



MEET THE ESVS

Belgrade
30-31 Oct 2022



DEAR COLLEAGUES, DEAR FRIENDS AND GUESTS,

Welcome to the one of its kind event organized by the Serbian Society for Cardiovascular Surgery and European Society for Vascular Surgery. Our national society has organized different events in the past 21 years and joint sessions with other important societies in our field, both on national and international level. The present event is continuation of our activities and also result of our extensive collaboration with the ESVS where more than 90% of our vascular members accepted membership in ESVS and gained a lot of benefits that membership in ESVS is offering.

In the last five years our Society has organized different formats of educational events, from our national congress that is held every three years to disease focused symposium or hands-on workshops. After several on-line events during the COVID time, at the end of the 2021 we were already back to face to face events with our 9th National congress that was attended by more than 400 cardiac and vascular surgeons, medical technicians, nurses and perfusionists. This year our Society already organized two cardiac events, BELVIS and Coronary summit, with together more than 200 attendees. This is not our last event for this year, just on 01.-02.November, we are also hosting an ESVS event in Crowne plaza hotel, „Basic ultrasound course“ and on 25-26.11.2022 we are organizing a symposium on chronic venous disease.

The Meet the ESVS meeting is made in order to provide expert talks, open important controversial topics through round table discussions and stimulate our trainee members to improve in the field of research. Experts invited to deliver hot topics are representing either ESVS or national societies in the region that accepted our invitation. We sent invitations to all national societies in the region to nominate one or two experts in vascular and endovascular surgery and we are thankful to those who accepted (vascular societies of Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and North Macedonia). Expert talks are limited to five minutes and then more five minutes are reserved for discussion in order to leave enough time to exchange opinions and learn more from our expert speakers. Round tables are opening controversial topics that are important for treatment of vascular patients however they are difficult to organize, like screening, registries and education, or not sufficiently accepted in clinical practice like clinical guidelines. Finally in cooperation with EVST (European Vascular Surgeons in Training) we organized one workshop about suturing vascular anastomosis and two sessions dedicated to research and education. In the program you will have the opportunity to hear more about an artificial intelligence tool to stratify patients with carotid stenosis that is under development in EU project „Taxinomisis“ where University of Belgrade is one of the partner.

We are thankful to all attendees in this meeting and wish you nice and productive stay in Belgrade. Organizing committee of the Meet the ESVS meeting.

Igor Končar
Member of the Executive
Committee of the Serbian Society
for Cardiovascular Surgery

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Sunday 30th October

Room Mediterranean&Adriatic

09.00 - 13.00h	Workshop: Cardiovascular anastomosis organized by Serbian Society for Cardiovascular Surgery (learn and improve your skills under the tutorship of experience cardiac and vascular surgeons by working on models)
13.00 - 14.00h	Lunch break
14.00 - 15.00h	Presentation of the artificial intelligence stratification tool for patients with carotid disease
15.00 - 19.00h	EVST session (European Vascular Surgeons in Training)
15.00 - 17.00h	Training in vascular surgery (overseas experience, methods, curriculums, virtual reality etc.)
17.00 - 17.30h	Coffee break
17.30 - 19.30h	Research in vascular medicine- how to improve it and adjust to other educational activities

Monday 31st October

Room Pacific

07.30 - 08.30h	Registration
08.30 - 09.00h	Opening ceremony
09.00 - 10.15h	Aortic session (5 min invited talks + 5 min discussion)
10.15 - 10.30h	Industry symposium (Shapemem company)
10.30 - 11.00h	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.00h	APPLICATION OF GUIDELINES IN CLINICAL PRACTICE Round table
12.00 - 12.45h	REGISTRIES IN VASCULAR SURGERY Round table
12.45 - 13.30h	SCREENING IN VASCULAR SURGERY Round table
13.30 - 14.30h	Lunch break
14.30 - 15.30h	EDUCATION IN VASCULAR SURGERY Round table
15.30 - 17.00h	CAROTID disease (5 min invited talks + 5 min discussion)
17.00 - 17.30h	Coffee break
17.30 - 19.00h	PAOD session (5 min invited talks + 5 min discussion)
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BULGARIAN NATIONAL SOCIETY OF VASCULAR AND ENDOVASCULAR SURGERY

Bulgarian national society of vascular and endovascular surgery was established in 1993. For almost 30 years we have had more than 200 members – vascular surgeons, cardiac surgeons, angiologists, radiologists and other invasive specialties. BNSVES strives to be the major driving force for both scientific and practical activities of every vascular and endovascular specialist by organizing national and international meetings, workshops etc. Our main goal is promoting vascular disease awareness among people and proper, thorough management of this socially and economically significant burden.



Hellenic Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery HSVES

The Hellenic Vascular Surgery Society (<https://www.vascularsociety.gr/>), which later was renamed as the Hellenic Society for Vascular and Endovascular Surgery (HSVES), was founded in November 1981 in Athens-Greece. The founder and first president of the Society was Professor Panagiotis Balas. Purposes of the HSVES is to promote the Vascular surgery specialty in Greece, to improve the integration of vascular surgery advances into medical practice and to maintain high standards of care in patients with vascular diseases. To achieve these scopes, the HSVES organizes meetings, lectures, post-educational courses, and other scientific events independently or in collaboration with other relatives Greek or foreign scientific societies and provides grants to the young junior members. The Greek Society is member of the European Society for Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. The Hellenic Vascular Registry (HEVAR, <https://vascularregistry.gr/registry>) runs under the auspices of the Hellenic Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. Since May 2019, HEVAR has been a member of Vascunet (<https://esvs.org/science/vascunet>). The Society currently has approximately 350 members. Elected president of the Society (2021- 2023) is George Geroulakos and General Secretary Konstantinos Moulakakis.



The Hungarian Society for Angiology and Vascular Surgery was established in 1966 by vascular surgeons and angiologists. Since then these two specialties have been working in close cooperation for the best interests of patients with peripheral arterial disease and venous disease. As treatment strategies of vascular diseases have changed and multidisciplinary approach has developed, our society expanded and we built close cooperation with other societies e.g. interventional vascular radiologists, cardiologists, diabetes specialists. We have a national congress biannually and continuously strengthen our relationship with international organizations such as ESVS, Vascunet. We also emphasize creating strong connections between the societies of our neighbouring countries.



The Romanian Society for Vascular Surgery (SRCV) was founded in 2013 with the aim of harmonizing the treatment, protocols and guidelines in all the vascular centers in Romania <http://www.srcv.ro/>. The purpose is to improve the quality of vascular treatment and to update the training for future vascular surgeons. Counting 117 surgeons and trainees, the Romanian Society is an integrated part of ESVS, being one of the most represented societies. Our members are present as representatives in the ESVS committees (European Section and Board of Vascular Surgery or ESVT, ESVS Academy and Vascunet). The Romanian Society for Vascular Surgery had the leading role in establishing the Committee of Vascular Surgery at Romanian Medical Council, one of the main factors in the decision-making process.

Between the 19th-21st of October, 2022, the fifth Annual Meeting of the Romanian Society for Vascular Surgery will be held in Sibiu, Romania www.srcv-events.ro. Among the meeting's highlights are five courses: Carotid Ultrasound, Venous Ultrasound, Basic Endovascular Surgery, Basic Suturing Skills In Vascular Surgery, Wound Management. We are also delighted to have amongst us a number of keynote lecturers well renowned in the European vascular community. We take this opportunity to invite all vascular surgeons to attend!



DRUŠTVO SOCIETY OF
ŽILNIH KIRURGOV VASCULAR SURGEONS
SLOVENIJE OF SLOVENIA

The Society of Vascular Surgeons of Slovenia was founded in June 2007 with the aim of »...preserving, protecting and improving the health of patients with vascular pathology and advancing knowledge, skills, and research in the field of vascular surgery«. But since at that time vascular surgery was not acknowledged as a separate surgical specialty in Slovenia this was also set as a major goal of the Society. The first president was prof. Vojko Flis who organized a remarkable vascular center at his University hospital in Maribor, where surgeons from other general hospitals came to improve their vascular skills and knowledge. Another honorable member of the Society, prof. Tomislav Klokočovnik from the University Clinical Center of Ljubljana made also a great contribution to the vascular society by mentoring many general surgeons who struggled to enter the field of carotid and aortic surgery. In 2012 the president elected became prof. Mladen Gasparini who is also the actual president. With the help of supporting vascular friends from the USA (prof. Igor Gregorič), EU (prof. Michael Jacobs), and from the Slovenian vascular community he started a winding path toward the affirmation of vascular surgery as an independent specialty. He succeeded in 2018 when the specialization was formally acknowledged and the first residents started their uncertain path toward a modern vascular specialist. Today the Society is composed of 43 specialists and 11 residents. Every year a national meeting is organized with the aim of presenting and debating different scientific and organizational aspects of the complex vascular reality.



Serbian Society for Cardiovascular Surgery – SSCVS, was founded in Belgrade, on the 14th December 2001. Founding initiative came from surgeons affiliated at Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases, UC Clinical Centre of Serbia, and was kindly supported by distinguished colleagues, from other important national institutions. Nowadays SSCVS has almost 200 members, cardiac, vascular surgeons but also angiologists, anesthetist and other colleagues dedicated to treatment of cardiovascular patients. During previous twenty years SSCVS organized nine congresses and more than ten other events, workshops, dedicated seminars etc. One its kind is the last event called "Meet the ESVS in Serbia" which is joint session with European Society for Vascular Surgery. SSCVS has also previous history of common sessions with European Society for Cardiovascular Surgery and has agreement with International Union of Angiology. At the moment SSCVS is promoting screening of abdominal aortic aneurysm, support SerbVasc national registry for vascular procedures. Collaboration with Societies in the region is on the list of future plans of this Society.

Sunday 30.10.2022. Room Mediterranean&Adriatic	
09.00-13.00	<p>WORKSHOP: CARDIO AND VASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS TREBA PREPISATI ONAJ TAKST IZ TABELA SA STRANE 4 Faculty: Ivan Marjanovic, Nikola Ilic, Andreja Dimic, Nebojsa Budakov, Predrag Matic</p>
13.00-14.00	LUNCH
14.00-15.00	<p>Presentation of the artificial intelligence Risk stratification tool for patients with carotid disease developed in the project Taxinomis</p> <p>TAXINOMISIS project aims to develop a new concept for the carotid artery disease stratification by analyzing the pathobiology of symptomatic plaques, identifying disease mechanisms and developing a novel risk stratification model. To achieve this goal clinical and personalized data, plaque and cerebral image processing, computational modelling and novel biomarkers for high versus low risk states will be employed. This approach will be the first of its kind in the cardiovascular disease and will have a strong “personalized” element, exploring the biology of atherosclerotic plaques and biomarkers in the same patient, combined with heterogeneous individual/patient-specific clinical, imaging and demographic information. TAXINOMISIS will deliver, as a main outcome, a software platform entitled the Risk Stratification Tool, which can perform the risk stratification. The first version of the Risk Stratification Tool has been established based on a 3-level approach aiming to provide new knowledge on the existing gaps of the Standard of Care. The TAXINOMISIS platform integrates different models at each level and more specifically machine learning models, the plaque growth model, the blood flow model, the plaque rupture model and the agent-based model based on retrospective data which have been available among the TAXINOMISIS partners, data from the prospective clinical study (baseline and follow-up visits), as well as input from specialized biological analyses performed for the needs of the project.</p>
15.00-17.00h	<p>EVST SESSION I – TRAINING IN VASCULAR SURGERY Format: Invited lectures Duration: 5 minutes presentation + 5 minutes discussion Moderators: Slobodan Tanasković, Liliana Domingos, Petar Zlatanovic, Mihailo Neskovic</p>
	<p>Keynote lecture: What can we learn from the training programs in United States? Adam Tanious, (online) USA</p> <p>Keynote lecture: What can we learn from training programs in United Kingdom? Natalie Condie, (online) UK</p> <p>Training from ESVS perspective, is there a minimum that every trainee in Europe can accomplish? Stefano Ancetti, Italy</p> <p>Online possibilities for education in vascular surgery, Adina Trusca, Romania</p> <p>Simulators and models in vascular surgery, Slobodan Pesic, Serbia</p> <p>Cadaveric labs in vascular surgery, Marton Berczeli, Hungary</p> <p>Abroad fellowship is still a fantastic experience! Dimitros Chaidaroglou, Greece</p>

	<p>Radiation protection education during training, Liliana Domingos, (online) Portugal</p> <p>Virtual reality, a new emerging tool for education in vascular surgery, Aleksandra Vujcic, Serbia</p> <p>Influence of COVID-19 on vascular surgery training, Klaudija Hriberski, Croatia</p> <p>Vascular surgery training in Serbia, can we do better? Mihailo Neskovic, Serbia</p>
17.00-17.30	Coffee break
17.30-19.15	<p>EVST SESSION II – RESEARCH IN VASCULAR MEDICINE</p> <p>Format: invited lectures</p> <p>Duration: 5 minutes presentation + 5 minutes discussion</p> <p>Moderators: Marko Dragas, Stefano Ancetti, Petar Zlatanovic, Rasa Zoranovic</p>
	<p>Keynote lecture:</p> <p>What can we learn from research program in Netherlands? Natalija Bogunovic, Netherlands</p> <p>Keynote lecture:</p> <p>What can we learn from the research programs in United States? Cindy Huynh, (online) USA</p> <p>STARSurg/GlobalSurg/EuroSurg, how do unite trainees and students together in science? Marton Berczeli, Hungary</p> <p>What can we learn from the Vascular and Endovascular Research Network (VERN) collaboration? Lewis Meecham, ((online) UK</p> <p>European Research Collaborative Network, where are we now? Petar Zlatanovic, Serbia</p> <p>Biobanks and tissue database in vascular surgery, Dimitros Chaidaroglou, Greece</p> <p>Abdominal aortic aneurysm biomechanics, Milos Sladojevic, Serbia</p> <p>Scholarships and grants for research in vascular surgery, Adina Trusca, Romania</p> <p>Doing research in Croatia, what can we improve? Klaudija Hriberski, Croatia</p>

Monday 31.10.2022 Room Pacific	
08.00-08.30	Registration
08.30-09.00	Opening ceremony
09.00-10.15	SESSION I – AORTIC PATHOLOGY Format: Invited lectures Duration: 5 minutes presentation + 5 minutes discussion Moderators: Nikola Ilic, Philippe Kohl, Konstantinos Moulakakis
	09.00-09.05 Predictors of early and follow-up EVAR failure with currently available endografts, Mauro Gargiulo , Italy
09.05-09.10	Indication for open AAA repair in the endovascular era, Lazar Davidovic , Serbia
09.10-09.20	Discussion
09.20-09.25	Rupture after EVAR. Incidence, Outcome and Treatment, Konstantinos Moulakakis , Greece
09.25-09.30	Hospital logistics and organization in establishing an endovascular service for RAAAs, Christos Karkos (online) , Greece
09.30-09.40	Discussion
09.40-09.45	In-hospital results of the treatment of infrarenal aortic aneurysms - results from the Hungarian National Vascular Registry (2010–2019), Zoltan Szeberin , Hungary
09.45-09.50	Discussion
09.50-09.55	Minilaparotomy for treating AAA is still alive, Mladen Gasparini , Slovenia
09.55-10.00	Discussion
10.00-10.05	Preclinical investigations for AAA, Natalia Bogunovic , Netherlands
10.05-10.10	Discussion
10.15-10.30	INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM - Shapemem Prevention of endoleak type II, Theodosius Bisdas , Greece, ONLINE PRESENTATION
10.30.-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.00	ROUND TABLE SESSION ROUND TABLE – APPLICATION OF GUIDELINES IN CLINICAL PRACTICE Moderators: GJ de Borst, V.Petrov, M.Marković
	Introduction– How guidelines are made, GJ de Borst , Netherlands (online)- 5 minutes EVAR for RAAAs: guidelines and real-world practice, C.Karkos (online) , Greece - 5 minutes Discussion 40 minutes
12.00-13.30	ROUND TABLE SESSION Moderators: Frederico Bastos Goncalves, Zoltan Szeberin, Slobodan Tanasković
12.00-12.45	Topic 1. ROUND TABLE - NATIONAL REGISTRIES AND VASCUNET The role of ESVS Vascunet in development of registries, Christian Behrendt , Germany Commentaries: SerbVasc registry, Igor Koncar , Serbia National registry in Greece, Konstantinos Moulakakis National registry in Hungary, Z.Szeberin , Hungary National registry in Bulgaria, N.Nikolov , Bulgaria Discussion 20 minutes
12.45-13.30	Topic 2. ROUND TABLE – NATIONAL SCREENING PROGRAM

	The effect of not screening for AAA in Portuguese population, Frederico Bastos Goncalves , Portugal Commentary: Screening program in Hungary, Zsolt Palásthy , Hungary Pilot screening in one county hospital in Serbia, Vanja Kunkin , Serbia Discussion 25 minutes
13.30-14.30	LUNCH
14.30-15.30	ROUND TABLE SESSION – EDUCATION
	Moderators: Stephano Ancetti, Petar Zlatanovic, Zoltan Szeberin
14.30-14.40	How to publish in EJVES, Philippe Kohl , Belgium
14.40-15.00	Discussion
15.00-15.10	What are educational modalities available for trainees?, Stefano Ancetti , Italy
15.10-15.20	How much open surgery should a young vascular trainee do?, Veselin Petrov , Bulgaria
15.20-15.30	Discussion
15.30-17.00	SESSION – CAROTID ARTERY DISEASE Format: Invited lectures Duration: 5 minutes presentation + 5 minutes discussion
	Moderators: Maarit Venermo, Marko Dragas, Vesko Petkov
15.30-15.35	The changes in treatment approach for carotid near occlusion, GJ de Borst (Netherlands) (online)
15.35-15.40	Discussion
15.40-15.45	Carotid surgery in Serbia – results from SerbVasc registry, Marko Dragas , Serbia
15.45-15.50	Discussion
15.50-15.55	Early carotid endarterectomy, pros and cons, Vladimir Manojlovic , Serbia
15.55-16.00	Discussion
16.00-16.05	Carotid and coronary pathology- actual strategy, Ionel Droc (online) , Romania
16.05-16.10	Discussion
16.10-16.15	Why did we change to perform CEA from general to locoregional anesthesia? Zsolt Palásthy , Hungary
16.15-16.20	Discussion
16.20-16.25	Carotid artery stent acute thrombosis. Incidence, Outcome and Treatment, Konstantinos Moulakakis , Greece
16.20-16.25	Discussion
16.30-16.35	Postconditioning in carotid surgery - first in human study, Nenad Ilijevski , Serbia
16.35-16.40	Discussion
16.40-16.45	The role of Vortex technique in carotid revascularization – long term results, Zoran Rancic , Switzerland
16.50-16.55	Discussion
16.50-16.55	Hybrid carotid interventions - our experience, Nadelin Nikolov , Bulgaria
16.55-17.00	Discussion
17.00-17.30	Coffee break
17.30-18.45	SESSION - PAOD Format: Invited lectures Lecture duration: 5 minutes presentation + 5 minutes discussion
	Moderators: Vladimir Manojlović, Mladen Gasparini, Konstantinos Moulakakis
17.30-17.35	When we need to respect angiosome concept?, Maarit Venermo , Finland
17.35-17.40	Discussion
17.40-17.45	IVUS in aorto-iliac revascularization, Frederico Bastos Goncalves , Portugal
17.45-17.50	Discussion

17.50-17.55	Treatment of popliteal artery aneurysms results from Serbian hospitals, Aleksandar Zarić , Serbia
17.55-18.00	Discussion
18.00-18.05	Treatment of PAD in Serbia, review of SerbVasc registry, Slobodan Tanaskovic , Serbia
18.05-18.10	Discussion
18.10-18.15	The curiosity of native, Nikola Lazovski , Northern Macedonia
18.15-18.20	Discussion
18.20-18.25	The role of endovascular lithotripsy in endovascular treatment of femoro-popliteal lesions Vladimir Cvetic , Serbia
18.25-18.30	Discussion
18.30-18.35	Tumor in inferior cava vein, Aleksandar Tomić , Serbia
18.35-18.40	Discussion
18.45-19.00	Wrap up

CARE OF THE DIABETIC FOOT – MEDTRONIC SYMPOSIUM



Moderators: Dr Vladimir Cvetic, Dr Bogdan Crnokrak

13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:15	Wound management: what is essential & latest discovery in wound care	Dr Andreja Dimic
14:15-14:30	Tips and tricks for effective and successful directional atherectomy Atherectomy Plus DCB vs Drug-Coated Balloon Only for Treatment of Fem/Pop Artery Lesions in diabetic patients	Dr Vladimir Cvetic
14:45-15:00	New Guidelines for diagnosing PAD in the diabetic foot Strategies for vascular reconstruction in the diabetic foot	Dr Bogdan Crnokrak
15:00-15:15	BTK and ATK Application of Chocolate™ Balloon	Dr Marko Stankovic
15:15-15:30	Pedal arch angioplasty and beyond Complex BTK case report	Dr Davor Mrda

ESVS ACADEMY

From what was formerly known as the Education and Training Committee, the ESVS Academy was born, chaired by Jonas Eiberg until 2019 and later by Ramon Vila Coll. The Academy is dedicated mostly to hands-on education and the organisation of workshops throughout the year. During the pandemic hands-on sessions were transformed into online ones, however in 2022 the Academy was able to bring back its face to face element, with 72 events were organised both online and onsite, involving 254 faculty members and almost 1000 participants. Education in the Academy is divided in six different Pathways (Aortic, Carotid, Peripheral, Venous, Vascular Access A and Academic) crossed with approaches like open, endovascular, ultrasound and vascular medicine. The ESVS Academy also provides the CCVUS: Certification of Competencies in Vascular Ultra Sound, with examinations held during each ESVS Annual Meeting. The next CCVUS examination will be organised during the 37th Annual Meeting, held in Belfast in 2023. Since 2022 the new chair of the ESVS Academy is Igor Koncar and new workshops are there to come. ESVS members can benefit from reduced registration fees at all Academy events.

VASCUNET

VASCUNET is a collaboration of clinical and administrative vascular registries, administered and partly funded by the ESVS. VASCUNET was established to improve the quality, safety and effectiveness of vascular healthcare in Europe and Australasia. More than 40 members from 26 different countries work together within this growing research and quality improvement collaboration, with several reports and original articles having been published to date.

VASCUNET was established in 1997 at the ESVS Annual Meeting in Lisbon (Portugal). The participants of this first meeting (T. Troëng, M. Björck, I. Thomson, et al.) achieved a consensual agreement that there should be a common European minimal dataset for vascular registries and an organising committee was set up to organise a session at the meeting for presentation of national vascular registries. During the following 23 years (1997-2020), this open-minded collaboration grew rapidly to a global network active in real-world evidence! The VASCUNET committee comprises 1-2 representatives from national or regional quality improvement registries, lead by a Secretary, a Chair and a Co-chair of the United States Vascular Quality Initiative (VQI). Currently, there are several ongoing projects and data collections organised by the VASCUNET committee. According to the organisational structure of the committee, the projects are linked

GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

In 2013, the European Society for Vascular Surgery founded a new committee dedicated to the creation of guidelines of good clinical practice. This Guidelines Committee was chaired by Philippe Kolh, now President of the ESVS, with a committed team of experts in the field. Standardised methodology, timelines and other rules were established and the first topics chosen. Since then 12 guideline documents have been created, and six more are under production, three of which are updated versions of previously published guidelines. The Committee members have changed over the years as have its chairs (Gert J. de Borst followed Philippe Kolh) and today we see Anders Wanhainen enthusiastically head up the Committee, preparing new sets of guidelines with the new team.

E-LIBRARY

The ESVS e-library is a digital hub of the Society's key educational resources available exclusively to ESVS members and individual subscribers. It includes 'Virtual Vascular', the living textbook for vascular specialists, ESVS videos from all our recent events (Annual Meeting, Masterclass, Translational Meeting), all ESVS Podcasts. The e-library is constantly growing along with the ESVS activities, is searchable and interactive and is the one stop shop for all your educational needs.

MASTERCLASS

For the past four years the ESVS has run an annual Masterclass event, dealing with a different hot topic within Vascular Surgery every year. The 2023 edition will focus on acute cases in the following fields: Aortic, Carotid, PAD and Lower Limb Ischaemia and Vascular Access. Top names from all over Europe form the faculty for this event taking place on 4 days through January (11th, 18th, 25th) and February (1st). All ESVS members can join online for free.

FEBVS EXAMINATION

The ESVS is the only European Society, representing vascular surgeons on a European level for scientific and educational exchange and sharing expertise. In order to enhance and strengthen our educational achievements, ESVS has a close collaboration with the UEMS Section and Board of Vascular Surgery who organises an FEBVS examination (Fellow of the European Board of Vascular Surgery) during the ESVS Annual Meeting. ESVS also offers a great variety of training and courses at the Annual Meeting, to help participants prepare to take this important examination. For further information regarding all UEMS related topics, we refer you to: - UEMS Section and Board of Vascular Surgery, Prof. Armando Mansilha MD, PhD, FEBVS, Secretary General UEMS Section and Board of Vascular Surgery, Cristina Freitas - secretariat@uemsvascular.com | cristina.freitas@byms.pt, Rua Brito e Cunha nº 254 - 4º Esquerdo | 4450-082 Matosinhos, Portugal, Phone: +351 914 944 301 | +351 933 955 850, www.uemsvascular.com. FEBVS examinations are usually held during each ESVS Annual Meeting. The next round is planned to be organised during the 2023 Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held in Belfast.

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