

22nd Annual Winter Meeting & Young Vascular Surgeon's Forum

The Winter Meeting of the PVSS will be January 27-29, 2012 in Vail, Colorado. Building on the successes of past years, we have an excellent program scheduled including scientific presentations on all aspects of vascular surgery, including treatment of aortic aneurysms, peripheral occlusive disease, venous disorders, and dialysis access. This will be a great opportunity for clinical and scientific advancement, as well as a chance to reacquaint with friends and make new ones. As in past years, the meeting schedule affords the opportunity to take advantage of all that Vail has to offer!

For Vascular Surgery fellows, we have an industry-sponsored session to be held on Thursday, January 26, that will focus on the transition from training to practice, and feature lively case discussions among fellows and faculty PVSS members. I hope you take the time to join us in Vail.

2012 PVSS Winter Meeting

January 27-29, 2012
Marriott Vail Mountain Resort
Vail, Colorado

Make Your Hotel Reservations ASAP
1-800-266-9432 or use the

ACCOMMODATIONS link on the website <www.pvss.org>

SAVE THE DATE

Critical Deadline:
Ski Lift Tickets – January 3, 2012



President's Corner

by Martin Back, MD



It's turning out to be a busy Fall for the PVSS. Planning for the Winter Annual meeting in Vail, Colorado Jan 26 - 29, 2012 is coming together nicely. Winter Program Chair Bob Feezor is putting final touches on a great scientific session and Saturday afternoon challenging case presentations. We have opened up the number of presentations at the winter meeting with preserved discussion time to increase attendee participation. With generous support from Cook Medical, we will again be having a Thursday afternoon fellows and residents symposium focusing on young surgeon practice issues and complex case management. We are beginning a partnership with the Society of Vascular Nursing and have invited them to be part of our annual Winter meeting as well.

Thanks to the efforts of Vik Kashyap, the Foundation for Vascular Innovation (FVI) has been formed and will serve as an institutional adjunct to help PVSS efforts in supporting educational grants/awards and expanding industry partnership. I look forward to seeing you all in Vail.

Regards,

Martin

Once again, the Spring Program Committee is pleased to announce that the abstract submission process for the spring PVSS meeting will involve dual consideration between the SVS and PVSS for this year's VAM. Based upon the quality of last year's program, our committee strives to continue this trend through the selection process. As a reminder, based upon selections by program committees composed of members of both organizations, approximately fifteen (15) abstracts will be selected for presentation during the PVSS session from the abstracts submitted to SVS. The remainder of the program will consist of presentations selected from abstracts submitted separately or specifically for the PVSS session. All members are encouraged to submit their work for consideration.

Spring Abstract Deadlines

Abstract submission for
the Vascular Annual
Meeting (VAM)

For authors wishing to submit work to be considered for both SVS and PVSS programs:

1. When submitting an abstract for SVS <<http://svs2012.abstractcentral.com>> that is also to be considered for PVSS, it is critical to check the box in Step 3. This notation serves as designation for dual consideration.
2. If this designation is not specifically noted, the abstract will not be considered for the PVSS session.
3. If your abstract is not selected for PVSS sessions, it must be resubmitted to PVSS for consideration (see below).
4. Abstract submission opens November 1, 2011, 9:00AM ET.
5. Deadline for submission to SVS is January 3, 2012, 11:59 PM ET.

For authors wishing to submit abstracts to be considered for PVSS session only:

1. Those abstracts not selected by the joint SVS/PVSS program committee will be further considered in addition to abstracts submitted by authors seeking consideration by only the PVSS committee. These additional abstracts must be submitted online at <www.pvss.org> beginning on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.
2. Deadline for submission to PVSS is Thursday, February 23, 2012, 11:59 PM PT.

If any questions or additional concerns arise, please contact Alexandra Cheadle (alexandra@DMCcompanies.com) for further assistance. On behalf of the members of the Spring Program Committee, we look forward to compiling yet another quality program for the PVSS membership and hope to see everyone in Washington, DC.

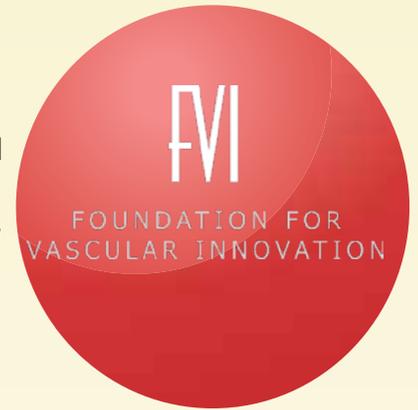
Philip Goodney, MD

Foundation for Vascular Innovation

Dear Colleague,

With great enthusiasm we announce the formation of a new Foundation to support educational and research activities in the area of vascular disease and treatment. The goals of the Foundation for Vascular Innovation (FVI) are:

1. Foster research activities among vascular surgeons, surgeon-scientists, trainees in vascular disease and medical students.
2. Provide grants for research endeavors, training, and career development.
3. Engage with medical industry partners to promote research and innovation in vascular disease and treatment.



The FVI will work closely with the Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society (PVSS) in choosing worthwhile research programs to support via grants. In addition, the FVI will support young vascular surgeons and trainees in obtaining outstanding training at scientific meetings and via targeted travel to centers of excellence in vascular treatment.

The current Annual Awards and Scholarships that are administered by the PVSS will be now a prime function of the FVI.

1. **Academic Awards for Research and Discovery:** \$14,500 Junior Faculty, and \$14,500 Trainee Awards
2. **PVSS Spring Meeting** (in conjunction with the Society for Vascular Surgery) **Travel Grant:** \$1,500 (2) for the highest ranking scientific abstract presenters
3. **PVSS Winter Meeting Travel Grant:** \$1,500 (2) for the highest ranking scientific abstract presenters

The FVI plans to expand research support to worthy applicants in order to foster new discoveries and innovations in the area of treatment of cerebrovascular, aneurysm, occlusive and venous diseases that afflict many of our patients. We hope that you can join us by supporting the FVI.

Please email or call Suzanne Wyatt <Suzanne@dmccompanies.com> or Carol Long <carol@dmccompanies.com>, 831-373-0508 for more information.



We want to thank you in advance for supporting the Foundation for Vascular Innovation. Your tax-deductible contribution will lead to worthwhile progress in vascular treatment.

Sincerely yours,

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PVSS 2012 Grant Deadline

The PVSS is excited to offer two grants again this year for research or clinical training, one for faculty, and one for a fellow, resident, or student. Applications for each \$14,500 award are due **March 1, 2012**. The grants and scholarship committee reviewed a large number of well written applications last year, and we would like to encourage the PVSS membership to build on that success this year by encouraging trainees to explore new ideas and submit their applications.

The instructions for grant applications are listed on the PVSS website.

Matthew Corriere, MD