The 32nd Annual Meeting of The Southern Association for Vascular Surgery will return to Naples, Florida at the Ritz-Carlton, the area’s only Five Star-Five Diamond resort. The Ritz boasts seven unique restaurants, a world-class spa, and three miles of pristine beach along the Gulf of Mexico. Following each day’s scientific sessions, the resort can arrange an array of outdoor adventures, including backwater fishing, kayaking, cycling, and sailing. For a full description of these and other activities, as well as transportation to and from the Southwest Florida International Airport, visit their website at www.ritzcarlton.com and plan to enjoy your stay.

Chair of the Program Committee, Dr. Bill Marston, along with his committee members, has selected an outstanding array of papers for scientific presentation emphasizing endovascular therapies. These are balanced by two case report clinical sessions and Saturday morning’s basic science session. Complimenting last year’s post-graduate course, this year’s special topics session will discuss the emerging applications of thoracic aortic endografting. Under the direction of Dr. Scott Stevens, the Wednesday afternoon post-graduate course has proved outstanding. This year’s course, which considers management of venous disease and thrombophilia, will have broad appeal for our membership. Our recorder, Dr. Tom Huber, will coordinate practice oral examinations Wednesday morning. Vascular surgery residents and recent graduates from accredited programs comprising the SAVS geographic region are eligible for practice orals that are formatted to replicate the Certifying Examination experience. We are fortunate that this year’s Distinguished Guest Lecture, entitled “Regenerative Medicine: New Approaches to Healthcare For The 21st Century”, will be presented by Dr. Anthony Atala, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Urology, Director of the Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

The privilege of serving the SAVS has been a profound honor for me. While others are more deserving, no one is more appreciative. Outstanding presentations in combination with our social events conducted in a beautiful setting distinguish our Association from all others. Going forward, our vitality and success is ensured by the tireless efforts of Secretary-Treasurer Spence Taylor. Through his efforts and those of our membership, this promises to be an outstanding annual meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in Naples.
Thursday, January 17, 2008

Scientific Session I

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

Operative Mortality for Renal Artery Bypass in the United States: Results from the National Inpatient Sample
Absence of Early Endoleak Predicts Freedom from Long-Term Aneurysm-Related Morbidity after EVAR: Implications for Re-Defining Post-Operative Surveillance
The “Patchula” Bypass: A Viable Option for the Patient without Autogenous Conduit and Severe Distal Occlusive Disease
Restenosis Following Cryoplasty of the Superficial Femoral and Popliteal Arteries and Saphenous Vein Grafts: A 36 Month Kaplan Meier Analysis of a Single Center Experience
Evaluation of the Natural History of the Proximal Descending Thoracic Aorta with Age

Founders’ Award Paper

Cost per Day of Patency: Understanding the Impact of Patency and Reintervention in a Sustainable Model of Healthcare

Dorian J. deFreitas, MD, Mark L. Manwaring, MD
Clark M. Kardys, MD, Frank M. Parker, MD, Charles S. Powell, MD, William M. Bogey, MD, Michael C. Stoner, MD
East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

Scientific Session II

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

Impact of Tibial Runoff on Superficial Femoral Artery Endoluminal Interventions for Rest Pain and Tissue Loss
Mid-term Outcome of the DRIL Procedure
Comparative Evaluation of Radiocephalic and Brachiocephalic Fistulae and the Variables Affecting Maturation and Patency
Prospective Randomized Trial of ACUSEAL (Gore-tex) versus Finesse (Hemashield) Patching During Carotid Endarterectomy: Long-Term Outcome
Trends and Outcomes of Concurrent Carotid and Coronary Revascularization: Effects of Carotid Stenting v. Endarterectomy on Coronary Bypass

Distinguished Guest Lecture

Regenerative Medicine: New Approaches to Healthcare for the 21st Century

Anthony J. Atala, MD
Wake Forest University School of Medicine

Friday, January 18, 2008

Case Reports: Session I

Moderator: Elliot L. Chaikof, MD
Panelists: David L. Gillespie, MD
William Jordan, MD, Alan Lumsden, MD

Combined Endovascular and Aortic Arch Debranching For the Surgical Treatment of Kommerell’s Diverticulum
Recurrent Intra-Operative Thrombosis in a Patient Undergoing Carotid Endarterectomy: Possible Sticky Platelet Syndrome?
Definitive Test to Establish Diagnosis of Median Arcuate Ligament Syndrome - Use of a Selective Intra-arterial Vasodilator
Presentation of Ehlers-Danlos Type IV with Malignant Hypertension and Renal Artery Aneurysms
Stent Migration During Endovascular Repair of a Traumatic Pseudoaneurysm of the Innominate-Carotid Artery Bifurcation
Endovascular Retrieval of an Intraaortic Greenfield Vena Cava Filter

Scientific Session III

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

Statistical Modeling of the Volume-Outcome Effect for Carotid Endarterectomy for 10 Years of a Statewide Database
A Modern Appraisal of Outcomes Associated with Carotid Endarterectomy Performed Using General and Regional Anesthesia
Percutaneous Access for EVAR: Can Selection Criteria Be Expanded?

Scientific Session IV

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

Percutaneous Management of Atherosclerotic Renovascular Disease
Rhabdomyolysis in the Etiology of Renal Failure Following Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair
The Importance of Deep Venous Reflux Velocity as a Determinant of Outcome in Patients with Combined Superficial and Deep Venous Reflux Treated with Endovenous Saphenous Ablation

Case Reports: Session II

Moderator: Samuel R. Money, MD
Panelists: Jeremiah H. Holleman, MD
George H. Meier, MD, Marc A. Passman, MD
MOCK ORALS
Wednesday, January 16
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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

Scientific Session VI
Presiding: Randolph Geary, MD
Spence M. Taylor, MD

- Utility of Stent-Grafts in the Treatment of Superficial Femoral Artery (SFA) Occlusive Disease
- Selective Stenting in Subintimal Angioplasty: Analysis of Primary Stent Outcomes
- The Vascular Access Score: A Tool for Standardizing Arteriovenous Access Placement
- Clinical Utility of Resistive Index in the Management of Atherosclerotic Renovascular Disease

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SAVS POSTGRADUATE COURSE
Wednesday, January 16
12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The SAVS 08 Postgraduate Course: Venous Endovascular will be a half-day program that will tap the expertise of the SAVS membership. Topics include:

- Sclerotherapy
- Endovenous: laser and radiofrequency
- Management of acute DVT including update on lytics and mechanical clot extraction
- Removable cava filters including technical tips and avoiding pitfalls
- Venous imaging with IVUS, ultrasound, MR and CT
- Thrombophilia, diagnosis and management
- Managing difficult venous access with attention to central venous stenosis
- Effort thrombosis
About Naples (continued from page one)

largest county in the state of Florida, by land area, yet more than 80% of the vast expanse of land is preserved as park and nature preserve land by federal, state, county, city and private agencies. Beautiful beach communities surrounded by nature – it’s no wonder the area is referred to as Florida’s Last Paradise. The town of Naples is a desired destination for leisure and business travelers. There is a wide range of activities and attractions for all ages and all seasons. Downtown Naples is an eclectic shopping and restaurant mecca with a variety of entertainment, art galleries and the Naples Pier – a perfect place to catch the spectacular daily sunsets into the serene Gulf of Mexico.

History buffs will enjoy the Collier County Museum, which houses a permanent collection of local artifacts from prehistoric times through present day.

Nature lovers will love the Everglades or any of the area’s many parks and wildlife preserves. The Everglades, which has been called the “River of Grass,” is the only ecosystem of its kind in the world. Florida’s state reptile, the American alligator, thrives here, as do raccoons, black bears, panthers, bobcats and marsh rabbits, along with 300 varieties of birds and butterflies, and over 45 indigenous species of plants and trees. Inhabiting the rich salt waters of The 10,000 Islands, are gentle dolphins and manatees, and 600 kinds of fish. In Naples itself, the Conservancy’s Nature Center provides a science museum, lectures, and an animal clinic for injured native wildlife.

Amid the quiet charm of Naples, get ready to hear roaring lions, singing siamangs, and laughing hyenas in the Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens. Just a mile from world-class beaches, get close to big cats, and cruise on a guided boat tour past islands of monkeys.

Part of Naples’ considerable charm is the many select shopping centers, each distinctive in style, where you can browse and dine in comfort. At Third Street South in Olde Naples you will discover stylish shops, jewelry stores and art galleries in a setting of French and Georgian architecture blended with Old Florida buildings and exotically shaded side streets.

Within walking distance, downtown Fifth Avenue South extends its broad tree-lined aspect to the beach including fashionable shops, art galleries and European bistros. At the foot of Fifth Avenue South, on the Gordon River and Naples Bay is Bayfront - a collection of shops, galleries and restaurants.

Off Fifth Avenue eastbound, you will find the unique Tin City at The Old Marine Marketplace, which still retains a flavor of its nautical past with planked walkways that lead through an indoor maze of over 40 unusual boutiques and eateries.

In the same neighborhood are Dockside Boardwalk, a series of quaint waterside shops crammed full of unique gifts, artwork and apparel, and the Olde Naples Seaport, a mini-mall of arts and souvenirs, overlooking the Bay. Crayton Cove is yet another dockside shopping haven with intriguing boutiques and casual dining.

On Gulfshore Boulevard, the Village on Venetian Bay provides an underground tunnel connecting two waterfront shopping plazas, comprising more than 50 fabulous shops, galleries, cafes and upscale restaurants.

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2008 Annual Meeting Schedule at a Glance

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2008 Annual Meeting

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Details regarding the meeting are included in this issue of the newsletter and are available on the SAVS website: http://savs.vascularweb.org. We encourage all SAVS members to attend the meeting at this tropical resort.

Postgraduate Course

The SAVS Postgraduate Course will address Venous Surgery and will be held on Wednesday, January 16.

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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

If you wish to sponsor a colleague for SAVS membership, 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.
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Friday, January 18 / 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start  
Tiburon

TEennis TOURNAMENT  
Thursday, January 17 - Women’s Tournament / 9:30 a.m.  
Friday, January 18 - Men’s Tournament / 1:00 p.m.  
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 17 / 6:30 a.m.  
What a better way to start your day than a fun 5 K run along the beautiful beach of the Gulf of Mexico. The run will start at 6:30 am on the North Boardwalk. Enjoy cool refreshments and pick up your official Fun Run T-shirt after you cross the finish line.

SPORTING CLAYS  
Thursday, January 17 / 1:30 p.m.  
This year’s Sporting Clays will be held at the Port of the Island Gun Club. Transportation will be provided to and from the range and once you’re done with your rounds, participants will receive lunch.

WELCOME RECEPTION  
Wednesday, January 16 / 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 32nd Annual Meeting by enjoying cocktails and hors d’oeuvres in Center Court.

GENERAL RECEPTION  
Thursday, January 17 / 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Don’t miss the great food and live music. Set Poolside at the Ritz-Carlton, the General Reception is a memorable evening of dining and catching up with friends and colleagues.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION & BANQUET  
Friday, January 18 / 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Please join us for the 2008 President’s Reception and Banquet. The evening will begin with a one-hour cocktail reception on the Pavilion Courtyard, followed by a seated dinner and dancing in the elegant Pavilion at the Ritz-Carlton.