spring Symposium, 04.04.2022, Aarau

USSVM (cooperation of five vascular societies), 02.-04.11.2022, Zurich (SSP is organizing society)

Venalpina X, 2023, in cooperation with the Austrian and German societies of phlebology (29.01.-03.02.2023, Engelberg)

UIP SOCIETIES: Past, Present & Future

Swiss Society of Phlebology

Scientific awards

2019: Long term results of laparoscopic clipping of the ovarian vein in patients with atypical varicosities of the thigh (E. Then et al.)

2020: Endovenous laser combined with sclerotherapy for the treatment of large intramuscular venous malformations (M. Fresa et al.)

2021: Objective measurement of post-sclerotherapy hyperpigmentation and improvement by brightening therapies (S. Bossart et al.)

Several board members of the SSP regularly contribute to clinical studies and publications in the field of phlebology, lymphology and chronic wounds.

Health politics

The SSP is also the political arm of phlebology in Switzerland. In 2020 the SSP published a position paper on the diagnosis, indication, and tailored treatment of truncal varicose veins according to current guidelines, which perfectly matched an earlier position paper on the diagnosis and treatment of reticular and teleangiectatic varicose veins. With these two position papers, the SSP upholds the medical nature of major varicose veins and secures reimbursement of the necessary diagnostic and therapeutic measures, whereas treatment of reticular and teleangiectatic varicose veins is classed as esthetic medicine which still requires a very high level of expertise but should not be covered by health insurance. The SSP also successfully argued for the measurement and distribution of medical stockings by board-certified phlebologists in their medical offices. The agreement on reimbursement for endovenous thermoablation (radiofrequency or laser) of truncal varicose veins was a political milestone that the SSP was able to achieve in 2016. These contracts are still valid today.

Hafner J

President of the SSP

Traber J

President elect of the SSP

Heim D

Past President of the EVF

Each month, the UIP invites one Member Society to provide a brief summary of its past, present and future activities to be included in the newsletter.

If you would like to see your society in this section, please email us at communications@uipmail.org.

ABSTRACTS

Highlighted Articles



Ambulatory outpatient venous surgery service: An examination of patient satisfaction and experiences

Authors: *Bernadette Hannon, Geraldine Prizeman, Prakash Madhavan, Sean O'Neill, Zenia Martin, Adrian O'Callaghan, Mary-Paula Colgan, Caitriona Canning, Sharon O'Donnell*

Background

This study aimed to ascertain patients' experience of the out-patient venous service being provided;; identify the level of patient satisfaction with the service and identify areas for further improvement and development.

Method

A prospective descriptive quantitative study. A questionnaire was distributed to all patients who used the service between June 2017 and March 2018. A total of 195 questionnaires was distributed with 162 valid questionnaires returned; response rate of 83%.

Results

This study found high satisfaction levels with endovenous ablation procedures, with concomitant phlebectomy, in the ambulatory outpatient setting and patient experiences of the service are overwhelmingly positive.

Conclusion

Study findings support the management of ambulatory outpatient varicose vein endovenous ablation procedures as a feasible alternative to day surgery theatre settings and is the blueprint for future management of varicose vein surgery in Ireland.



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Highlighted Articles



Selective crossectomy combined with mechanochemical ablation in the treatment of great saphenous vein insufficiency: Early results of a single center experience

Authors: Anna Petrone, Antonio Peluso, Raffaele P Ammollo, Davide Turchino, Luca del Guercio, Michele Andreucci, Raffaele Serra, Umberto M Bracale

Background

Selective crossectomy and mechanochemical ablation (MOCA) of great saphenous vein (GSV) have been used, for years, individually in the treatment of chronic venous insufficiency. In this paper, we focus on the advantages of a combination of the two techniques, in order to prevent complications and recurrence.

Methods

A preoperative clinical and instrumental screening phase was conducted for the purpose of dividing patients into three groups: "Saph+Cross" group (51/139 patients) underwent saphenectomy and crossectomy; "MOCA" group (44/139 patients) underwent MOCA of GSV with Flebogrif® device; "MOCA + Cross" group (44/139 patients) subjected to both MOCA and crossectomy procedures.

Recurrence rate, defined as total recanalization of GSV and/or onset of neosaphena and/or new varicose veins, was used as a primary outcome. Secondary outcomes were procedural time and intra- and post-procedural complications.

Results

We conducted a 1-, 6-, and 12-month follow-up with Duplex scan. The recurrence rates were 3.9%, 21.8%, and 4.5% for "Saph+Cross," "MOCA," and "MOCA+Cross," respectively, with a significant difference for the comparison between "MOCA" and "Saph+Cross" (MOCA vs Saph+Cross: OR 5.35, CI95% [0.98; 54.6], p-value .040).

The sub-analysis of primary outcome highlighted a lower recanalization rate of GSV when combining the crossectomy with MOCA procedure (2.2% MOCA+Cross vs 15.9% MOCA; 0.12 OR, [0.002; 1.02] CI95%, p-value .029). Among the secondary outcomes, "MOCA" showed a shorter procedural time than the other groups (Saph+Cross: 51.3 ± 11.4; MOCA: 45.1 ± 7.5; MOCA+Cross: 50.4 ± 10; p-value .027). No significant differences were noted in terms of intra- and post-procedural complications.

Conclusions

The results showed that patients treated with saphenectomy and crossectomy have a lower recurrence rate compared to MOCA alone and MOCA + crossectomy procedures.

The association of crossectomy with MOCA significantly reduces the recanalization rate of GSV, and it is also characterized by a higher free survival from recurrence (SSF) than with MOCA alone.

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Highlighted Articles



Skin necrosis following sclerotherapy. Part 1: Differential diagnosis based on classification of pathogenic mechanisms

Authors: *Mina Kang, Anes Yang, Patricia Hannaford, David Connor, Kurosh Parsi*

Background

Tissue necrosis is a significant but uncommon complication of sclerotherapy. The pathogenic mechanisms of this often-debilitating complication have been poorly described in the literature.

Purpose

To elucidate the pathological mechanisms, we propose a morphological approach to classify sclerotherapy-induced skin necrosis into two categories of round and stellate (star-like) necrosis. Research Design: Comprehensive literature review was conducted.

Results

Round necrosis is typically caused by extravasation of sclerosants. It typically presents as an ulcer with smooth and non-geographic borders. Historically, extravasation has been cited as the main cause of sclerotherapy-related necrosis. While this may be the case with osmotic or irritant sclerosants, it is far less likely with the use of detergent agents particularly in the foam format. The more commonly encountered pattern of stellate necrosis is an ischaemic ulcer secondary to arterial/arteriolar occlusion. In contrast to round necrosis, stellate necrosis follows an intra-vascular injection of sclerosants such as an inadvertent intra-arterial injection. But more frequently, stellate necrosis may follow a perfectly executed intra-venous or intra-telangiectatic delivery of sclerosants. Several pathogenic pathways can be considered. The physiologic response of veno-arteriolar reflex vasospasm (VAR-VAS) is possibly the most frequent pathway. It follows a high-pressure injection of the sclerosant in a target vein resulting in a rapid rise of intravenous pressures which in-turn would trigger a sympathetic neuronal reflex vasospasm of the pre-capillary sphincters and a corresponding opening of the normally closed arterio-venous anastomoses (AVAs). This communication would allow entry of the sclerosing agent into the arteriolar side of the circulation resulting in arteriolar occlusion and infarction of the corresponding skin. Similarly, an intravenous administration of sclerosants in the vicinity of defective boundary valves or persistently open AVAs can result in the entry of detergent agents into the arteriolar side of the microvasculature causing an ischemic stellate ulcer.

Conclusions

In this first instalment of these two-part series, we review the pathogenic mechanisms of post-sclerotherapy necrosis. In the second instalment, we describe risk minimisation and management strategies.



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ABSTRACTS

New publications in Phlebology



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Selected phlebological abstracts

Lowell S Kabnick, Katheen Ozsvath, Jorge H Ulloa



Conservative therapy significantly reduces patients' chronic venous disease symptoms: A Caribbean insight into the VEIN Act Program

Isaac Dialsingh, Saeed Rashaad Mohammed, Rei Sebastian Medford, Emerson Budhoo, Ian White-Gittens, Dale Maharaj



Evaluation of anomalies of major veins of the superficial venous system of lower limb in adults on color doppler: An observational study

Manohar Kachare, Pooja Jaisinghani, Sanjay Kulkarni



An online survey of pelvic congestion support group members regarding comorbid symptoms and syndromes

Steven J Smith, Michael Sichlau, Luke E Sewall, B Holly Smith, Brenda Chen, Neal Khurana, Peter C Rowe



Re: "Modification of protocol with one extra drop of endovascular cyanoacrylate improved closure rates in incompetent great saphenous veins"—time to rethink the instructions for use for VenaSeal™?

TY Tang, A Tiwari, CJQ Yap, SXY Soon, CLJ Wong



Relationship between great saphenous vein recanalization, venous symptoms reappearance, and varicose veins recurrence rates after endovenous radiofrequency ablation

Daniele Bissacco, MD, Silvia Stegher, MD, Fabio Calliari, MD, Renato Casana, MD, Santi Trimarchi, MD PhD, Marco P Viani, MD



Does eradication of superficial vein incompetence after superficial vein thrombosis reduce the risk of recurrence and of deep vein thrombosis? A pilot study evaluating clinical practice in Örebro county, Sweden

Håkan Åström, Lena Blomgren



Double dosing or one extra drop? In response to Letter to the Editor on our recent article "Modification of protocol with one extra drop of endovascular cyanoacrylate improved closure rates in incompetent great saphenous veins"

Yiu Che Chan



UPCOMING EVENTS

One of the main UIP visions is to promote productive relationships among societies. With this vision, we report both events with UIP auspices and events without, so to inform everyone about possible educational activities. The hope is also to offer a tool useful for the colleagues organizing future meetings, so to avoid overlapping among events.

For more information about events visit: <http://www.uip-phlebology.org/events>

If you would like your event to appear in the UIP Newsletter, contact us at communications@uipmail.org

AUGUST 2022

5th Scientific Meeting of the Baltic Society of Phlebology

August 19-20, 2022

Riga, Latvia

SEPTEMBER 2022

Annual Meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine Venous Forum

September 27-28, 2022

Royal Society of Medicine

SEPTEMBER 2022

64th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Phlebology

September 28, 2022

Hannover Congress Centrum

OCTOBER 2022

AVLS2022 36th Annual Congress of the American Vein and Lymphatic Society

October 13-16, 2022

New Orleans, USA



SEPTEMBER 2022

UIP2022 XIXth WORLD CONGRESS OF THE UIP

September 12-16, 2022

Istanbul, Turkey



SEPTEMBER 2023

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September 17-21, 2023

Miami Beach, USA



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Did you know that as a member of UIP Society you can have access to different benefits?

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- ✓ Access to **UIP Education Modules** (Free access for Tier 2 and 3)*
- ✓ Access to **latest news, UIP Newsletter**
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1. Contact your society and ask them to add your name to the members of the UIP website.
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3. Complete the forms with the information requested.

UIP Discussion Forums

Accessing the UIP Discussion Forums



1. Log in the UIP website with your username and password.
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