SHORT REPORT

Report on the Tripartite Meeting of the 7th Annual European Venous Forum, the Venous Forum of the Royal Society of Medicine and the American Venous Forum held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London 29 June–1st July 2006

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The 7th annual meeting of the European Venous Forum (EVF) was held in London at the Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) from the 29th June to 1st July with great success under the presidency of Alun H Davies. It is the 1st time that the EVF joint forces with two other established venous societies: the Venous Forum of the RSM and the American Venous Forum (AVF). It was awarded 17 credit hours by the European Board of Vascular Surgery and 5 Continuing Professional development credits by the RSM. The meeting was a great success, attended by nearly 400 delegates from the UK, Europe, USA and Australia. More information about the meeting and the details of the scientific program appear in the eEJVES http://www.ejvesextra.com.

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The aim of the meeting was to address many issues with respect to the management of patients with venous disease. There was a plenary session which consisted of guest lectures, didactic sessions, case presentation, a debate and abstract presentations.

Over 100 abstracts were submitted and 30 were accepted for presentation. They were presented over the 2½ days, interspersed within the other sessions and invited lectures. Each abstract had a 10 minutes presentation followed by 10 minutes discussion, a format that has been successful since the formation of the EVF in 2000.

All participants received the excellent book “Venous disease simplified.” This comprises of chapters contributed by International authors and is edited by Alun H Davies, Tim A Lees and Ian F Lang (tsm publishing Ltd, 2006).

The EVF was founded in 2000, parallel to the AVF with the aim of presenting selected papers on venous disease of high scientific quality. Currently it has 263 members. The president of each EVF with his team, undertake to organize the congress locally. However, the registration, selection of papers and printing of the scientific program is done centrally from the organizing committee whose president is Professor A. N. Nicolaides.

One of the advantages of being member of the EVF (annual membership 55 Euro ie £40) is that the registration fee is very low for members.

Each year the EVF awards 3 prizes for the best presentations according to originality and quality. The 1st was given to RKG Eifell (no 29) and the 2nd to AM Van Rij (no 19). They are accompanied by Servier travelling grants to attend the following annual meeting of the AVF. The 3rd EVF prize was given to J Bergan (no 15). JR Scurr (no 14) and A Howard (no 11) received the RSM Venous Forum prizes.

The organisers of the meeting are extremely grateful to the following sponsors: Bioleitec, Sigvaris Britain Ltd, Tyco Healthcare, Medi UK, and WL Gore Associates and the 22 exhibitors who attended and supported the meeting.

The Gala dinner took place at the stylish Langhams Hotel on Friday.

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The 8th meeting of the EVF will take place in Istanbul, Turkey from 29 June - 1 July 2007 with president and organiser M. Kurtoglu. Further details are available from the www.europeanvenousforum.org or the executive secretary Anne Taft evenous forum@aol.com.

The scientific program appears below.

THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2006

Didactic Session

Diagnosis of Venous Disease. Tim Lees, Newcastle.
Ablation Techniques. Bruce Braithwaite, Nottingham.

Scientific Session 1: Ulcers
Chairmen: R Corbett

| 1.1 | Excision and grafting in hard to heal leg ulcers. Abisi S, Tan J, Burnand K. Academic Surgery Department, St Thomas’ Hospital, London, UK |
| 1.2 | A prospective randomised trial of ICX-PRO (cultured fibroblasts) in healing chronic leg ulcers. Blair SD, Gawne S on behalf of Topical 1 trial participants. Wirral Hospital Trust, Upton, Wirral, UK |

Key Note Lecture: Ethnicity in Venous Disease.
Andrew Bradbury, Birmingham

Scientific Session 2: Outcomes
Chairmen: J Earnshaw, M Perrin

| 2.5 | The clinical significance of persistent below-knee great saphenous vein (BK-GSV) reflux following endovenous GSV laser ablation (EVLA): Do we need to modify treatment? Theivacumar N, Delligrammaticas D, Mavor A, Gough M. Leeds Vascular Institute, The General Infirmary at Leeds, UK |
| 2.6 | Comparative analysis of usefulness of two scoring systems, CEAP and VSS, in assessment of CVD severity and outcome of surgical treatment. Jawien A, Switonski M, Grzela T, Migdalaki A, Piotrowicz R. Department of Surgery, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Collegium Medicum in Bydgoszcz, Poland |
| 2.8 | Comparison of conventional stripping versus cyro-stripping: A prospective randomised trial. Menyhegi G, Gyevnar Z. Department of Vascular Surgery, University of Pecs, Hungary |
| 2.10 | Varicose vein treatment and restoration of saphenous vein competence: The French “Asval” method. Pittaluga P (1), Chastanet S (1), Rea B (2), Barbe R (2), Guex JJ (1). (1) Riviera Veine Institut, Nice, France, (2) Clinique Charcot, Lyon, France |
Invited Lecture: Thrombosis in Venous Disease.
Tom Wakefield

Invited papers.
Chairmen: M Callum, JJ Guex

The history of the iliac compression syndrome. JT Hobbs, UK
Endoluminal treatment of lower limb varicose veins by endovenous laser and radiofrequency. A review of the literature as of 1st March 2006. M. Perrin, France
Therapeutic benefit of Daflon 500 mg in the treatment of venous leg ulcers. P Coleridge-Smith, Lok C, Ramelet A-A

Scientific Session 3: Deep Venous Thrombosis
Chairmen: G Stansby, J Fareed

| 3.12 | | Neovalue construction in postthrombotic syndrome and valve aplasia. Lugli M, Malello O. Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, Hesperia Hospital, Modena, Italy |
| 3.13 | | Endovenous valve transfer stent (EVTS) for the treatment of chronic deep venous insufficiency. Phillips M (1), Lane R (1), Cuzzilla M (1), Simmone A (2). (1) Department of Vascular Surgery, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, Australia, (2) Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia |
| 3.14 | 1st RSM Prize | Is failure to provide thromboprophylaxis negligent? Scurr JR, Scurr JH. The Lister Hospital, London, UK |

FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2006

Breakfast Session — Biolitec ELVeS Meeting:
Up-date on Endovenous Laser Obliteration
Chairman: Alun Davies

Laser and technology on ELVeS. Martin Sabado (UK)
ELVeS for the great saphenous vein. Joe Brookes (UK)
ELVeS for the short saphenous vein. Results. Michael Gough (UK)
Treatment of reticular vein and branches. Giuseppe Serpieri (Italy)
The future of ELVeS. Vein ulcer treatment. David Greenstein (UK)

Conclusions and Discussions

Scientific Session 4: Venous Diseases
Chairmen: J Wolfe, M Kurtoglu

| 4.15 | 3rd EVF Prize | Venous hypertension induced venous insufficiency ameliorated by Daflon 500mg Pascarella I (1), Lulic D (2), Alsaghe T (1), Lee J (1), Kapur V (1), Schmied-Schonbein G (1), Bergan J (2). (1) Department of Bioengineering, (2) Department of Surgery, UCSD School of Medicine, San Diego, California, USA |
| 4.16 | | Role of TIMP-3 in causation of varicose veins. Sharp B (1), Aravind B (1), Navin T (2), Monaco C (2), Paleolog E (2), Davies AH (1). (1) Charing Cross Hospital, London, UK, (2) Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, Imperial College, London, UK |
| 4.17 | | Local anaesthesia for varicose vein stripping. Simins M, Mortimer J, Butterfly S, Sargent B, Dealey C. Selly Oak Hospital, University Trust, Birmingham, UK |
| 4.18 | | The profiles of MMP-1, -2, -8, -9 and TIMP-3 in chronic venous ulcers. Tan J, Abisi S, Smith A, Sawyer B, Eastham D, Burnand K. Academic Department of Surgery, Cardiovascular Division, St Thomas' Hospital, 1st floor, North Wing, Lambeth Palace Road, London, UK |
| 4.19 | 2nd EVF Prize | A patient self-administered quality of life questionnaire to complement clinical and vascular laboratory assessments of varicose veins. Van Rij AM, Chen T, Macfarlane J, Landmann MC. Department of Surgery, Dunedin School of Medicine, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand |
| 4.20 | | Elevated lipoprotein (a) levels: A new biological marker of venous thromboembolic risk. Casals F (1,2), Escolar G (1,2), Deulofeu R (1,3). (1) Thromboembolism Unit (EFMATE), (2) Hemotherapy-Hemostase Dept, (3) Lipids Laboratory, CBD, Hospital Clinic, Barcelona, Spain |

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“Interesting Cases”
Chairmen: J Hobbs, P Zamboni

A difficult diagnostic problem. Nicos Labropoulos, USA
Pagets Schrotter syndrome. Gerry Stansby, Newcastle
Mesenteric vein thrombosis. George Geroulakos, London
Recurrent varicose veins. John Earnshaw

DVT Prophylaxis – which modality, when? (Tyco Healthcare session)
Chairman: Alun Davies

DVT – an underestimated problem. Alun Davies, UK
Pharmacological prophylaxis. Beverley Hunt, UK
Mechanical prophylaxis. Jana Urbankova, USA
Combined modalities. Joe Caprini, USA
Cost effectiveness of DVT prophylaxis. Andrew Nicolaides, Cyprus
Discussion

Invited Lecture: Outcome Measures in Venous Disease. Greg Moneta, USA

EVF Invited Lecture: Thrombolysis in Venous Disease.
Anthony Comerota, USA

The Potential of a Venous Registry
Speakers: Mariella Catalano, Italy, Tim Lees, UK

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 1 JULY 2006

Invited Lecture: Inflammation in venous disease. Paolo Zamboni, Italy

Sclerotherapy Session
Chairpersons: Marianne Vandendriessche, Philip Coleridge-Smith

Speakers: Sclerotherapy for small varices: technique and efficacy.
Marianne Vandendriessche (Belgium)

Servier Travelling Fellowship Award Winners
Chairmen: B Eklof, T Wakefield

| 21 | Open endophlebectomy and endovenous stenting for chronic thrombosis of the inferior vena cava and the iliofemoral veins. Oderich GS, Noel AA, Bjarmansson H, Sheilds RC, Rooke TW, Kalra M, Głowicki P. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA |

| 22 | The use of D-dimer and pretest clinical probability to determine the need for duplex ultrasonography in the diagnosis of deep venous thrombosis. Stonerock CE, Pandurangi K, Dalsing MC. Indiana University School of Medicine, Department of Vascular Surgery, Indianapolis, IN, USA |

Scientific Session 5: Techniques of venous ablation
Chairmen: P Lamont, M Vandendriessche

| 5.23 | Stripping vs haemodynamic correction (CHIVA): A long term randomised trial. Carandina S, Mari C, De Palma M, Marcellino MG, Legnaro A, Liboni A, Zamboni P. Department of Surgery, Day Surgery Unit, University of Ferrara, Ferrara, Italy |

| 5.24 | Foam injection sclerotherapy cures veins with a single injection: Fact or fiction. Forlee MV, Dowdall JE, Haider SN, McDonnell CD, Nyheim T, Malik C, Colgan MP, Madhavan P, Moore DJ, Shanik GD. St James’s Vascular Institute, St James’s Hospital, Dublin, Ireland |

| 5.25 | Disease severity scores for varicose veins: Their reliability in assessing the outcome of endovenous laser ablation (EVLA) and recommendations for future studies. TheEvacuumar N, Dallagrammaticas D, Beale R, Mayor A, Gough M. Leeds Vascular Institute, General Infirmary at Leeds, Leeds, UK |

| 5.26 | Surgical treatment of varicose veins: Comparative study between two different techniques. Iborra E, Vila R, Barja E, Cairols MA. Servei d’Angiologia i Cirurgia Vascular, Hospital Universitari de Bellvitge, L’Hospitalet de Llobregat, Spain |
## Scientific Session 6: Imaging and Management

**Chairmen:** T Lees, A Comerota

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**Surgeon turned sclerotherapist: poacher turned gamekeeper?**
Andrew Bradbury (UK)
Foam sclerotherapy for saphenous varices.
Attilo Cavezzi (Italy)

**Outcomes of ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy.**
Philip Coleridge-Smith (UK)

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