



Peripheral Vascular  
Surgical Society

**PVSS at VAM — June 10-13, 2010**  
**Hynes Convention Center, Boston**

Registration for the VAM includes the PVSS concurrent breakout sessions.  
See [www.pvss.org](http://www.pvss.org) for the PVSS presentations.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

<[www.vascularweb.org](http://www.vascularweb.org)> to "Annual Vascular Meeting"  
Hotel Rates and Availability are guaranteed until May 12, 2010

**PVSS SESSIONS**

**Friday, June 11, 1:30-6:00 pm, Room 210, Hynes Convention Center**  
1:30 pm: Norman M. Rich Military Vascular Surgery Paper  
5:30 pm: PVSS Academic Award Papers  
**Saturday, June 12, 1:30-5:00 pm, Room 210, Hynes Convention Center**

**BANQUET**

*Honoring Dr. Karl Illig, President*

**Friday, June 11 in Commonwealth Room, Sheraton Boston**

7:00 pm: Strolling reception/dinner  
9:00 pm: Desserts and the program

PLEASE RSVP to <[Carol@dmccompanies.com](mailto:Carol@dmccompanies.com)>

**BUSINESS LUNCH**

**Saturday, June 12, Noon in Republic A, Sheraton Boston**

*Keep up to date on the latest news by attending the Business Meeting Lunch  
and give voice to your opinions...votes include new members & candidates,  
bylaws changes, and the new executive roster.*

PLEASE RSVP to <[Carol@dmccompanies.com](mailto:Carol@dmccompanies.com)>

**PVSS MEMBERS REMINDER**

When you fill out the VAM registration form be sure to check the YES box reflecting  
your PVSS membership. It is the last question under "Physicians Only."



## President's Corner



Hopefully everyone has gotten out of the operating room enough to realize that it's springtime again! It's an interesting time in medicine, with the residents approaching their highest level of achievement and the next group getting ready to start the process all over again.

In the vascular world it means we are looking forward to the annual Spring Meeting. For the past several years the PVSS has been fully integrated into the VAM, with two afternoon sessions on Friday and Saturday. This year marked a change in our abstract selection process, as we were invited to join the SVS program committee and together work on creating the best possible overall program. Abstracts this year were considered together, with all those not accepted for the SVS plenary session preferentially accepted (if so designated) for the PVSS. Because our membership is, by definition, younger, many of our contributors have a limited time for research and we thus reserved eight slots for "late-breaking" results. In total, 15 papers were accepted through the new joint SVS-PVSS January deadline process, 8 via the later deadline, and the Norman Rich paper from the military group. We are interested in our members' feedback as to whether this process is working well, or whether all papers should simply be accepted through the joint SVS-PVSS program committee.

This year's meeting promises to be as fun as ever. In addition to the paper sessions on Friday and Saturday afternoons, the banquet will take place Friday night at the Sheraton and the business luncheon Saturday at noon (at which time the new officers will be announced and new members introduced). I look forward to seeing all of you in Boston!

Sincerely,

Karl A. Illig, M.D.  
*President, PVSS*

## Spring Program Committee Update

This year's spring PVSS meeting promises to be an exciting array of presentations. From TEVAR to veins, dialysis access to tibial interventions, vascular trauma to vascular education and all things in between will highlight the spring meeting this year in Boston, MA June 11-12. The Program Committee had a difficult task narrowing the meeting to 24 presentations after reviewing more than 240 abstracts for the final PVSS program. Thanks to all who helped on the committee. We look forward to some wonderful presentations and lively discussions. See you in Boston!

Amy B Reed, MD  
*PVSS Program Committee Chair*



## Vascular Resident Issues Committee Update

It is an exciting time for vascular surgery residencies. The recent match was an all time record for number of students matching into vascular residencies. We look forward to their involvement in our PVSS Facebook page.

The focus of our committee is to continue to encourage interest in vascular surgery amongst all potential applicants. At the recent Winter Meeting, the committee proposed several new initiatives to expose medical students and college students accepted to medical school. The first step is for all PVSS members to look for opportunities to mentor the potential vascular surgeons of tomorrow. More to come on the Facebook and PVSS webpages in the near future.

Benjamin Pearce, M.D.

## Website Committee Update

"PVSS plans to debut its updated website in time for this year's Vascular Annual Meeting. The new PVSS logo and modern page layouts will provide a fresh look for the website, and enhance its functionality for members. Standing out among the new features are a continuously updated front-page menu of important links, the new case image library, and online access to Powerpoint presentations from recent meetings. Look for it in June!"

Patrick Geraghty, M.D.

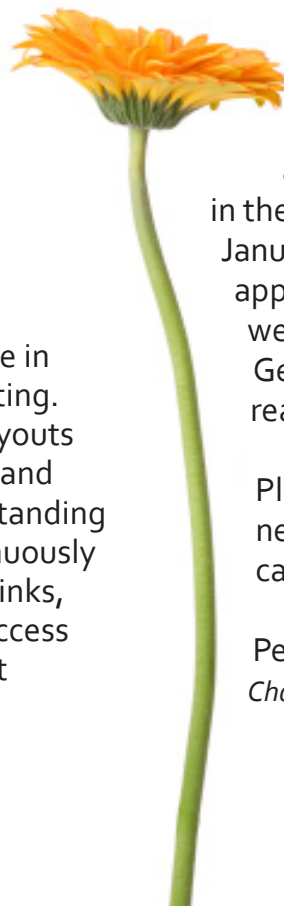
## PVSS Research Awards Alive and Well!

The Grants and Scholarships Committee would like to update the Membership on our Faculty and Trainee Research Grants process. In cooperation with the Fundraising Committee, funds have been secured to support two research grants for the coming year - one each for a faculty PVSS Member and a trainee Candidate PVSS Member - each providing \$14,500 in research support. This year we had a record number of applications. The breadth, sophistication, potential for impact, and overall quality of the applications was uniformly superb making the review and selection process very difficult. I'd like to personally thank the Committee members Tom Maldonado, Sean Roddy, Vik Kashyap, Jon Eliason, and Matt Corriere for their effort in reviewing and scoring the applications, and Carol Long for coordinating the entire process. Two outstanding winners were selected and have been personally notified of their award. The formal announcements and presentations will come at the Spring meeting in Boston. Please come to hear which of your colleagues are doing exceptional work and help us congratulate them!

As a reminder, research in any discipline – i.e. basic science, translational research, clinical outcomes, or education – is eligible and will be equally considered for these awards. We anticipate accepting applications for the 2011 awards in the Fall with a final submission deadline of 7 January 2011. The details of the grant and the application process can be found on the PVSS website (<http://www.pvss.org/grant.htm>). Get your project ideas going now and be ready to apply for next year's awards!

Please forward any questions to me at [peter.nelson@surgery.ufl.edu](mailto:peter.nelson@surgery.ufl.edu) or Carol Long at [carol@dmccompanies.com](mailto:carol@dmccompanies.com).

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*Chairman, Grants and Scholarships Committee*



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## Residents' and Fellows' Corner

I joined the PVSS because Dr. Karthikeshwar Kasirajan and Dr. Matt Corriere at Emory University encouraged me to. They felt that the PVSS had contributed significantly to their early careers by hastening their incorporation into the fabric of the vascular surgery community. It is a forum in which a young fellow or academic surgeon could present their data to a set of peers and at the same time meet the upcoming generation of leaders of our field in a more informal setting than other meetings provided. That was great advice!

I've been fortunate to have presented Dr Kasirajan's data at the PVSS meetings in Denver and Vail. I am very happy to have made the decision to join the PVSS because it fulfilled every expectation I had of being critiqued yet encouraged. Also, the PVSS dinners and events are great fun to attend! I remember the reception Denver had ladies dressed as fruit bowls, a walking portrait, a magician, and other unusual things that we don't see at most academic meetings. The Vail meeting was also a lot of fun - really interesting with very relevant presentations and after that everyone enjoyed themselves on the slopes. I look forward to continuing participation in PVSS meetings as I transition to an attending in July.

Naren Gupta, MD, PhD  
Vascular Surgery Fellow  
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