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Message from the President



Jonathan L. Halperin, M.D.

In January, the officers and trustees of the SVMB held its mid-winter meeting; the scope and depth of issues addressed reflects the vibrancy of the Society. I thought a few highlights would provide a sense of the kinds of activities in which we are engaged. As always, we welcome your comments and encourage the participation of members in any of the areas that pique your interest.

First, we are very pleased to welcome Robin Lynn Hoyle as the new Executive Director of the SVMB. Robin brings impressive credentials and experience to the offices of the Society in Manchester, Massachusetts, and welcomes inquiries from members.

Following on the success of the Society's first monograph series for primary care physicians, entitled *An Office-Based Approach to the Diagnosis and Treatment of Peripheral Arterial Disease*, we have embarked on a similar initiative on the topic of venous thromboembolism. Substantial industry support has

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13th Annual Meeting of the Society for Vascular Medicine & Biology

June 7-9, 2002
Boston Marriott Copley Place
Boston, Massachusetts

NEW THIS YEAR....

Postgraduate Course on Sunday, June 9th

**THERAPEUTIC ANGIOGENESIS IN PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL
DISEASE: A CONSENSUS GUIDELINES SEMINAR**



SVMB NEWS

The SVMB Board of Trustees held a Board of Trustees Meeting and the Annual Business Meeting in June, 2001 and recently held their mid-year meeting on January 11-12, 2002. The following are some of the issues being developed by the Society.

SVMB To Develop Second Monograph Series on Venous Thromboembolic Disease

Given the remarkable success of the Peripheral Arterial Disease Monograph Series under the direction of Alan T. Hirsch, MD, the Board of Trustees of the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology has given the Education Committee the charge of developing a subsequent educational series. We have decided to proceed with a comprehensive series on Venous Thromboembolic Disease. The series editors will be Jonathan Halperin MD and Michael R. Jaff, DO. The initial edition will be published by the end of 2002.

Aventis Pharmaceuticals has provided a generous unrestricted educational grant for the first publication. As in the prior series, this monograph series will include live presentations by the authors as web conferences for participants.

We will keep you informed of the progress of this important educational publication series.

Special thanks to Aventis for its support of the second monograph series coming soon.

Intersocietal Relations

Several potential intersocietal collaborations are being pursued by various members of the Board: Dr. Cooke - International Union of Angiology (IUA) and North American Vascular Biology Association (NAVBA); Dr. Mohler - American Society of Echocardiography (ASE); and Dr. Halperin - American College of Cardiology (ACC).

The NIH/NHLBI is interested in a consortium of "Vascular Centers of Excellence" to collaborate in multicenter trials. In its initial planning state, the concept would have each center balanced among vascular disease specialists (lymphatic, venous, arterial, etc.) and basic and clinical science.

SVMB Membership

When a foreign application for Fellowship is received without a letter of support from a Fellow of the Society, the SVMB will invite the applicant to the Annual Meeting, where members of the Credentials Committee will interview the applicant to determine qualifications and then recommend membership as appropriate and in conformity with the Bylaws.

The Trustees are developing a membership recruitment campaign and will be developing strategies to identify potential members and methods for inviting vascular specialists to join.

Update on *Legs for Life*

Drs. Jeff Olin and Jon Halperin provided a detailed summary regarding the ongoing relationship between SVMB and the Society for Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology regarding partnership with the *Legs for Life* program. Following discussion, it was voted in favor of a continued three month plan for continued collaboration with SCVIR regarding the program.

Fellowship Training Document

The Trustees are currently reviewing a draft document on *Post-graduate Training in Vascular Medicine: A Statement from the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology*. It was agreed that a standard curriculum for training in vascular medicine be promulgated to parallel the level II training pathway delineated by the American College of Cardiology in its forthcoming COCATS guidelines, but that such training also be made available to those who have completed internal medicine residency without the requirement for training in cardiology. It was also agreed that a key objective of the document is to support the issuance of a Certificate of Special Competency in Vascular Medicine to those who successfully complete the recommended training in an approved program and pass a standard certifying examination.

Vascular Centers of Excellence

SVMB once again participated in the Vascular Centers for Excellence Program, held on April 26-27, 2001 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting has established a significant following and a broad interest among health care executives and industry leaders as well as physicians.

The Trans-Atlantic Vascular Medicine Symposium

Drs. Olin and Regensteiner outlined the preliminary program for the Third Trans-Atlantic Vascular Medicine Symposium entitled "*Pharmacotherapy of Peripheral Arterial Disease: An Expanding Frontier for Vascular Therapies*" held in conjunction with the International Union of Angiology Meeting scheduled for the Marriott Marquis in New York, New York, April 9, 2002. The Symposia is co-sponsored by the SVMB, the Angiology Forum of the Royal Society of Medicine and the Swedish Society of Medical Angiology. The Third Trans-Atlantic Vascular Medicine Symposium will offer state of the art reviews of emerging therapeutic pharmacologic intervention, followed by reports of both recently completed and late breaking clinical trials.



Publications/Journal Report

Vascular Medicine

Dr. Creager reported on the reorganization of the Editorial Board of *Vascular Medicine*; he will continue to serve as Editor; there will be four Associate Editors and approximately 30 to 40 members on the Editorial Board. Dr. Marie Gerhard will serve as a special feature editor (Vascular Images). The Board will have a new division of responsibility including specific issues surrounding subscriptions, marketing of the *Journal*, its production, special sales and sponsorship, further web developments, and subscription rates.

Periphery

Dr. William Hiatt provided a written report outlining the first year relationship between SVMB and *Periphery*; a number of members of the SVMB Board have served on the Editorial Advisory Committee; the Publication is now cited on the SVMB website; and highlights of the SVMB meetings are covered in the publication. In addition, *Vascular Medicine* has been promoted, with a one-page advertisement in each issue devoted to announcing SVMB activities, such as the Annual Meeting, the vascular rehabilitation for PAD effort, the Vascular Disease Foundation and the PAD Primary Care Series. Current evaluations have been very positive.

Web Page - www.svmb.org

The web page has undergone a restructuring and Dr. Emile Mohler will take over as webmaster. Dr. Mohler is actively soliciting members to join the website committee.

Representatives to the ICAVL

Dr. Gocke reported that Dr. Thom Rooke will also serve as the SVMB Representative to ICAVL. Dr. Gocke has been elected to serve as the President of ICAVL and Dr. Rooke has been elected to serve as Treasurer. Drs. Jaff and Gerhard also sit on the ICAVL Board. There are currently 924 accredited vascular laboratories; 12% of the Medical Directors have been designated as Vascular Medicine specialists. Vascular medicine continues to grow within the cardiovascular and vascular community and there has been a 10% increase over the course of the past few years.

Vascular Medicine Council

Dr. Emile Mohler and Chris Merriam, the Representative of RWD Technologies/Latitude 360, presented a detailed report highlighting the specific aspects of the Vascular Medicine Council. The VMC was formed to develop a national membership of vascular thought leaders that would be linked to a virtual collaborative network. This virtual network will be leveraged through the power of the internet to help facilitate communication amongst its members. Dr. Mohler informed the Trustees that a Memorandum of Understanding between the SVMB and the VMC outlines the relationship between the two organizations. In the course of these developments, the VMC has hired Latitude 360 to organize the interactive portion of the VMC. These developments have been accredited through the University of Pennsylvania and have been supported by unrestricted educational grants from Pfizer and Merck. Future programs will be planned that provide for live and archived web-based CME courses.

Vascular Disease Foundation

Ms. Sheryl Benjamin, Executive Director of the Vascular Disease Foundation, reported that the Vascular Disease Foundation has begun to fulfill its mission to inform the public regarding early and accurate vascular diagnosis treatments, in both prevention of and rehab of vascular disorders. Ms. Benjamin outlined all of the developments from the Board of Trustees of the VDF and the review of the organization website redesign, foundation brochures, a patient newsletter entitled "*Keeping in Circulation*", a planned PAD pilot public awareness campaign for 2001, strategic initiatives with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the review of the current plans to participate with the *Legs for Life* program.

Vascular Medicine Training Fund

The SVMB Trustees approved the development of a Vascular Medicine Training Fund, which would be managed by the Trustees, with funds earmarked to support training in vascular medicine. The fund will be established through a fundraising campaign with industry, and the SVMB would match the first \$50,000 brought in with a \$50,000 grant from the Society.

If you have NEWS you would like to share with the SVMB Membership, please send it to the SVMB Administrative Office, Attn: Newsletter, 13 Elm Street, Manchester, MA 01944 Fax: (978) 526-1703 / E-Mail: svmb@prii.com

13th Annual Meeting of the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology



June 7-9, 2002
Boston, Massachusetts

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Jonathan L. Halperin, M.D.

SVMB MEMBERS BUSINESS LUNCHEON

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR PRESENTATIONS

Moderator: Mark A. Creager, M.D.

13TH ANNIVERSARY LECTURE:

Vascular Endothelium in Health and Disease

Michael A. Gimbrone, Jr., M.D.

VASCULAR JEOPARDY LUNCH Moderator: Mark A. Creager, M.D.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

CLINICOPATHOLOGIC CONFERENCE

SVMB DEBATES

Intervention for Asymptomatic (>70%) Carotid Artery Disease is the Treatment of Choice

Protagonist: Norman R. Hertzler, M.D.

Antagonist: Henry Barnett, M.D.

Endovascular Approaches are the Treatment of Choice for Chronic Intestinal Ischemia

Protagonist: Timothy Sullivan, M.D.

Antagonist: Lloyd Taylor, M.D.

Multispecialty Management of Vascular Disease is Superior to Single Specialty Therapy

Protagonist: J. Michael Bacharach, M.D.

Antagonist: Frank J. Criado, M.D.

SESSIONS

Update on Atherosclerosis, Lipids, and Vascular Calcification

Moderator: Jeffrey W. Olin, D.O.

Endovascular Therapy for Vascular Disease

Moderator: Mitchell Silver, D.O.

Thromboembolic Disease and Hypercoagulability

Moderator: Steven Dean, D.O.

The Legacy of Vascular Medicine

Critical Clinical and Research Issues in Vascular Medicine

Moderator: Emile R. Mohler, III, M.D.

NEW THIS YEAR...

SVMB POSTGRADUATE COURSE

THERAPEUTIC ANGIOGENESIS IN PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE: A CONSENSUS GUIDELINES SEMINAR

Sunday, June 9, 2002

Moderators: Brian H. Annex, M.D. and Michael R. Jaff, D.O.

Review of Angiogenic Growth Factors – Clinical Perspective

Michael Simons, M.D.

Review of Modulators of Angiogenesis

Christopher D. Kontos, M.D.

Novel Mechanisms of Angiogenesis/Smoking and Angiogenesis Trials

John P. Cooke, M.D., Ph.D.

TRAFFIC (bFGF for Intermittent Claudication) and Beyond

Brian H. Annex, M.D.

VEGF 121 for Intermittent Claudication (Results Phase I and Current Status)

Henrik Rasmussen, M.D.

Clinical Outcomes of Patients with CLI Year 2002

Richard Powell, M.D.

Medical Management of Critical Limb Ischemia

Emile R. Mohler, III, M.D.

Gene Transfer for CLI

James F. Symes, M.D.

aFGF for CLI (Results Phase I and Current Status)

Richard Pidluski, Ph.D.

Imaging Endpoints for Angiogenesis PAD Studies

Robert J. Lederman, M.D.

This course is free to all SVMB Members; \$50.00 for non-members. Please contact the SVMB Administrative office (svmb@prri.com) for more information and registration.

The Third Trans-Atlantic Vascular Medicine Symposium

PHARMACOTHERAPY FOR PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE: An Expanding Frontier for Vascular Therapies

Tuesday, April 9, 2002 / The Marriott Grand Marquis Hotel, New York

Co-sponsored by: SVMB, The Angiology Forum of the Royal Society of Medicine, and The Swedish Society of Medical Angiology

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

SESSION I: Vascular Biology 101

The Prevalence and Natural History of PAD: A Rationale and Primer for PAD Pharmacotherapy
Pathophysiology of Claudication
Measuring Clinical Outcomes: Claudication (Report of the Trans-Atlantic Guidelines)
Measuring Clinical Outcomes: CLI (Report of the Trans-Atlantic Guidelines)

SESSION II: Established Therapies for Claudication

Role of Lifestyle and Exercise Interventions
Disease Management Pathways:
The Role of Revascularization in the Treatment of Claudication

SESSION III: From the Bench to the Bedside for PAD Patients

The Potential Role of Therapeutic Molecules – Clinical Trial Data
Therapeutic Trials to Diminish Systemic Risk in PAD Patients

From CURE and CAPRIE... To CASPAR and CAP: The Clopidogrel PAD Trials: The TransAtlantic Status
The POPADAD Study
The Triple A Study
The PURPOSE Roxifiban Trial in PAD Patients

SESSION IV – Clinical Trials for Claudication

State of the Art Data on Iloprost
The American Beraprost Claudication Trials
A Meta-analysis of Cilostazol QOL and Treadmill Data

SESSION V – The Great Debate – Angiogenesis or not?

SESSION VI – Clinical Trials

State of the Art for Propionyl-L-Carnitine: The International Experience
Heart Bar: Results of a Multicenter Clinical Trial of Oral Arginine
External Counterpulsation Studies
Synergy between Drugs and Devices for PAD

Dear Colleague:

One of the missions of the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology is to foster critical scientific analysis of information that can be applied to improve national and international standards of vascular care. We are committed to this goal by providing outstanding evidenced-based care that has become increasingly broad, yet inclusive and international in scope. This is important as we use limited resources to understand and treat vascular diseases that are common throughout the world.

Please join your colleagues on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at the “Third Trans-Atlantic Vascular Medicine Symposium: The Pharmacotherapy of PAD”. This meeting serves as a unique opportunity to discuss the design and outcome of major national and international vascular clinical trials, with a focus on pharmacologic interventions. Never before have we had such an extensive database from which to consider future PAD interventions.

This third meeting is also particularly important, as we join the International Union of Angiology at its 20th World Congress, to be held concurrently April 7 - 11, 2002. The agenda for this meeting is truly “world class” as the best clinicians and investigators gather to present their work.

Central to this effort is the need for us to know each other better. The TAVM and the IUA meetings provide a unique opportunity to accomplish this. Please join us as we maintain and expand our mission at this unique international vascular symposium!

Sincerely,

Alan T. Hirsch, M.D.
Emile R. Mohler, III, M.D.
William R. Hiatt, M.D.

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www.svmb.org for the latest Society news, including:

PUBLICATIONS

SVMB Newsletter, information from *Vascular Medicine* and *PERIPHERY*, and more.

SVMB CASES

Participate in our online discussion board dedicated to vascular medicine and read comments and controversy—ongoing clinical presentations from SVMB members.

EVENTS & SYMPOSIA

Call for abstracts for the 13th Annual SVMB Meeting in Boston (June, 2002).

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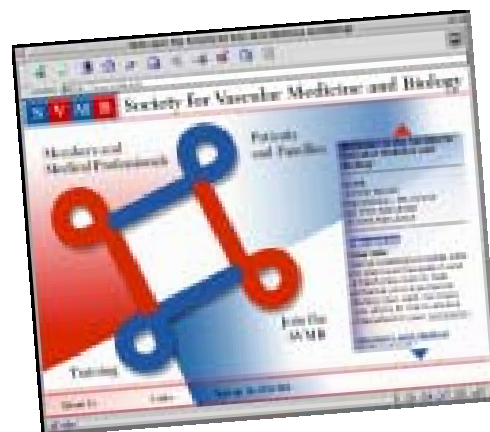
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ABSTRACTS

Taken from recent vascular medicine journals.

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already been committed by Aventis and preparation of the first issue is underway. The entire series will span the next two years with each monograph accompanied by web-based audiovisual conferences that reach tens of thousands of primary healthcare providers.

Several years in the making, the writing group to develop Guidelines for Postgraduate Training in Vascular Medicine presented its manuscript to the Board. This effort represents the first detailed consensus on what it takes to become a specialist in vascular medicine. We anticipate submitting the guidelines for publication this year.

The scientific program committee, chaired by President-Elect Dr. Michael R. Jaff, has prepared an extraordinary agenda for the 2002 Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions of the Society to be held June 7-9 in Boston. One of the most important curricula on the vascular medicine professional calendar, this year's program will be the most extensive ever — an absolutely "must-attend" event. The quantity and quality of the scientific abstracts received this year far surpasses any previous SVMB program and the comprehensive Sunday symposium on clinical applications of angiogenesis, developed under the leadership of Dr. Brian Annex, is expected to lead to the creation of a consensus document regarding the current status of this emerging technology.

A host of Intersocietal initiatives are underway with the American College of Cardiology, the American Society of Echocardiography, the Society for Clinical Interventional Radiology, the International Union of Angiology, the Intersocietal Commission on the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories, the Angiology Forum of the Royal Society of Medicine and many others, reflecting the important role the SVMB now plays as a voice for vascular medicine across North America and around the world. In collaboration with the International Union of Angiology, the Angiology Forum of the Royal Society of Medicine and the Swedish Society of Medical Angiology, the SVMB will co-sponsor the Trans-Atlantic Vascular Medicine conference on April 9, 2002 in New York City, bringing together an international panel of experts to discuss the latest research and trials on the pharmacotherapy of intermittent claudication.

Membership in the SVMB continues to expand and fellows of the Society are regularly selected to direct major national and international initiatives in the vascular field. Some recent examples are a committee chaired by Dr. Mark A. Creager to advise the National

Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, on the development of Vascular Centers of Excellence to collaborate in multicenter research. Dr. Alan T. Hirsch was selected to lead a conjoint task force of the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association to develop guidelines for management of patients with peripheral arterial disease.

The Society's flagship scientific journal, *Vascular Medicine*, has become a standard reference with a subscriber base that tripled over the past few years. Similarly, our web page www.svmb.org is a dynamic resource for professional interaction. I suggest that you visit frequently to learn the latest information about new programs that are among the prime benefits of membership in the SVMB.

The SVMB is flourishing on these and countless other fronts. The fields of vascular medicine and biology have never gleamed more attractively to young physicians and, through efforts like those I've outlined very briefly here, the future will be even brighter. I urge you to become an enthusiastic participant in one or more of our many programs, and look forward to greeting you in historic Boston in June.

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Jonathan L. Halperin, M.D.

SVMB Membership Recruitment

Join the SVMB leadership in the new, comprehensive membership recruitment campaign designed to encourage more vascular specialists to take advantage of the benefits of SVMB membership.

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Annual Scientific Sessions

Vascular Medicine, the SVMB premier journal

Web-based education at www.svmb.org

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Newsletters and E-mail Updates

"Vascular Medicine Directory"

Connect with Colleagues via the

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Referrals via the SVMB "Find a Doctor" service

SVMB practice opportunities

And much more.....

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