FROM THE PRESIDENT

The upcoming meeting of the SAVS at the Westin Rio Mar in Puerto Rico is fast approaching. The meeting should have “something for everyone” as Dr. Lumsden and the Program Committee have scheduled a diverse and interesting educational program.

There will be several new concepts this year. Dr. Spence Taylor has organized a formal mock oral exam session for current vascular fellows attending the meeting. Twenty-four fellows have signed up for the Wednesday morning program and twenty-four members have agreed to come to sunny, warm Puerto Rico a day early to participate in this teaching exercise. (It’s a dirty job but somebody has to do it!)

The Society will take on an international flavor this year as we have a presentation from Italy, two from the United Kingdom, and even a couple from exotic New York City. Our honored guest lecturer, Dr. Michael Silva of Lubbock, Texas, has the distinction of being the chief of vascular surgery as well as the chief of interventional radiology at Texas Tech Medical School. Mike has an extensive knowledge of American Art and will compare and contrast some of the issues facing artists in the 1940s and those facing vascular interventionalists of the present.

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2004 ANNUAL MEETING

January 14-17, 2004

The Westin Rio Mar Beach Resort & Spa
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
28th Annual Meeting
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HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2004

SCIENTIFIC SESSION I
Presiding: Alan B. Lumsden, M.D.
Kimberley J. Hansen, M.D.
Endovascular Repair of Ruptured and Symptomatic AAA:
Comparison of Early Results with Open Surgical Repair
Aortofemoral Bypass in Young Patients with Premature
Atherosclerosis: Is Superficial Femoral Vein Superior to
Dacron?
Endovascular Stent-Graft Repair of Pararenal and Type IV
Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms with Adjunctive
Visceral Reconstruction
Prevalence of Mesenteric Artery Disease in the Elderly
A Critical Analysis of Outcome Determinants Affecting
Repair of Intact Aneurysms Involving the Visceral Aorta

WILLIAM J. VON LIEBIG FOUNDATION
AWARD PAPER

SCIENTIFIC SESSION II
Presiding: Alan B. Lumsden, M.D.
Kimberley J. Hansen, M.D.
Stent-Graft Repair in the Thoracic Aorta: Impact of
Learning Curve and Experience
Ocular Findings as Predictors of Carotid Artery Occlusive
Disease: Is Carotid Imaging Justified?
Chronic Limb Ischemia Treated According to the
Lower Extremity Grading System (LEGS) Score:
A Six-Month Report
Surgical Management of Renal Artery Aneurysms
Heparin Bonded Dacron or Polytetrafluoroethylene for
Femoro-Popliteal Bypass: Five Year Results of
a Prospective Randomised Multi-Centre Clinical Trial

DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE
Michael B. Silva, Jr., M.D.
"Endovascular Surgery and the Art of the 1940's"

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2004

ENDOVASCULAR CASE CONFERENCE
Moderator: Samuel R. Money, M.D.
Importance of Access to Fixed-Imaging Fluoroscopy: Practice
Implications for the Vascular Surgeon
Renal Artery Stenting at the Time of Open Juxtarenal
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair
Endovascular Repair of Para-anastomotic Aneurysms of the
Aorta and Iliac Arteries: A Ten Year Experience
Endovascular Repair of a Spontaneous Carotid Artery
Dissection with Carotid Stent and Coils

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III
Presiding: Thomas S. Huber, M.D.
Kimberley J. Hansen, M.D.
The First Human Experience with a Permanently Implantable
Intrasac Pressure Transducer for Monitoring
Endovascular AAA Repair
Modern Carotid Endarterectomy and Reappraisal of
the High Risk Patient

FOUNDERS’ AWARD PAPER
Eleftherios S. Xenos, M.D.
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
The Effect of Fluvastatin on Endothelial Cell Adhesion
Molecule Expression: the Role of Nitric Oxide

SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV
Presiding: Thomas S. Huber, M.D.
Kimberley J. Hansen, M.D.
Costs of Prescription Drugs in Surgical Patients
The Expansion Rate of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
Based on Perpendicular Diameter Measurements and
Changes in Aneurysm Volume
Twenty Year Experience with Acute Distal Thoracic
Aortic Dissection

CASE REPORTS
Moderator: Spence M. Taylor, M.D.
Endovascular Treatment of Vaginal and Vulvar Varicosities
Surgical Management of Peripancreatic Arterial Aneurysms
Idiopathic Renal Artery and Infra-renal Aortic Aneurysms in a
Six Year Old Child: Case Report and Literature Review
Pharmacomechanical Rheolytic Thrombectomy of Deep Venous
Thrombosis Caused by Radiation Induced Venous Stenosis

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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2004
Executive Council Meeting 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Registration Opens 3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Welcoming Reception 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2004
5K Fun Run 6:30 a.m.
Exhibits Open 7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Continental Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Registration 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Scientific Sessions 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Spouses/Guest Hospitality 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Women's Tennis Tournament 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
General Reception 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2004
Exhibits Open 7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Continental Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Registration 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Endovascular Case Conference 7:00 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.
Scientific Sessions 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Spouses/Guest Hospitality 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis Tournament 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Annual Golf Tournament 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
President's Reception 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Annual President’s Banquet 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2004
Exhibits Open 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Continental Breakfast 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Registration 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Scientific Sessions 7:00 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.
Basic Science Session 7:00 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.
Scientific Sessions 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Spouses/Guest Hospitality 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Annual Business Meeting 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

Kimberley J. Hansen, M.D.

2004 Annual Meeting
The 28th Annual Meeting of The Southern Association for Vascular Surgery will be held January 14-17, 2004 at the Westin Rio Mar in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. This island resort is beautiful with all social and sporting events on site. Details regarding the meeting and hotel registration information are included in this newsletter. We encourage you to make your airline reservations early in order to secure the best possible fares and itinerary.

Special Topic Session for the 2004 Annual Meeting
Trauma of the Aorta and Great Vessels will contrast endovascular and open surgical management. Jim Dennis will moderate this special session Saturday morning at 8:00 am.

Basic Science Session for the 2004 Annual Meeting
Papers in basic science will be presented for discussion on Saturday morning at 7:00 am prior to the Special Topic Session. Randy Geary will moderate the discussion.

Endovascular Case Session for the 2004 Annual Meeting
One hour will be devoted to endovascular case management at 7:00 am Friday morning prior to the Scientific Session. Discussion will be led by Sam Money. (Please Note: The 5K Run will be held at 6:30 am on Thursday, January 15th.)

NEW: S. Timothy String Presidential Award
This new award recognizes the best overall manuscript and presentation from the Scientific Sessions. This $5000 award will be presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting. The String Presidential Award is made possible by an educational grant from Vascutek USA, Inc.

Founders’ Award
The Founders’ Award is for original clinical or basic science papers presented by a Trainee (Residents, Fellows or Students). Eligibility is extended to training programs located in states comprising the membership of The Southern Association for Vascular Surgery (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC). This $5000 award will be presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting. The Founders’ Award is made possible by an educational grant from Vascutek USA, Inc.

Guests at the Annual Meeting
Members who wish to invite non-member physicians as their guests should contact the office of Kimberley J. Hansen, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, The Southern Association for Vascular Surgery, Department of General Surgery, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1095, Telephone: (336) 713-5256, Fax: (336) 716-9758. Invited guests will receive a letter of invitation, and the necessary reservation forms and meeting information.

Active & Candidate Memberships
Deadline for new member application and supporting information is October 1, 2004. Application forms must be requested from the Secretary-Treasurer by the Sponsoring Member. Applications will not be given to the applicant.
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 one letter of sponsorship and two letters of endorsement 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 vascular surgery 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.
All Active and Candidate application materials should be returned to the Office of The Secretary-Treasurer, The Southern Association for Vascular Surgery, c/o Kimberley J. Hansen, M.D., Department of General Surgery, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1095.
FROM THE PRESIDENT
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Friday morning will begin with a repeat of last year’s popular endovascular case conference, chaired by Dr. Sam Money. On Saturday morning, a session of the basic science lectures has been assembled and will be followed by a special topics session which will be dedicated this year to trauma of the aortic and great vessels.

It has been my great honor to serve as your president this year and I will try not to disappoint those of you who prefer to be both entertained and educated during a presidential address. Puerto Rico has a wonderful climate in January and the afternoons are free for tennis, golf, ocean sports, sightseeing, and fair weather pursuits. I would urge everyone to make plans now to come to Puerto Rico for another classic, stimulating, and enjoyable educational session at the SAVS.

ATTENTION SAVS MEMBERS:

You can now register for the SAVS Annual Meeting on-line

Go to http://savs.vascularweb.org

and complete the on-line form to register electronically for this year’s meeting.

Both paper and electronic registrations will be accepted.


THANK YOU

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The Southern Association for Vascular Surgery would like to thank the following companies for their support of the Annual Meeting.

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