

Vascular News

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XXIII Australasian College of Phlebology meeting synopsis

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Our 23rd meeting was held in the City of Adelaide as suggested by Dr Lisa Marks and my-self. It's the Capital of South Australia (a state down bottom and in the middle of Australia as the name suggests). The weather and location on the central city square set the scene for a great meeting, and what a great way to spend a few days with all of our colleagues and friends back under the one roof for the first time in 4 years which was long overdue and a very welcome relief from a run of virtual meetings. So wonderful to have face to face contact and spontaneous meetings and chats!

We started with the training day, with streams dedicated to both Advanced and Basic level trainees, as well as our mixed round table and lecture sessions which provided our trainees with the opportunity to interact with the faculty in an intimate environment, with opportunities

to develop new relationships and partnerships early in their careers.

We also have what we believe are very important sessions which we call HANDS-ON-WORKSHOPS (HOWS). The return of the Hands-on-Workshops was welcomed and attended by most of our delegates. In these we run 5 stations where delegates rotated between each station. This provided a unique opportunity for our suppliers to be able to demonstrate and explain in more detail how their equipment and products benefit the work that we all do! Again, it allows improved contact and communications with those leading the area in their equipment and products ensuring we are all updated and using the best technology and information. Thank you to Sigvaris, Fuji Sonosite, Device Consulting, Lohmann & Rauscher and GE Healthcare especially for taking part.



The ACP2023 Adelaide flyer



Australasian College of Phlebology Faculty and Keynote Speakers

While we had some fantastic local speakers presenting their knowledge and findings and suggesting and showing how we can do better we particularly thank our International speakers, (Dr Erika Mendoza (Germany) and Profs Keeley (United Kingdom) and Narayanan (Singapore)) who travelled from afar to give their unique insights on Phlebology. Their diversity of professional backgrounds being respectively a phlebologist, a vascular/endovascular surgeon and a consultant physician shows the great diversity and richness of the area of phlebology.

We know we are all part of a great network of international colleagues and hope that the information we shared and gained will benefit all. In particular we hope to further this sharing and our international relationships through some of our readers attending our next meeting on the beautiful Island of Fiji off the Australian Coast where through our presence we will be likely to significantly improve awareness of the importance of a sound phlebological understanding and thus improve vascular related health care and outcomes for the Pacific Islands area and their peoples.

As is part of any group it's important to have a continuum of new blood and in this respect we offer our congratulations to all of our new Fellows of the College

and to all our new graduates. Of course, there were also a number of awards for high level achievements in our field of Phlebology including that to Dr Paul Hannah for his crucial work in training and education, Dr Mendoza for her involvement in the development and education in Superficial Venous Ultrasound, Prof Narayanan for his work in diagnosis/management of PVD and Dr Jackson for her work in the area of Sclerotherapy.



Dr Erika Mendoza (Guest Speaker)

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We look forward to updating you all soon on the plans for our 2024 conference once dates are confirmed but it's likely to be around May/June. The enthusiasm to take our conference to Fiji has been overwhelmingly positive and

we can't wait to take the meeting there. Check out the Fiji Islands web site to see what you will miss if you don't come!

If you are planning on coming in 2024, let us know – and we can show the world the strength, commitment and supporting framework of Phlebology Down Under!

Start planning your presentations now so you can submit your abstracts once the submission portal opens.

Finally, please join many of us at the UIP World Congress of Phlebology in Miami in September as together we become stronger.

CHIVA Course in Croatia

1st international course on venous hemodynamics, strategy and treatment

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Dear colleagues,

it is my great pleasure to write this report and to inform You that we have successfully expanded CHIVA procedure to another site in the World. After all, the overall opinions and feelings about CHIVA were very positive.

The meeting was held for the first time in Croatia, in the small and beautiful but also 1700-year-old town Split.

We knew that the program would be packed with lot of information but anyway we organized it as one-day course also with ultrasound workshop on live models. Planning it this way we accepted that “new minds” would be tired, maybe even confused but with afternoon ultrasound lessons we tried to give some real world perspective and

sense of possible surgical solutions to the varicose vein disease.

The meeting was intended not only for vascular surgeons but also angio-radiologists and any other vein related specialists.

Of course we started from the beginning, prof. Claude Franceschi talking about history of vein analysis and varicose vein interventions, followed by hemodynamic pathophysiology that brought us back to the High school, listening to physics lessons that many of us surely forgot.

The lecture about shunt classification was held by dr. Giuseppe Di Gioia and as expected it was hardly understood at first. Of course we knew that this would occur as we went on until the classification became more and more clear.



Dr Frano Simic the Organizer of the Course