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## Message from the President



Jonathan L. Halperin, M.D.

One of the most important items on the vascular medicine agenda each year is the annual scientific sessions of the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology. As you have heard, the meeting this year has been relocated to the great city of Chicago in the interest of the safety and convenience of attendees in the face of the emerging epidemic of SARS. Chicago offers visitors a vast array of cultural and dining opportunities, and this shift should only enhance opportunities for professional and personal interaction.

The annual meetings of the SVMB have become a unique venue, renowned for their high "learning density" offered in a most enjoyable array of formats – symposia, roundtable discussions, poster sessions, debates involving clinical case material, emerging scientific advances by both young and established investigators, and critical assessments of the latest diagnostic and therapeutic techniques by the world's leading authorities. There is also the incomparable (and usually hilarious) box lunch *Vascular Jeopardy*, in which even the academic mighty can fall. Dr. Jaff and the members of the Scientific Program Committee have created an outstanding agenda — a *tour-de-force* covering the pivotal issues in contemporary vascular medicine. The atmosphere is always extraordinarily stimulating, collegial and fun, and this year's program is among the best yet.

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14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
Society for Vascular Medicine & Biology

June 6-8, 2003

The Fairmont Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION

THIS YEAR....

Postgraduate Course on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

"The Genomics of Vascular Disease"



## SVMB NEWS

*The SVMB Board of Trustees recently held their mid-year meeting. The following are some of the activities and initiatives being pursued by the Society.*

### VASCULAR IMAGING SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Halperin expressed congratulations to Drs. Marie Gerhard, Emile Mohler, Michael Jaff and Jeffrey Olin for their efforts in making the first Vascular Imaging Symposium an overwhelming success. The Symposium, organized in partnership with the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), had physicians, nurses, and echocardiographers in attendance. The ASE and SVMB will discuss plans for a second symposium to be held at this same time next year.

### TRAINING DOCUMENT

Dr. Halperin reported that the *Postgraduate Training in Vascular Medicine Proposed Requirements and Standards* document was approved and was sent to the American College of Cardiology (ACC) leadership for review and Level I endorsement. The Reviewer asked for 12 months dedicated to vascular medicine-12 months that do not interfere with cardiology's 1-year of research in a 3-year cardiology training program. (SVMB proposes 1 of 3 years in vascular medicine – in line with COCATS). SVMB will work toward revisions (if needed) so that the Training Document will be in compliance with COCATS and language on “years of training” will remain flexible as “3 or 4 years”. In addition, the SVMB will explore the opportunity to create a separate certifying entity. The Executive Director will contact the National Board of Medical Examiners to determine if the SVMB could create a separate entity and the process involved. A working group (Drs. Michael Jaff, Bruce Gray and Brian Annex) was established to work with the Executive Director to begin the process of creating a separate entity, if appropriate.

### ACC SUBSPECIALTY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT – COALITION FOR CARDIOVASCULAR ORGANIZATIONS

Dr. Halperin, Dr. Jaff, and Ms. Hoyle attended the ACC's Subspecialty Leadership Summit, the result of which was to create the Coalition for Cardiovascular Organizations (CCO). CCO participants agreed to collaborate on some (not necessarily all) efforts in the areas of member advocacy and government relations, patient and public education, physician education (meetings), and training documents and standards. SVMB focused on physician education, training documents, and advocacy. The ACC will provide office space for an administrator of CCO and members will rotate the Chairmanship. The fee for SVMB to join is \$1,000 and the Board agreed to participate.

### UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM

Dr. Jaff provided the Trustees with an update on the monograph series on venous thromboembolism. SVMB signed a contract for publication with *Circulation* its publisher, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins (LWW), and Adelphi as Editor. The SVMB's monograph series on Venous Thromboembolism will be the supplement to *Circulation*. The editorial board of the project consists of Drs. Jaff, Halperin, Beckman, Eidt, Goldhaber, Olin and Ms. Joan Weiss and Ms. Barbara Saldinger, from Adelphi, Inc. Up to four monographs containing 3 articles each are planned, funding permitting. The goal is to publish 2 in 2003 and 2 in 2004.

The topics for the second monograph series are:

- ♦ Epidemiology, Natural History of venous thromboembolic disease;
- ♦ Diagnosis of venous thromboembolic disease;
- ♦ Treatment of venous thromboembolic disease; and
- ♦ Prophylaxis of venous thromboembolic disease.

Dr. Gregory Moneta has agreed to be the guest editor for the second issue.

### SPOTLIGHT HEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jaff reported that the SVMB has worked with Spotlight Health, the advertising agency for Aventis Pharmaceuticals, to be the not-for-profit vascular disease society partner in a Deep Vein Thrombosis (“DVT”) national public service announcement (“PSA”) campaign. The PSA campaign featured Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull (radio), Tara Lipinski (TV), and Dan Quayle (TV). The listener/viewer is directed to log on to [www.svmb.org](http://www.svmb.org) or to call 1-800-CLOT-FREE to receive more information on DVT.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

As of October 30, 2002, the SVMB had 235 Fellows, 11 Senior Fellows, 49 Members, and 28 Associates for a total of 323 members.

### ONLINE DUES RENEWAL

Beginning with the 2003 dues billing, members have the option of renewing online. Members can pay dues by credit card using a secure server at [www.svmb.org](http://www.svmb.org).



## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Dr. Bruce Gray presented the SVMB's membership survey and results, which suggest a need for certification and training that corresponds to the Trustees efforts in formulating the Training Document. Dr. Gray asked the Trustees - how could the SVMB draw on resources to promote non-traditional training for physicians with an interest in vascular medicine. This group is different than physicians in training. There are three possible tracts: (1) vascular medicine practitioners who want certification; (2) long-term cardiology training tract; and (3) transition into long-term goals with an interim program for training.

## INTERSOCIETAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The committee is currently working on the TASC and ACC-AHA PAD Management Guidelines, a potential international vascular research think-tank, and the next Trans-Atlantic Vascular Medicine Symposium. In addition, relationships continue with the International Union of Angiology and the Asian Vascular Society.

## JOURNAL OF VASCULAR MEDICINE

Dr. Creager reported that the *Journal of Vascular Medicine* ("JVM") has 221 paid SVMB subscriptions and 1000 subscriptions paid for by Otsuka in 2002. JVM is published quarterly and receives 55 manuscripts per year with a rejection rate of 8 or 9 manuscripts. There are 25 original articles, 15 review articles and 15 other writings of interest. JVM was cited in the December 8 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

## NORTH AMERICAN VASCULAR BIOLOGY ORGANIZATION (NAVBO)

Dr. Cooke was pleased to report that NAVBO and the SVMB are solidifying a working relationship which will benefit JVM, Fellows, and vascular science collaborations. NAVBO will be partnering with the SVMB to present the postgraduate course entitled *The Genomics of Vascular Disease* at the SVMB's annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois on June 8, 2003.

## VDF-NHLBI PAD PUBLIC EDUCATION STRATEGY MEETING

The Vascular Disease Foundation and National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute held a "PAD Public Education Strategy Meeting" with SVMB participation in Bethesda Maryland on January 15-16, 2003. The 17 represented societies and health organizations reached a consensus on specific national PAD educational messages and determined that a PAD Awareness Campaign should be initiated with VDF leadership. The NHLBI will soon publish a summary of this meeting, and the VDF will be presenting a manuscript describing the rationale for such a national public PAD campaign.

## SVMB FELLOWSHIP

Drs. Gray and Bacharach presented a case for training support. Understanding the need for training guidelines and the current critical need for vascular medicine trained subspecialists, Dr. Bacharach suggested that the SVMB draw on its resources to "bridge the gap" in promoting non-traditional training (vs. tradition trainee tract) to practicing physicians with an interest in vascular medicine. Dr. Halperin suggested that there are five issues for further discussion:

- ♦ Licensure in host state
- ♦ Medical malpractice insurance for "Trainee"
- ♦ Faculty status of "Trainer"
- ♦ Certification
- ♦ Timing of implementation

Conceptually, the Trustees agreed that this program is worthy of SVMB support and an *ad hoc* Committee on Scholarships was appointed: Dr. Bruce Gray, Dr. Michael Bacharach, Dr. John Gocke, Dr. Emile Mohler, Dr. John Cooke, and Dr. Marie Gerhard. The Committee will review the following preliminary inquiries:

- ♦ What are the training needs/areas of competency required?
- ♦ How to fund?
- ♦ How to administer funds?
- ♦ How to apply, evaluate, and select awardees?
- ♦ Who are the program/training partners and resources?
- ♦ How does the SVMB recognize completion?

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June 6-8, 2003  
Chicago, Illinois



## THE MANY FACES OF AORTIC DISEASES

### The Pathobiology of Aortic Aneurysmal Disease

Robert W. Thompson, MD, St. Louis, MO

### Medical Decision Making in the Treatment of Aortic Disease

Patrick O'Gara, MD, Boston, MA

### Repair of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms via Endovascular Approaches

Michael D. Dake, MD, Stanford, CA

### Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms via Endovascular Approaches

J. Michael Bacharach, MD, Sioux Falls, SD

## VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLIC DISEASE AND CHRONIC VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY

### Novel Agents for the Management of Venous Thromboemboli

Jeffrey Weitz, MD, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

### Thrombolytic Therapy for Venous Thromboemboli: Will This Ever Represent Mainstream Medicine?

Mark H. Meissner, MD, Seattle, WA

### Percutaneous Venous Intervention: Does the Data Support This Practice?

William J. Miller, M.D., Mansfield, OH

### Minimally Invasive Therapy for Venous Varicosity Disease and Chronic Venous Insufficiency

Marcus D. Stanbro, MD, Greenville, SC

## NON-INVASIVE VASCULAR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING: THE LATEST AND GREATEST

### Future Advances in Vascular Ultrasound:

#### Contrast Agents, Three-Dimensional Ultrasound

Sergio X. Salles-Cunha, PhD, Toledo, OH

#### Brachial Artery Reactivity: Methods and Results

Scott Kinlay, MD, Boston, MA

#### Imaging of Carotid, Renal, and Femoropopliteal Stents with Duplex Ultrasonography: Tips and Tricks

Gail Sandager-Hadley, RN, RVT, Morristown, NJ

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

### The American Heart Association and Vascular Medicine:

#### The Next Major Collaboration

Robert Bonow, MD, Chicago, IL

### Issues in Publishing: An Ex-Editors' Perspective

K. Wayne Johnston, MD, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

## GENETICS AND RISK FACTORS IN VASCULAR DISEASE

### Defining the Molecular Phenotype of Vascular Cells:

#### The Future of Vascular Care

James N. Topper, MD, San Francisco, CA

### Chronic Renal Disease as a Vascular Risk Factor

Peter McCullough, MD, Kansas City, MO

### Novel Risk Factors for Vascular Disease

John P. Cooke, MD, PhD, Stanford, CA

## THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY KEYNOTE ADDRESS

### Robert Califf, M.D.

Director, Duke Clinical Research Institute

Professor of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center

Editor-in-Chief, American Heart Journal

## AN UPDATE ON CAROTID DISEASE

### The Epidemiology of Carotid Atherosclerosis

Philip A. Wolf, MD, Boston, MA

### The Value of CTA/MRA in the Diagnosis of Carotid Disease

Stephen Dorros, MD, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

### When Should Intervention Be Considered in Carotid Disease?

Mark Alberts, MD, Chicago, IL

### Endovascular Therapy for Extracranial Carotid Atherosclerosis

Sriram Iyer, MD, New York, NY

### Intracranial Carotid Atherosclerosis: An Unrecognized Risk for Stroke

Randall Higashida, MD, San Francisco, CA

## CLINICOPATHOLOGIC CONFERENCE

### Case Presentation

David Pfizenmaier, MD, Rochester, MN

### Case Discussion

Joshua Beckman, MD, Boston, MA

### Pathologic Findings

Thom Rooke, MD, Rochester, MN

## SVMB POSTGRADUATE COURSE

### THE GENOMICS OF VASCULAR DISEASE

Sunday, June 8, 2003

### Genomics of Vascular Disease:

#### Implications for Ethnic Disparities

Gary H. Gibbons, M.D.

#### Endothelial Genomics:

#### Diverse Stimuli, A Common Theme

Mary Gerritsen, M.D.

### Regression of Intimal Hyperplasia: Genetic Regulation

Alexander W. Clowes, M.D.

### Veins and Arteries: Viva la Genetic Difference!

Stephen M. Schwartz, M.D., Ph.D.

### Plaque Neovascularization and Tumor Angiogenesis:

#### Genetic Determinants of Pathological Angiogenesis

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

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (continued from page one)

The annual business meeting of the membership, held over lunch on Friday, is our sole opportunity to sit together as a large group to review the progress made over the past year, elect new members, officers and trustees, and plot the course for the next term. This represents a crucial opportunity to become involved in the work of the Society in areas of professional education, certification, advocacy, publications, fundraising and strategic planning. Our organization has become the leading voice of vascular medicine, and the annual sessions are our collective chorus. This year, we will be joined by members of the North American Vascular Biology Organization for a special Sunday symposium on *The Genomics of Vascular Disease*, which represents a major opportunity to explore the links between vascular biology and medicine at their most fundamental levels. Tightening the interface between the laboratory bench and the clinical bedside has been a prime objective of the Society since its inception 14 years ago.

The healthcare horizon is constantly shifting, yet the SVMB has grown steadily more vital through effective interactions with government, industry, patient advocacy groups, and professional organizations of vascular surgeons, nurses, radiologists, cardiologists and technicians. Our guidelines for training in vascular medicine have been broadly endorsed, and initiatives to recognize expertise in this discipline are advancing inexorably toward the availability of board certification. It has become virtually impossible for any initiative involving vascular medicine to maintain credibility without the support of the SVMB. This strength comes from full and open representation of the entire vascular community, and that is exactly why your participation in the annual meeting is so important. Don't be left behind – act quickly and be sure to join us next month in Chicago.

Jonathan L. Halperin, M.D.

## **NEW FELLOWS**

Cameron M. Akbari, M.D.  
David E. Allie, M.D.  
Paul M. Anain, M.D.  
Sonia Anand, M.D.  
Paul G. Bove, M.D.  
Robert D. Brook, M.D.  
Clifford J. Buckley, M.D.  
William D. Carlson, M.D.  
Keshav Chander, M.D.  
Gregory S. Cohn, M.D.  
Tyrone J. Collins, M.D.  
Christopher Cooper, M.D.  
Alun H. Davies, M.D.  
Alan Dardik, M.D.  
Steven Deitelzweig, M.D.  
Mehrdad Faridmohajer, M.D.  
James S. Jenkins, M.D.  
Scott Kinley, M.D.  
Julia Gates, M.D.  
Joseph D. Raffetto, M.D.  
Sanjay Rajagopalan, M.D.  
Luay Sayed, M.D.  
Robert G. Schwartz, M.D.  
Richard A. Weintraub, M.D.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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Michael A Arata, M.D.  
Robert C. Block, M.D.  
David H. Deaton, M.D.  
Jeanne Doyle, M.D.  
Giorgio Gimelli, M.D.  
Myung-sup Kim, M.D.  
Bruce T. Liang, M.D.  
Clifford G. O'Connor, M.D.  
Alvaro S. Rios, M.D.  
Peter G. Roan, M.D.

## **NEW ASSOCIATES**

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Kamiab Delfanian, M.D.  
Stephanie Dentoni, M.D.  
Rajesh Dhirmaiani, M.D.  
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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**

Program for the 14th Annual SVMB Meeting in Chicago.

### **CME**

The SVMB offers valuable Continuing Medical Education focusing on vascular medicine.

### **ABSTRACTS**

Taken from recent vascular medicine journals.

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