VESS NEWSLETTER

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VESS "Next Generation" Medical Student Symposium



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The Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) has become the preeminent society nationally for young vascular surgeons across academic, hospital-based, and private practice settings and therefore is committed to providing a forum to advance our field through education and scholarship. With attention to both the science (basic, translational, and clinical) and the art of vascular care (medical, open, and endovascular), VESS strives to facilitate the interchange of new knowledge while providing mentorship, leadership development, and advocacy on behalf of its membership.

These efforts are particularly relevant to not only the young vascular surgeon, but also the students and trainees who follow aspiring for a career in vascular surgery. Therefore, VESS is pleased to announce a new program at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Vail, CO called the *Next Generation Symposium*. This program is aimed at achieving the following programmatic goals:

- 1. To introduce medical students from around the country to the dynamic specialty of vascular surgery.
- 2. To embrace the students and make them feel part of the fellowship atmosphere of the VESS annual meeting.
- 3. To provide opportunity for meaningful interaction between the students and vascular surgery residents, fellows, and young faculty in attendance.
- 4. To share the latest research directing the future of our specialty.
- 5. To facilitate new opportunities for mentorship between the students and VESS members and leadership.
- 6. To provide practical guidance for the students such that they feel better prepared to make important career decisions.

The program will feature a combination of didactic lectures, small group sessions, and hands-on simulation to achieve these goals. There will be opportunity for open discussion of relevant questions and time for interaction between student and vascular trainees. In addition, ample opportunity will exist for spontaneous encounters between the students and VESS members throughout the weekend that are guaranteed to provide less formal, yet more impactful interaction. The Foundation for Vascular Innovation (FVI) will provide each student in attendance a **\$1000 scholarship** to defray the cost of travel to the meeting.

2018 ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

Plan to join us for the Annual Meeting in beautiful Vail, Colorado - February 1 - 4, 2018. An outstanding program has been planned – watch your mail for the Preliminary Program brochure. On-Line Registration is open on the VESS website – www.vesurgery.org.

HOTEL INFORMATION

HOTEL TALISA (Formerly Vail Cascades)

Discover Hotel Talisa, Vail's newest Alpine-Inspired luxury hotel and meeting destination debuting after a multi-million dollar transformation. Formerly the Vail Cascade Resort & Spa (and home to the VESS 2015 Annual Meeting), attendees are in for a treat. The VESS group discounted room rates were locked in prior to the transfer of ownership and renovations, giving our group the amazing opportunity to stay at this beautiful new hotel.



Rates are European plan (no meals included) and reflect single or double occupancy. Room rates are subject to tax (currently at 9.8%). In addition, a reduced daily resort fee of \$25.00 per room per night has been negotiated for VESS attendees. This fee includes access to Aria Spa & Club, sports, fitness & health facility, shuttle service to Lionshead and Vail Villages, in room coffee & tea service, in-room high speed internet access. Check-in time is 4:00pm. Check-out time is 12:00pm. Guests arriving before 4:00 pm will be accommodated as rooms become available.

HOTEL CUT-OFF DATE

Be sure to make your reservations early as rooms will sell out and the average room rate outside our meeting block will more than double. All reservations must be received no later than 5:00 pm (eastern) on Sunday, December 31, 2017. After this date or once the VESS block of rooms has sold out, the group rate cannot be guaranteed. Please Note: The VESS room block typically sells out prior to the posted deadline. We strongly suggest you book your room early. To make your reservation, contact: Hotel Talisa directly at 800-420-2424

VESS TECHNOLOGY FORUM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018 • 2:30 – 5:30 P.M.

The 2018 Tech Exchange will focus on broad vascular pathology and will showcase some of the best that industry has to offer! In addition to highlighting aortic endografts, peripheral and embolization technology and the latest in venous care, we will also be showcasing current and advanced capabilities in medical imaging. The emphasis of this program is for industry to provide insight into current and up-and-coming technology, as well as what treating physicians may see in the near future as it relates to developments in the pipeline. It will also provide opportunity for an intensive, hands-on experience in a small group format that provides a granular experience for the participating physicians.

The Next Generation Symposium is truly an investment in the future of our specialty by empowering the next generation of medical students to experience the clinical challenges, technological innovation, translational research, and fellowship that defines our important specialty. It requires a collaborative effort between medical schools, individual vascular surgeons, vascular societies like VESS, vascular surgical leadership, and industry partners alike to successfully recruit this country's "best and brightest" to our specialty.

VESS 2018 ANNUAL MEETING AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018

7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration 8:00 am – 9:00 am Fellows Breakfast

8:00 am – 12:00 pm VESS FELLOW PROGRAM (by invitation) 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Next Generation (Students Program)

10:30 am – 11:00 am Coffee Break

12:00 pm — 1:00 pm Fellows / Student Lunch Program

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm TECHNOLOGY FORUM - Broad Vascular Pathology - All welcome to attend 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm WELCOME RECEPTION - All attendees, guests & exhibitors are welcome

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

6:00 am – 7:00 am Continental Breakfast

6:00 am – 9:30 am Registration

7:00 am – 9:15 am SCIENTIFIC SESSION I 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration Re-Opens

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Coffee/Snacks – Visit Exhibits

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm SCIENTIFIC SESSION II

6:00 pm – 7:15 pm VESS MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

7:15 pm Free Evening

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018

6:00 am – 7:00 am Continental Breakfast

6:00 am - 9:30 am Registration

7:00 am – 9:00 am

8:50 am – 9:00 am

9:00 am – 9:45 am

SCIENTIFIC SESSION III

Introduction of the President

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Peter Nelson, MD

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration Re-Opens

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Coffee/Snacks – Last Chance to Visit Exhibits

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm SCIENTIFIC SESSION IV 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm PRESIDENT'S DINNER

All registered attendees are welcome to attend.

(Separate Subscription required)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

6:30 am – 7:00 am Continental Breakfast

6:30 am – 9:00 am Registration

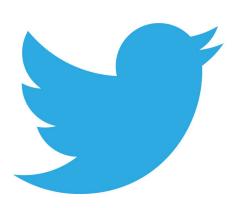
7:00 – 9:00 am SCIENTIFIC SESSION V 9:15 am Meeting Adjourns



What is @VESurgery?

What do Katy Perry, Justin Bieber, Barack Obama and VESS have in common?

They are all on Twitter!



While Katy Perry, Justin Bieber and Barack Obama are the top 3 most followed Twitter accounts with around 95-105 million followers, VESS currently has 48 followers (Mid October 2017). VESS planted its roots on Twitter in May 2017.

Other notable twitter accounts within our Vascular Surgery community include ISVS-2619 followers (@ISVSVascularSur), JVS-975 followers (@JVascSurg), SVS-1443 followers (@VascularSVS) and VEITHsymposium-2273 followers (@VEITHsymposium), Endovascular Today-5695 followers (@EVToday); while the American College of Surgery (@AmCollSurgeons) has 35,800 followers.

Other specialties, such as the Society of Interventional Radiology (@SIRspecialists) has 5418 followers and the American College of Cardiology has 43,500 followers. There are also several Vascular Surgery Departments/Divisions and prominent Vascular Surgeons with a few thousand followers- more than the SVS!

Healthcare participation through social media outlets like Doximity, Linkedin, Twitter or Facebook is certainly here to stay for the foreseeable future and VESS is proud to be part of it. **So, join us today on Twitter** (@VESurgery)!