



24 – 26 JUNE 2010
11TH ANNUAL MEETING / HILTON HOTEL
ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Preliminary programme

Wednesday 23 June 2010

14.00 – 16.00 EVF Executive meeting
17.00 – 19.00 EVF Board meeting

Thursday 24 June 2010

07.00 – 09.30 Set up exhibition

09.00 – 10.30 Registration & coffee/tea/refreshments

10.30 – 10.35 **Welcome**
Marianne De Maeseneer, President, European Venous Forum

10.35 – 12.30 **7th North Sea Meeting on Venous Diseases**
(organised by the Benelux Society of Phlebology)
Long-term follow-up after varicose veins treatment
Chair: André van Rij, Cees Wittens

10.35 – 10.50 Let's learn something more about statistics. Alun Davies, London, UK

10.50 – 11.10 What are the long-term outcomes that matter? Jonothan Earnshaw,
Gloucester, UK

11.10 – 11.30 Long-term follow-up after surgical treatment of varicose veins.
Cees Wittens, Maastricht, The Netherlands

11.30 – 11.50 Long term outcomes after endovenous treatment for varicose veins.
Manj Gohel, London, UK

11.50 – 12.10 Long-term results after redo procedures for recurrent varicose veins
Marianne De Maeseneer, Antwerp, Belgium

12.10 – 12.30 Defining outcomes: Pitfalls and possibilities. André van Rij, Dunedin,
New Zealand

12.30 – 13.00		General assembly of the Benelux Society of Phlebology (only for members of BSP)
12.30 – 13.30		Lunch
13.30 – 14.30		Prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in 2010: an update Chair: Niels Baekgaard, Ajay Kakkar
13.30 – 13.50		Risk assessment as a guide to thrombosis prophylaxis. Joe Caprini, Chicago, USA
13.50 – 14.10		New perspectives in pharmacologic prophylaxis Ajay Kakkar, London, UK
14.10 – 14.30		Intermittent pneumatic compression and combined modalities for VTE prevention in high risk patients Stavros Kakkos, Patras, Greece
14.30 – 15.30		Treatment of VTE: improving the long-term outcome Chair: Niels Baekgaard, Ajay Kakkar
14.30 – 14.50		Advances in anticoagulant treatment of VTE Russell Hull, Calgary, Canada
14.50 – 15.10		Generic and biosimilar anticoagulants; what does the future hold? Jawed Fareed, Loyola University, Maywood, IL, USA
15.10 – 15.30		Long-term results after catheter-directed thrombolysis for iliofemoral deep vein thrombosis Anthony Comerota, Toledo, Ohio, USA
15.30 - 16.00		Coffee break / Visit of exhibition
16.00-17.15		Invited Presentations Chair: Joe Caprini, Bo Eklof
16.00 – 16.40		Presentations from the American Venous Forum (Servier Award Travelling Fellowship winners)
16.00 – 16.20	Paper No A1	Post thrombotic vein wall remodeling: preliminary findings. K Deatrck, N Baker, S DeRoo, MA Elflne, V Sood, C Stabler, SA Blackburn, CE Luke, TW Wakefield, PK Henke. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
16.20 – 16.40	A2	Validation of the Caprini Risk Assessment Model in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Patients. CJ Pannucci(1), S Bailey (2), C Fisher(3), J Clavijo-Alvarez (3), J Hamill (4), K Hume(4), T Wakefield (1), J Rubin (3), E Wilkins (1), R Hoxworth (2). (1) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, (2) University of Texas -Southwestern, Dallas, TX, (3) University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, (4) American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Arlington Heights, IL, USA

16.40 – 17.00		Presentation from the EVF Travelling Fellowship 2009
	A3	Requirement of delayed secondary procedures following endovenous ablation. G Sfyroeras, Rubio V, Ravi R. Arizona Heart Institute Vein Center, Phoenix, Arizona, USA
17.00 – 17.15		Reduction of venous ulcers by 50% in ten years in the US – is that feasible? Report from the 6 th Pacific Vascular Symposium in Hawaii November 2009 Bo Eklof. Sweden
17.15 – 18.00		Duplex ultrasound scan in phlebologic practice: tips and tricks (life cases) Nicos Labropoulos, Stony Brook, New York, USA
18.00 – 19.15	Paper	Session 1. Short Papers (5 min + 10 min discussion) Chair: Alun Davies, Marc Vuylsteke
18.00	1.1	Surgical treatment for varicose recurrence: Is inguinal redo surgery justified? Pittaluga P ^{1,2} , Chastanet S ^{1,2} , Locret T ¹ , Rousset O ² . 1 Riviera Veine Institut, Nice, France. 1 -IM2S, Monte-Carlo, Monaco
18.15	1.2	Quality assurance of venous duplex scans performed by a vascular surgeon. Kordowicz A, Ferguson G, Salaman R, Onwudike M. Department of Vascular Surgery, Royal Bolton Hospital, UK <i>Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize</i>
18.30	1.3	Analyzing exhaled breath during endovenous laser ablation of varicose veins using an electronic nose and gas chromatography-mass spectrometry. Gauw SA, Fens N, Knobel HH, Bokx de PK, Vlijmen van CJ, Mooij MC, Gaastra MTW, Sterk PJ. Flebologisch Centrum Oosterwal, Alkmaar, The Netherlands. Department of Pulmonology, Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, MiPlaza TMA, Philips Research Europe, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
18.45	1.4	Pharmacodynamic differences between biosimilar and branded enoxaparin with reference to their immunogenic profile. Ramacciotti E, Rao G, Hoppensteadt D, Jeske W, Walanga JM, Fareed J. Pathology, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
19.00	1.5	Microfoam sclerotherapy as a part of multimodality treatment in patients with venous malformations. Sapelkin SV, Dan VN, Vetyugova LV. Vishnevsky Institute of Surgery, Moscow, Russia <i>Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize</i>
19.30 – 21.00		Welcome reception at exhibition area

Friday 25 June 2010

- 08.00 – 08.25 Registration & coffee/tea/refreshments
- 08.25 Welcome
Andrew Nicolaides, Chairman of the European Venous Forum
- 08.30 – 10.30 **Session 2: Clinical and Basic Research**
Chair: Andrew Nicolaides, Marianne de Maeseneer
- 08.30 2.1 **Reproducibility of lower limb venous reflux assessed by ultrasound duplex scanning using manual and pneumatic cuff compression in patients with chronic venous disease and controls.**
Broholm R, Jensen LP, Sillesen H, Bækgaard N. Department of Vascular Surgery, Rigshospitalet, Department at Gentofte Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize
- 08.50 2.2 **Perforator incompetence and associated patterns of saphenous reflux in primary chronic venous disease.**
Qureshi MI, McDonald A, Wing L, Lim CS, Gohel M, Ellis M, Franklin IJ, Davies AH. Imperial Vascular Unit, Charing Cross Hospital, Imperial College London, UK
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize
- 09.10 2.3 **Lower limb venous blood flow by Magnetic Resonance Imaging during Intermittent Pneumatic Compression of the Calf and Foot.**
Pierce I^{1,3}, Kalodiki E^{2,3}, Lattimer C^{2,3}, Geroulakos G^{2,3}, Gatehouse PD^{1,3}, Firmin DN^{1,3}. Cardiovascular MR Unit Royal Brompton Hospital Trust¹, Vascular Unit Ealing Hospital², Imperial College London³
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize
- 09.30 2.4 **Tissue pressures in venous disease.**
Gemayel G, Christenson JT. Division of Cardiovascular Surgery, Venous Centre, University Hospital of Geneva & Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize
- 09.50 2.5 **Analysis of the acute and chronic wound environments: The role of proteases and their inhibitors.**
Pollice P, Pollice F, Groeche B. University of Berne, Department of Cardiology and Biology, Switzerland
- 10.10 2.6 **Steam ablation of saphenous varicose veins: A promising new endovenous thermal therapy.**
van den Bos RR, Milleret R, Neumann M, Nijsten T. Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break / Visit of exhibition

- 11.00 – 12.20 **Long-term oedema needs long-term compression**
Chair: Hugo Partsch, Karin van der Wegen
- 11.00 – 11.20 Compression to control oedema: Bandages or stockings?
Giavanni Mosti, Lucca, Italy
- 11.20-11.40 What about occupational oedema?
Hugo Partsch, Vienna, Austria
- 11.40 – 12.00 What about post-thrombotic oedema?
Martino Neumann, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 12.00 – 12.20 What about lymphoedema?
Robert Damstra, Drachten, The Netherlands
- 12.20 – 12.50 **EVF Invited Lecture**
Chair: Mark Malouf
- Current Advances in the Treatment of Post-Thrombotic Syndrome.
Russell Hull, Calgary, Canada
- 12.50 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 15.30 **Session 3. Deep Venous Problems**
Chair: Michel Perrin, Ivan Staelens
- 13.30 3.1 **Perioperative bridging therapy in surgical patients with high risk of thromboembolic and haemorrhagic complications on long term acenokumarol therapy.**
Wiszniewski A¹, Szopiński P¹, Bilski R¹, Proniewski J², Ratajczak J³
¹Department of Vascular Surgery, Institute of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine, Warsaw, Poland. ²Department of Radiology, Institute of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine, Warsaw, Poland. ³Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care, Institute of Hematology and Transfusion Medicine, Warsaw, Poland
- 13.50 3.2 **Effect of the anticoagulant therapy in the thrombus regression: A prospective duplex ultrasound study.**
Romera-Villegas A, Cairols MA, Martí-Mestre X, Riera-Batalla S, Martinez-Rico C. Servei d'Angiologia i Cirurgia Vascular, Hospital Universitari de Bellvitge, Barcelona, Spain
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize
- 14.10 3.3 **A ten year experience of retrievable inferior vena cava filters.**
Ahmad A¹, Saha P¹, Rolph R¹, Patel AS¹, Modarai B¹, Sabharwal T², Waltham M¹. ¹Department of Vascular Surgery, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, King's Health Partners, London, UK. ²Department of Interventional Radiology, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK
- 14.30 3.4 **Towards a better understanding of inferior vena cava atresia.**
Lauwers K, Hertoghs M, Van Schil P, De Maeseneer M. Antwerp University Hospital, Department of Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, Antwerp, Belgium
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize

- 14.50 3.5 **Stenting for chronic postthrombotic vena cava and iliofemoral venous occlusions. Midterm patency and clinical outcome.**
Rosales A¹, Sandbæk G^{1,2}, Jørgensen JJ^{1,2}. Dept. Of Vascular Surgery, Oslo University Hospital, Aker¹, University of Oslo, Norway²
- 15.10 3.6 **Anatomical variations of the femoral vein**
Uhl J-F^{1,2}, Gillot C². ¹ Vascular surgeon, Paris, ²URDIA, Lab of Anatomy, University Paris Descartes, Paris, France
- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00 – 18.00 **Session 4: Endovenous Treatment of Varicose Veins: Clinical Trials**
Chair: Jonothan Earnshaw, Anja Sommer
- 16.00 4.1 **A prospective recovery study after high ligation and stripping or endovenous treatment of the insufficient great saphenous vein using local anaesthesia.**
Pronk P, Gauw SA, Mooij MC, Gaastra MTW, Lawson JA, van Vlijmen-van Keulen CJ. Flebologisch Centrum Oosterwal, Alkmaar, The Netherlands
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize
- 16.20 4.2 **Endovenous laser treatment: is there a different clinical and morphological outcome using a 1500nm laser versus a 980 nm diode laser? A multicentric randomised comparative trial.**
Vuylsteke M (1), De BO Th (1), Dompe G (2), di Crisci D (2), Miquel Abbab C (3), Mordon S (4). (1) Department of Vascular Surgery, Sint-Andriesziekenhuis, Tielt, Belgium. (2) Department of Vascular Surgery, Istituto Dermopatico Dell'Immacolata, Rome, Italy. (3) Department of Vascular Surgery, Hospital Universitari Sagrat Cor, Barcelona, Spain. (4) INSERM U703, Lille University Hospital, Lille, France
- 16.40 4.3 **Randomised clinical trial comparing VNUS Closure Fast versus laser for varicose veins (VALVV): Duplex and quality of life outcomes at 6 months.**
Shepherd AC, Gohel MS, Brown LC, Davies AH. Imperial Vascular Unit, Imperial College, London, UK
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize
- 17.00 4.4 **Comparison of radiofrequency and laser treatment in the same saphenous veins of the same patient.**
Ragg JC, Martel L, Wolschner J, Nagy J. Angioclinic, Berlin, Germany
- 17.20 4.5 **Duplex guided foamsclerotherapy vs surgery for the incompetent great saphenous vein: a randomised controlled trial.**
Shadid N, Nelemans P, Sommer A. Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC), Maastricht, The Netherlands
Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize

17.40	4.6	Randomized trial comparing RF, Laser, foam sclerotherapy and stripping in varicose veins. Rasmussen LH, Lawaetz M, Bjoern L, Blemings A, Eklöf B. The Danish Vein Centres and Surgical Centre Roskilde, Naestved, Denmark
18.00 – 18.30		General Assembly of the European Venous Forum
19.15		Short walk to the boat
19.30 – 23.30		Dinner cruise on river Scheldt

Saturday 26 June 2010

08.00 – 9.00		Registration & coffee/tea/refreshments
09.00 – 11.00		Session 5. Socio-economic Implications of Chronic Venous Disease Chair: Attilo Cavezzi, Martino Neumann
09.00	5.1	How well informed are your patients? Assessing the quality of varicose vein information for patients on the internet. Neffendorf JE ¹ , Soobrah R ² , Grewal P ³ . ¹ University College London Hospital, London, UK. ² Northwick Park and St. Paul's Hospitals, London, UK. ³ Royal Free Hospital, London, UK <i>Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize</i>
09.20	5.2	Validating veins QOL/SYM: Measuring changes following endovenous microfoam ablation of the Great Saphenous vein. Gibson K, Wright D, Rush J, Suplick G, Evans E. Lake Washington Vascular Surgeons, Bellevue, WA, USA
09.40	5.3	Varicose vein recurrence and patient satisfaction 10-15 years following saphenous and perforator surgery. Nelzén O, Depts Vascular Surgery, Skaraborg Hospital/KSS, Skövde & Uppsala University, Sweden
10.00	5.4	Hospital admission for venous ulcers: What is it worth? Reeder SWI ¹ , de Roos K-P ² , de Maeseneer M ³ , Sommer A ⁴ , Neumann HAM ¹ . ¹ Department of Dermatology, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, ² Department of Dermatology, DermaPark, Uden, The Netherlands, ³ Department of Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, University Hospital of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium, ⁴ Department of Dermatology, Academic Hospital Maastricht, Maastricht, The Netherlands <i>Submitted in consideration for the EVF Prize</i>
10.20	5.5	Can saphenous and sural nerve paraesthesia be prevented during ELT? King T ¹ ¹ Vein Clinics of America, Oak Brook, IL, USA
10.40	5.6	The cost effectiveness of the Trellis Peripheral Infusion System (“Trellis”) compared with Catheter Directed Thrombolysis or treatment with standard anticoagulation therapy for patients who are poor responders to ACT: An exploratory Markov analysis

Walshe T, O'Sullivan GJ. Galway University Hospitals & National University of Ireland in Galway, Galway, Ireland

- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break / Visit of exhibition
After break: *end of exhibition*
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Back to basic science...**
Chair: Marc Cairols, Mieke Flour
- 11.30 – 11.50 Casting around for new ideas in venous physiology
André van Rij, Dunedin, New Zealand
- 11.50 – 12.10 The scientific basis for the management of chronic venous disease
Anthony Comerota, Toledo, Ohio, USA
- 12.10 – 12.30 Studying the skin in chronic venous disease
Mieke Flour, Leuven, Belgium
- 12.30 – 12.45 Musical intermezzo
Conducted by Prof Joost Weyler, University of Antwerp
- 12.45 – 13.00 Presentation of EVF prizes - farewell