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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year's meeting will be held at one of the Association's favorite off-shore sites, the Westin Rio Mar Beach Golf Resort and Spa in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. Located on a pristine Caribbean beach that stretches for nearly a mile, the resort features two world-class 18-hole golf courses, a tennis center, a 7,000 square foot spa, and a casino. The meeting rooms are spacious and comfortable, and a host of activities will be available after the scientific sessions. In addition to the traditional golf and tennis tournaments, optional excursions include a night kayak trip, a rain forest tour, a catamaran sail/snorkeling trip, horseback riding, deep sea fishing, and a number of other tours. The Westin Rio Mar is located 19 miles from the San Juan airport, about a 45 minute drive.

The SAVS received a record number of abstracts to consider for this year's meeting. The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Mike Freeman, has put together an outstanding scientific program. The plenary sessions are nicely balanced and cover a wide range of topics. Special sessions include emerging endovascular technology and an update in vascular imaging. An optional postgraduate course on thoracic endovascular aorta repair (TEVAR) will be offered on Wednesday afternoon. The Distinguished Guest Lecture will be given by Dr. Gregario Sicard, a national leader in vascular surgery and a Past President of the Society for Vascular Surgery.

I am deeply honored to have served as your President this year and am pleased to report that the SAVS remains a robust and energized society. Secretary-Treasurer Taylor has done a marvelous job of overseeing our organization's financial stability and expanding membership. The annual meetings represent the highlight of SAVS functions. The excellent scientific programs, coupled with the warm camaraderie of the membership in a setting of exquisite resorts make this the best of the regional vascular societies. We all look forward to learning, visiting with old friends, and welcoming new members. All of the elements are in place this year to have one of our most successful meetings ever.

Hope to see you in January,
Jim



R. James Valentine, M.D.

2007 ANNUAL MEETING
of the
Southern Association for
Vascular Surgery
31ST ANNUAL MEETING
January 17-20, 2007

The Westin Rio Mar Beach Resort & Spa
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

About the Resort...

The Westin Rio Mar Beach Resort was created to pamper and impress. From the moment you arrive, you are reminded that The Westin Rio Mar Beach Golf Resort & Spa sets the world's standards for hospitality service. Spectacular views of the sapphire blue Atlantic Ocean or golf courses and mountains complement the island-styled decor.

On the golden sands of Puerto Rico's beautiful northeastern shore, the Westin creates an island venue like no other.

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SAVS 31st Annual Meeting
January 17-20, 2007
The Westin Rio Mar Beach Golf Resort & Spa
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Scientific Session I

Presiding: Michael B. Freeman, MD
Spence M. Taylor, MD

Application of Endograft to Treat Thoracic Aortic Pathologies:
A Single Center Experience
Surgical and Endovascular Treatment Outcomes of Acute
Traumatic Thoracic Aortic Injury
Optimizing Compliance, Efficiency, and Safety During
Surveillance of Small Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
Lost To Follow-Up: A Potential, Under Appreciated Limitation
of Endovascular Aneurysm Repair
Long-Term Follow-Up Cost After Endovascular
Aneurysm Repair

Founders' Award Paper

***Subintimal Angioplasty for the Treatment of Claudication
and Critical Limb Ischemia: 3-Year Results***

Eric C Scott, Andre Biuckians, Ryan E Light,
Christopher D Scibelli, Timothy P Milner,
Jean M Panneton, George H Meier, III
Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA

Scientific Session II

Presiding: Michael B. Freeman, MD
Spence M. Taylor, MD

Surgical and Endovascular Revision of Infrainguinal Vein
Bypass Grafts: Analysis of Midterm Outcomes From A
Multi-Center Prospective Trial
Target Lesion Characteristics In Failing Vein Grafts Predict
the Success of Endovascular and Open Revision
The Relative Importance of Graft Surveillance and
Warfarin Therapy In Infrainguinal Prosthetic Bypass Failure
Revascularization of A Specific Angiosome For Limb Salvage:
Does the Target Artery Matter?
Prospective Decision Analysis For Peripheral Vascular
Disease Predicts Future Quality of Life

Distinguished Guest Lecture

Gregorio A. Sicard, MD, FACS
Washington University
St. Louis, MO
Introduced by: R. James Valentine, MD

Friday, January 19, 2007

Emerging Endovascular Technology Session

Moderator: Alan B. Lumsden, MD

Midterm Outcome Predictors For Lower Extremity
Athrectomy Procedures
Mid-Term Results With Laser Athrectomy in the
Treatment of Infrainguinal Occlusive Disease
Duplex Surveillance Does Not Predict the Need
For Reintervention Following Percutaneous
Infrainguinal Revascularization
Efficacy of Sac Pressure Monitor In EVAR

Scientific Session III

Presiding: William A. Marston, MD
Spence M. Taylor, MD

Accuracy and Utility of 3D Contrast-Enhanced MR
Angiography In Planning Carotid Stenting
Determinants of Hypotension and Bradycardia Following
Carotid Angioplasty and Stenting
Duplex Scan Surveillance After Carotid Stent-Angioplasty:
A Rational Definition of Stent Stenosis

SVS Presentation

Craig Kent, M.D.

Scientific Session IV

Presiding: William A. Marston, MD
Spence M. Taylor, MD

Autologous Access For Dialysis: Does DOQI Have the Answer?
Branch Renal Artery Repair With Cold Perfusion Protection
Atheroembolization During Percutaneous Renal
Artery Revascularization

Case Report Panel Discussion

Moderator: Samuel R. Money, MD

Panel: David Rosenthal, MD, Thomas C. Naslund, MD
John F. Eidt, MD

Pancreatitis As A Complication of Catheter-Based
Thrombectomy

Mal-Deployment of the Thoracic Endograft
Use of A Percutaneous Septal Occluder To Exclude
An Aortic Pseudoaneurysm

The Emergent Use of Endografts In the Carotid Circulation
to Control Hemorrhage In Potentially Contaminated Fields

Presidential Address

R. James Valentine, M.D.
Introduced by: Kimberley J Hansen, M.D.

Saturday, January 20, 2007

Basic Science Session

Moderator: Mitchell H. Goldman, MD

Ionic and Non-ionic Contrast Media Decreases Renal Microcirculation and Renal Function By Different Mechanisms
Stromal Cell-Derived Factor-1 Enhances Pro-Angiogenic Effect of Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor
Syndecan-1 Is Expressed During the Course of Atherosclerosis and May Serve As A Biomarker of Peripheral Arterial Disease Activity
Effects of Survival and Proliferation of Smooth Muscle Cells (SMC) By Supercooling and Re-Warming

Update in Vascular Imaging

Moderator: W. Anthony Lee, MD

Clinical Application of CTA: Will It Replace Conventional Angiography?
Presenter: Christopher Carsten, MD
How To Incorporate CTA Into Your Practice
Presenter: Gregory J. Pearl, MD
Vascular Laboratory In 2007
Presenter: Russell H. Samson, MD

Scientific Session V

Presiding: J. Gregory Modrall, MD
Spence M. Taylor, MD

Subintimal Angioplasty For Revascularization After Failed Lower Extremity Bypass
Impact of Diabetes Mellitus On the Long Term Outcomes of Superficial Femoral Artery Endoluminal Interventions
Late Incidence of Chronic Venous Insufficiency After Deep Vein Harvest

Scientific Session VI

Presiding: J. Gregory Modrall, MD
Spence M. Taylor, MD

Is the Powerlink AAA Stent-Graft Performing As Intended?
Relationship Between the Dynamic Geometry and Wall Thickness of the Proximal Aortic Neck of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Using IVUS: Implications For Endovascular Aneurysm Repair
The Dare To C.A.R.E. Experience: Defining the Value of Extensive Vascular Screening and Education At the Local Level – Results of Screening Over 12,000 Participants at A Single Center
First Rib Resection and Scaleneotomy For Chronically Occluded Subclavian Veins: What Does It Really Do?

MOCK ORALS

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

The Southern Association for Vascular Surgery will again offer Mock Oral Board Examinations during this year's Annual Meeting at the Westin Rio Mar Beach Golf Resort & Spa in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.

The format will include three half hour sessions and is based upon that used for the actual Certifying Examination. The Mock Orals are open to the current Vascular Surgery Residents from the programs comprising the geographic regions of the SAVS. Additionally, any recent graduates from the same programs that have not completed the requirements for Board Certification are welcome to participate.

The cost of the examination is \$100 but will be waived for Candidate Members of the SAVS. The Examinations will be limited to 18 participants so interested individuals should register early. A registration form is available on the SAVS website.

Any SAVS Members interested in participating in the process as Examiners should contact the Recorder, Thomas S. Huber, MD, Huber@surgery.ufl.edu.

SAVS POSTGRADUATE COURSE

Wednesday, January 17

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The SAVS Postgraduate Course will address TEVAR - Thoracic Endovascular Aorta Repair.

This half-day program taps the expertise of SAVS membership. Each brief TEVAR presentation will be followed by discussion open to all registrants.

TEVAR topics will include preop imaging, graft sizing, and case strategy. Trouble shooting for TEVAR cases including difficult access, hostile anatomy and acute complications will be delineated. TEVAR outcomes including world data, US trials and multicenter experiences will be discussed.

Also, fenestrated grafts, branched grafts, and vessel relocation techniques will also be reviewed.

The design of this course enlists the expertise of the participants in a "think-tank" environment where TEVAR skills including tips and tricks, as well as lessons learned can be shared.

Mandara Spa

The 7,000 square foot Balinese-inspired spa offers guests a variety of pampering amenities, including 11 treatment rooms, a soothing oceanfront meditation area, steam rooms, and a full-service hair and nail salon. Guests can indulge in unique spa treatments and more than 25 exotic therapies including facials, massages, rituals and wraps based on a fusion of traditional and contemporary healing techniques that capitalize on products indigenous to Puerto Rico. The Mandara Spa also includes a new WestinWORKOUT™ fitness center, powered by Reebok®.

Restaurants

The resort's newest restaurant features breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, and the tantalizing aroma of artfully grilled seafood. Aqua Luna, quietly nestled on the beach, offers guests succulent, yet simple fresh seafood in a casually stylish Caribbean atmosphere. In addition, the Resort features 11 restaurants and lounges ranging in ambience from beachfront casual to resort formal. Marbella, the resort's all day oceanfront restaurant, was updated with fresh new décor and an innovative menu. Club Coqui, the popular poolside café, also underwent a similar transformation.

Pools

The Westin's two oceanfront pools have been refinished and outfitted with smart teak furniture. Both the quiet and activity pools are dotted with private cabanas offering exclusive butler service for the ultimate in poolside relaxation. The resort's one-mile of secluded beach also features new chaise lounge chairs and authentic Puerto Rican bohios, umbrellas crafted from tropical palm fronds.



Endless Recreation

- ♦ One mile of secluded, palm-lined beach
- ♦ Two beachfront swimming pools with separate adult & activity pools
- ♦ Water Sports Center and Dive Shop with scuba diving, snorkeling, waverunners, sailing, kayaking and parasailing
- ♦ Historical island tours and exotic excursions
- ♦ Club Iguana, Westin Kids Club®, with supervised youth activities
- ♦ Game Room
- ♦ Specialty shops and boutiques Superb Dining & Entertainment
- ♦ Player's Lounge - Lively casino nightclub
- ♦ Rio Mar Casino - Thrilling on-site gaming action



2007 Annual Meeting Schedule at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007

6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Mock Oral Exams.
12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Postgraduate Course
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Executive Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Welcoming Reception

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

6:30 a.m.	5K Fun Run.
6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Welcome & Introduction
8:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Scientific Sessions
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Spouses/Guest Hospitality.
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Women's Tennis Tournament
10:05 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	General Reception

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2007

6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Registration
6:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open.
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Emerging Endovascular Technology Session
8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Scientific Sessions
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Spouses/Guest Hospitality
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Case Panel Discussion.
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Presidential Address
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Annual Golf Tournament
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Men's Tennis Tournament.
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Annual President's Reception
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Annual President's Banquet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2007

6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Registration
6:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Basic Science Session
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Update in Vascular Imaging
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Spouses/Guest Hospitality
9:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Scientific Sessions
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits
11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting

The SAVS reserves the right to change the program at any time.

2007 Annual Meeting

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Invited Guests at the Annual Meeting

Members who wish to invite non-member physicians as their guests should contact the office of Spence M. Taylor, MD, Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center, Academic Department of Surgery, 701 Grove Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29605, (864) 455-5795 / staylor2@ghs.org. Invited guests will receive a letter of invitation and the necessary reservation forms, as well as meeting information.

Active, Candidate, and Corresponding Memberships

Deadline for new member application and supporting information is **October 1, 2006**. Application forms must be requested from the Secretary-Treasurer by the *sponsoring member*.

Qualifications for Active Membership: 1. The active membership consists of those surgeons recommended by the Executive Council from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC; 2. Applicants must be certified by the American Board of Surgery and/or the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, with Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons; 3. Applicants must document at least fifty (50) major peripheral vascular reconstructive procedures in each of the three years preceding application, exclusive of residency and fellowship training; 4) The application must be accompanied by letters of sponsorship (1) and endorsement (2) by three members in good standing of the Association. One of these members must be from the Applicant's home state.

Qualifications for Candidate Membership: 1. The candidate membership consists of Fellows in approved Vascular Surgery training programs, General Surgery residents accepted into approved Vascular Surgery training programs, or Vascular Surgeons who do not yet meet the requirements for active membership within the region of the SAVS; 2. A letter of sponsorship is required from either the applicant's Program Director or a member in good standing of the Association from the applicant's home state; 3. Candidate membership has a maximum term of five years.

Qualifications for Corresponding Membership: 1. Corresponding membership consists of those surgeons residing outside the United States recommended by the Executive Council. 2. Applicants must meet the requirements for Active Membership in Article I, Section 5(a) of the bylaws. 3. Certification in Vascular Surgery from the American Board of Surgery or its equivalent is highly desirable. 4. The application must be accompanied by letter of sponsorship (1) and endorsement (2) by three members in good standing of the Association.

All application materials should then be returned to the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Spence M. Taylor, MD, Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center, Academic Department of Surgery, 701 Grove Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29605.

31ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SAVS

January 17-20, 2007 / *Westin Rio Mar Beach Golf Resort & Spa*

Social Events (included in registration fee)



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, January 19 / 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Spectacular mountain views serve as the backdrop for this year's golf tournament, held on Greg Norman's championship River Course along the foothills of El Yunque Caribbean National Rain Forest. Registration is complimentary but required with indication of handicap. The registration fee includes green fees, golf carts, box lunches and prizes. Clubs and shoes can be rented at your own expense.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Thursday, January 18 - Women's Tournament / 9:30 a.m.
Friday, January 19 - Men's Tournament / 1:00 p.m.
Annual Tennis Tournament at the Peter Burwash International Tennis Center. Open to all skill levels, this fun event is a perfect way to mingle with colleagues. Registration is complimentary but required. Please sign up for the tournaments on the registration form.

5K FUN RUN

Thursday, January 18 / 6:30 a.m.
This year's Fun Run will inspire and rejuvenate you as you take off from the hotel and travel through the resort's lush tropical surroundings. All participants receive an official Fun Run T-shirt.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Wednesday, January 17 / 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
The Welcome Reception offers a chance to renew old acquaintances and unwind after a day of travel. Let us welcome you to the SAVS 31st Annual Meeting by enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Vista Verde Gardens.

GENERAL RECEPTION

Thursday, January 18 / 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Don't miss the great food and live music at the General Reception. Set in the lavish Marbella Garden, the General Reception is a memorable evening of dining and catching up with friends and colleagues.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION & BANQUET

Friday, January 19 / 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Please join us for the 2007 President's Reception and Banquet. The evening will begin with a one-hour cocktail reception on the Ocean Terrace, followed by a seated dinner and dancing in the elegant Rio Mar 6 Ballroom.



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