This has been a very challenging year in many respects. Major health care reform continues to be debated in Congress, and while it is very likely some legislation will ultimately pass, as of this writing the specifics of that reform are unclear as it pertains to patients and providers. The economy has sagged and is only beginning to show some signs of recovery. The extent of that recovery remains very much uncertain. Among all this uncertainty, one thing is undeniable, and it is very good news indeed. Plans are well in place for the 34th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Vascular Surgery at the Atlantis in Paradise Island in the Bahamas from January 20-23, 2010.

The Atlantis is truly one of the most spectacular ocean resorts in the world! It is without question a family-oriented venue, with attractions for all ages. In addition to its beautiful accommodations, it includes 21 restaurants, ranging from world class dining rooms to casual eateries. There are 10 pools and 3 beaches with a variety of water activities including snorkeling and scuba diving. There is a dolphin cay; the Aquaventure 63 acre waterscape, the centerpiece of the Atlantis recent billion dollar renovation; and 3 lagoons. The Atlantis’ marine habitat includes more than 50,000 marine animals representing roughly 200 species. For the risk takers among us, the Atlantis Casino spans 100,000 square feet and includes 850 slots and 80 game tables. Of course, we will continue to hold our annual tennis and golf tournaments. The average temperature in January ranges between 75 and 85 degrees. I can’t think of a more beautiful venue for our cocktail receptions and Presidential banquet. By the way, we have an incredible and unique entertainment show planned for the banquet which I suspect you won’t soon forget!

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Program details and online registration available on the SAVS website: www.savs.org

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION: DECEMBER 15, 2009
CASE REPORTS
Deglutition Syncope: A Manifestation of Vagal Hyperactivity Following Carotid Endarterectomy
Late Erosion of a Prophylactic IVC Filter into the Aorta, Right Renal Artery, and Duodenal Wall
Bilateral Renal Vein Thrombosis Treated with Percutaneous Thrombolysis and Mechanical Thrombectomy
Management of a Thoracic Aortic Coarctation Presenting as Severe Hypertension and Increasing Dyspnea on Exertion

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Charles Dickens, Coach K, Pogo, and the Recent History and Future of Vascular Surgery
Bruce A. Perler

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010

BASIC SCIENCE SESSION
Moderator: Mohammed M. Moursi
Hormone Replacement Therapy Influences Intimal Hyperplasia after Vascular Injury: Role of Matrix Metalloproteinases
Calf Study to Examine Endostaple Related Thrombogenesis and Tissue In-Growth
Saphenous Vein Viability: A Comparative Study Between Two Surgical Specialties Harvesting Human Saphenous Vein With a Porcine Saphenous Vein Model Emulating Intraoperative Mechanical Stress
Therapeutic Distant Organ Effects of Regional Hypothermia during Mesenteric Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury

SPECIAL TOPICS SESSION: VASCULAR ACCESS 2010
Moderator: Marc H. Glickman
An Evidence Based Approach- What are the Data?
New Technologies- What’s Ready for Prime-Time?
Managing Distal Ischemia- What Works Best?

PANEL DISCUSSION

SCIENTIFIC SESSION V
Presiding: Ali F. AbuRahma and Spence M. Taylor
Using a Vascular Data Base to Change Surgeon Behavior in Managing Patients Undergoing Carotid Endarterectomy: A 5-year prospective study of 598 Patients
Outcome Predictors in Traumatic Popliteal Artery Injury
The Effect of a Vascular Lecture Series in Medical Student Preclinical Years on Interest in Vascular Surgery

SCIENTIFIC SESSION VI
Presiding: Ali F. AbuRahma and Spence M. Taylor
Intravascular Ultrasound (IVUS)-Assisted Aortic Stent Graft Repair: An Useful Adjunct in Azotemic Patients
Blunt Traumatic Aortic Injury: Revisiting the Role of Medical Management in the Endovascular Era
Clinical Outcome Trends of Type B Aortic Dissections in South Carolina
Accuracy of Duplex Sonography after Renal Stenting

POSTGRADUATE COURSE:
CAROTID UPDATE
Presiding: W. Charles Sternbergh, Ill
CREST Trial Results Compared to Prior Recent Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) Such as SPACE and EV3-S
Will These New Data Change Practice Patterns?
Wesley S. Moore
Post-Market CAS Registries and Population-Based CEA/CAS Studies
Should These “Real World” Outcomes Trump RCT Results?
Are CAS Outcomes Improving?
Christopher J. Kwolek
Choice of Stent and Embolic Protection Devices (EPDs) for CAS
Closed Cell vs. Open Cell Stent
Are There Good Data Supporting Efficacy of EPDs?
Alan B. Lumsden
Cerebral Embolization during CAS and CEA
Incidence, Relative Importance, Possible Treatment Implications
Does Flow Reversal Offer Reduced Embolization and Better Outcomes (ARMOUR Trial)?
Karthikeshwar Kasirajaran
Tricks and Tips for Performing Safe CAS
How I Do It
Anatomy to Avoid
Peter H. Lin
Ideal Medical Management of Carotid Disease in 2010
Antiplatetet, Statin and Other Medical Treatments
How Much Better Is Medical Treatment Now Compared to That Used In The ACAS/ACST/VA Axx Trials?
Is Current Medical Treatment Just as Efficacious as CEA for Asymptomatic Disease?
Russell H. Samson
Durability of CAS vs. CEA
Influence of the Lesion: Atherosclerosis, Recurrent, Radiation-Induced
Influence of Patch Choice (CEA)
Influence of Stent Choice; Role of Stent Fracture
Charles B. Ross
CEA in Contemporary Practice
Are Current Results Better Than NASCET/ACAS Outcomes?
Does Anesthetic Choice (Local vs. General) Make a Difference?
Does Choice of Technique (Classical vs. Eversion) Matter?
Ali F. AbuRahma
Patient Selection for Treatment of Carotid Disease in 2010
CEA vs CAS vs Medical Management
How To Choose
William D. Jordan
FROM THE PRESIDENT
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Our Annual meeting has always been marked by an outstanding educational program and this year will be no exception. Not surprisingly, we received a near record number of abstract submissions so that the Program Committee has selected a remarkable group of papers for presentation. In addition, the Postgraduate Course will provide a comprehensive carotid treatment update and a Special Topics session will be devoted to vascular access. As in the past, we will conduct a Mock Orals Examination for our Vascular Residents. I’m delighted that Dr. Tony Sidawy, President of the Society for Vascular Surgery and Editor of the Journal of Vascular Surgery, has accepted my invitation to be our Honored Guest Lecturer. His talk will focus on diabetic vascular disease.

I know of no other Society, national or regional, that holds more enjoyable and educationally valuable meetings than the SAVS, and I firmly believe that our 34th Annual Meeting will be the best ever. It’s one you really can’t afford to miss!

You cannot imagine what an honor it has been for me to serve as your President this year, and I thank you sincerely for the opportunity. My best wishes to all of you and your families for a wonderful holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to greeting you in the Bahamas in January.

Bruce A. Perler, MD

About the Resort (continued from page one)

Scope and scale of the project was mind-boggling: the world’s largest open-air marine environment of 11 million gallons, home to 50,000 sea creatures representing 200 species; lagoons and countless waterfalls; a spectacular Mayan Temple Waterslide complex; 6 swimming areas and a $15 million Marina.

The Caribbean’s largest casino is located in the Royal Towers and contains millions of dollars in art. The most notable are Temple of the Moon and Temple of the Sun by glass sculptor Dale Chihuly. The casino also offers a wall of windows, bringing light and the outdoors in.

Atlantis, Paradise Island continues to grow and has added the Cove Atlantis, the Reef Atlantis, Dolphin Cay - a 14-acre dolphin habitat and education center, Aquaventure-140 acres of waterscape, new conference space and the 30,000 square-foot flagship Mandara Spa.

Just some of the additional activities include:

- Golf at the Ocean Club Golf Course, an 18-hole, par 72 championship course, designed by Tom Weiskopf.
- The Fitness Center has everything you need to stay in shape on vacation, including the latest cardio and strength training equipment.
- Atlantis offers world-class shopping right here in paradise.
- For a creative diversion, visit the Earth & Fire Pottery Studio, a unique way to create lasting memories.
- Climber’s Rush is a state of the art climbing facility with 12 climbing surfaces offering a variety of options and difficulties.
- Gamer’s Reef is a wondrous ‘underwater’ world of entertainment where kids can enjoy video games and entertainment.
- Design, build and race your very own remote control race car or monster truck at Atlantis Speedway.

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2010 Annual Meeting Schedule at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010
6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite
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 21, 2010
6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. New Members Breakfast
6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Exhibits
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. Hospitality Suite
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Women’s Tennis Tournament
10:05 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Presidential Address
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. General Reception

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010
6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration
6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Exhibits
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Case Report Panel Discussion I
8:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Scientific Sessions
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Case Report Panel Discussion II
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. President’s Reception
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. President’s Banquet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010
6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Women’s Networking Breakfast
6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration
6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Exhibits
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. Special Topics Session
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Hospitality Suite
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

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2010 ANNUAL MEETING

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery will be held January 20-23, 2010 at the Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas. Details regarding the meeting and hotel registration information can be found online (http://savs.vascularweb.org). We encourage you to make your airline reservations early in order to secure the best possible fares and itinerary to this beautiful resort. Please remember, as well, that a passport is required to visit the Bahamas.

Postgraduate Course on a Current Vascular Topic

A postgraduate course will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 and will feature an update on carotid intervention. It will be moderated by Chip Sternbergh of New Orleans. Registration will be limited. Please contact the SAVS office at (978) 927-8330 or email: savs@prri.com for further details.

Mock Oral Board Examinations

Mock oral board examinations will be offered to individuals preparing for the Vascular Surgery Certifying Examination. Examinees should reside in the states comprising the SAVS region. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Thomas Huber at (352) 273-5515 or thomas.huber@surgery.ufl.edu.

Guests

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, an application form 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 following completion of training.

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.
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Social Events (included in Registration Fee)

GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, January 22 / 1:00 p.m.
Cable Beach Golf Club

TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Women’s Tournament - Thursday, January 21 / 9:30 a.m.
Men’s Tournament - Friday, January 22 / 1:00 p.m.
Resort Courts

Open to all skill levels, this fun event is a perfect way to mingle with colleagues. The Sporting Events are complimentary for anyone registered for the Annual Meeting but sign-up is required. Please sign up for the Golf or Tennis tournaments on the registration form.

5K FUN RUN
Thursday, January 21 / 6:30 a.m.
What a better way to start your day than a fun 5K run in Paradise. The run will start at 6:30 am at the Beach Bar. Enjoy cool refreshments and pick up your official Fun Run T-shirt after you cross the finish line.

WELCOME RECEPTION
Wednesday, January 20 / 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
The Welcome Reception offers a chance to renew old acquaintances and unwind on the Dig Deck.

GENERAL RECEPTION
Thursday, January 21 / 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Don’t miss the chance to relax after a day of scientific sessions on the Ripples Pool Deck.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION & BANQUET
Friday, January 22 / 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Please join us for the President’s Reception and Banquet. The evening will begin with a one-hour cocktail reception on the Royal Deck, followed by a plated dinner and entertainment in the elegant Crown Ballroom.