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UIP Update

In anticipation of a very busy and important meeting of the UIP General Council to be held during the 2018 UIP World Congress in Melbourne, Australia February 4-8, 2018, I want to present a brief update on a number of issues discussed during the General Council meeting in Rome in April, 2016.

The UIP Executive Committee has worked extensively on a number of initiatives presented in Rome:

- a) the UIP Certificate of Knowledge
- b) increasing the number of UIP Executive Committee members
- c) restructuring of the UIP Congresses
- d) the proposal for a UIP Foundation intended to fund research, education, and humanitarian projects proposed by the UIP.

Because of the number and importance of these initiatives and the desire of the UIP Executive Committee (EC) to prepare them for discussion and voting by the General Council in Melbourne, the EC will again meet in person during the upcoming European Venous Forum meeting in Porto, Portugal later this month. The EC last met in person during the Société Française de Phlébologie in Paris in December, 2016. After much debate and many hours of work, the EC unanimously voted to pursue a-c above and d with 2 abstentions.

UIP Foundation Proposal

This initiative was discussed extensively during the General Council meeting in Rome and was outlined in detail in the previous UIP Newsletter.

The Feasibility Study is nearly complete and will be distributed to EC members prior to the EC meeting in Porto.

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

UIP Certificate of Knowledge Update

The UIP Certificate of Knowledge will be awarded to those practitioners outside the U.S. and Canada who successfully complete a knowledge-based examination

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UIP World Congress/Regional Meeting Reorganization

As presented in Rome, in brief the proposal for restructure will bring scientific and fiscal responsibility for UIP World Congresses and UIP Chapter Meetings into the UIP itself.

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UIP Executive Committee Expansion

The UIP EC has also voted to increase UIP participation in leadership positions by expanding the number of members of the EC to include Chairs from two newly-formed UIP Committees; a Research and Education Committee and an Examination Committee. If these two committees are ratified by the UIP General Council in Melbourne, the Chairs will assume their seats on the EC immediately. The Chairs will be elected just as other EC members are elected and details regarding candidacy will be forthcoming soon after the EC meeting in Porto. Any member of a UIP Member Society in good standing can be a candidate.

Foundation Update – Cont'd

Having reviewed the Feasibility Study, the EC will vote whether to continue the development of a UIP Foundation to be presented to the entire General Council at its meeting in Melbourne. Again, details will be available to all UIP Member Societies by direct electronic communication and on the UIP website in July, 2017 immediately following the EC meeting in Porto.

Certificate of Knowledge – Cont'd

constructed upon the existing and psychometrically validated American Board of Venous and Lymphatic Medicine (ABVLM) examination.

This certificate will be granted to those individuals successfully completing an English-language, computer-based examination based upon the ABVLM examination. Qualifications to sit for the examination are currently being developed and holders of the UIP Certificate will be introduced at UIP World Congresses and UIP Chapter Meetings. As curricula and examinations are developed in other regions, it is anticipated that these would be incorporated into the UIP certification process.

My thanks to members of the UIP Executive Committee and the UIP General Council who have supported all of the initiatives and I look forward to communicating further details next month.

Best regards,

Nick Morrison, MD
President, International Union of Phlebology



Meeting Reorganization – Cont'd

This represents a change from the current model whereby a UIP Member Society is awarded the bid for an official UIP meeting by a vote of the General Council, accepting all responsibility for the meeting. Member Societies who wish to bid for the 2021 UIP World Congress will need to prepare bids under the old and new models only for this meeting. Voting on the new model will take place early-on during the Melbourne General Council meeting so bidding Member Societies will know under which model their bid will be considered by the General Council. Details for the winning model and deadlines will be made available on the UIP website and by another newsletter in July, 2017 directly following the EC meeting in Porto.

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