



## EDITORIAL

# THE IMPORTANCE OF CREATING THE ARGENTINE CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY

Argentina is recognized worldwide for many things, including excellent soccer players, a queen and even the Pope. Argentina is perhaps the country responsible for the technological revolution in vascular surgery. That is one of the reasons for which we find it essential to create the Argentine Chapter of the Society for Vascular Surgery.

“We need to establish a learning community for the benefit of our patients,” said Robert Crawford, chair of the SVS International Relations Committee. “And we are very pleased to welcome the vascular surgeons in Argentina; the creation of the Argentine Chapter will help to further strengthen our community.”

The Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) is a nonprofit organization with over 4,500 members seeking to make advances in the management of patients with vascular disease through education, research, innovation and public awareness. The SVS was founded in 1946 and has grown to become one of today’s largest and most respected societies in the world. Education and knowledge acquisition are the pillars of the services that the international learning community seeks to build. One of the objectives is to strengthen the SVS while helping to strengthen vascular surgery societies in other countries as we are doing in Argentina.

To promote the formation of learning and networking communities, the SVS has embraced the creation of international chapters. The SVS currently has 10 international chapters, including Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Poland, Taiwan... and we look forward to seeing Argentina on this list very soon!

Approximately 15% of SVS members are international members representing 50 nations. Thanks to the work of the leaders of the

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Society for Vascular Surgery, we have succeeded in obtaining a significant reduction in annual dues for Argentine members so as to encourage membership and thus transmit the benefits provided by the Society, including:

- Subscription to all SVS research journals:
  - Journal of Vascular Surgery (JVS),
  - Journal of Vascular Surgery: Venous and Lymphatic Disorders (JVS-VL),
  - Journal of Vascular Surgery Cases (JVS-Cases);
- Access to clinical guidelines, recommendations and “best practices” documents;
- Discounted SVS Annual Meeting registration fees;
- Opportunity to make submissions and participate in the International Forum and other events of the SVS Annual Meeting;
- Eligibility to compete for SVS awards, grants and travel fellowships for international members, residents and students;
- Access to renowned VESAP3<sup>®</sup>, the online vascular education and self-assessment program developed by the SVS;
- Use of the SVS logo on your website to increase its prestige.

We would like to learn from you, listen to your paper submissions and publish your experience for all of us to improve day after day the management of our patients. In addition to its regular program, the Annual Meeting will include several sessions and events with an international focus that members from Argentina will not want to miss: the International Forum, international discussions and the international guest reception, an event specially designed for all our international members to spend a pleasant time together.

The Society for Vascular Surgery looks forward to your ideas, commitment and passion to strengthen the vascular surgery specialization and to improve public health.

It is a real honor for us to welcome the Argentine Chapter. ■

*Elina and Roberto*