SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

European Association of Vascular Surgeons in Training (EAVST)

On Monday the 5 September 1994 during the VIII Annual European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS) Meeting in Berlin the “European Association of Vascular Surgeons in Training” (EAVST) was founded. An executive committee of five members was elected. During the next year this committee will prepare the statutes for the EAVST and ensure that there will be two contact persons in each European country. These contacts will represent their national Societies of General or Vascular Surgery. The executive committee and the two representatives from each country will meet during the ESVS congress in Antwerp in 1995 for formal constitution.

The EAVST will collect information on vascular surgical training in cooperation with the national and international societies. During the next ESVS meetings various training subjects will be presented and discussed. It is important to have a forum where the exchange of views between different countries can take place. All surgical trainees aiming for a vascular surgical practice will be recognized as a “Vascular Surgeon in Training”.

The EAVST will try to establish a network between different vascular units making it possible to arrange exchange visits.

The “Young Vascular Surgeons Forum”, with eight scientific papers, was presented for the first time during the ESVS Congress in Berlin. We hope that this part of the meeting will become permanent and run concurrently with the ESVS.

The EAVST has been offered an observer seat in the associate section of Vascular Surgery, under the section of General Surgery in relation to the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS), and a seat on the ESVS council. It will hopefully be represented on the coming European Board of Vascular Surgery.

The EAVST secretariat will circulate a newsletter for Vascular Surgeons in Training four times a year. Contributions are welcome.

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