30th SVM Scientific Sessions highlights

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On behalf of the Scientific Sessions Program Committee

The 30th annual Society for Vascular Medicine (SVM) Scientific Sessions were held in McLean, Virginia, May 29 – June 1, 2019. Once again, the meeting was a great success. Approximately 262 attendees from around the globe met in McLean (near Washington DC) for 2½ days of academic sessions and vascular lab programming.

On Wednesday afternoon, various SVM committees gathered to discuss plans for the coming months. Wednesday evening featured a special presentation organized by the Women in Vascular Medicine and SVM Next Generation Committee entitled ‘Achieving Your Career Goals’ followed by a lively dessert reception to kick off the 30th Anniversary of SVM.

The meeting was officially kicked off on Thursday morning with Session 1, ‘The Year in Vascular Medicine’, which included updates on basic and translational science, anticoagulation and antiplatelet therapy, arterial and venous interventions, and lympathic disease. The session concluded with the SVM award ceremony, where Dr Gornik awarded the Jess R Young Award to Dr Joshua Beckman, and the MSVM designation to Drs Maria Teresa Abola and Diane Treat-Jacobson (see below). Finally, the Mark A Creager Prize for Research Excellence was awarded to the authors of ‘E-cigarettes and cigarettes worsen peripheral and central hemodynamics as well as arterial stiffness: A randomized, double-blinded pilot study’, by Klaas F Franzen and colleagues.1 Session 2 was the Presidents’ Town Hall, featuring questions from SVM members answered by 10 of SVM’s Past Presidents. The session concluded with cake for all in celebration of SVM’s 30th anniversary. Sessions 3 and 4 on Thursday covered a variety of topics on managing arterial and aortic disease. In Sessions 5 and 6, five cases were presented in the Rapid Fire Session on Clinical Situations, followed by five research projects in the Jay D Coffman Young Investigator Presentations. The winner of the Coffman Award was Dr Raymundo Quintana (see below). The Moderated Poster Session, which included 45 posters, allowed meeting attendees to engage in deeper conversations with presenters about their research. The highlight of Thursday evening was the 30th Anniversary Gala, with a series of Presidential toasts, a silent auction, and unforgettable entertainment from Dr Thom Rooke.

Friday’s academic sessions included the latest research on critical limb ischemia, an interactive session on chronic venous disease (American Venous Forum and SVM joint session), and another Rapid Fire Session on Best of SVM Science.

The ever-popular Vascular Jeopardy was in full swing over lunch on Friday afternoon, moderated by Drs Steve Dean and Thom Rooke. Congratulations to the winner, Dr Deborah Hornacek, and runner up Dr John Fish. After lunch, there were two SVM in the Vascular Lab sessions on surveillance and advances in imaging and perfusion, followed by three how-to workshops on practice development, compression therapy, and vascular nursing and advanced practice. Friday’s programming was topped off with another crowd favorite, Cases Over Cocktails, moderated by Drs Teresa Carman and Jeff Olin.

On Saturday, the academic programming continued with three more sessions including the Great Debates in Vascular Medicine and ‘Vascular Medicine: As Time Goes By’, and two more SVM in the Vascular Lab sessions on complex duplex imaging and ‘Fun with imaging’, an interactive case review. The last two sessions on Saturday presented the latest research on stroke, pulmonary embolism, and deep vein thrombosis.

I thank the entire Scientific Sessions Program Committee for its hard work this year in planning an outstanding meeting. Special thanks to the Abstracts Review Committee chairs, Drs Scott Kinlay and Nicholas Leeper, the ‘Cases Over Cocktails’ Selection Committee chair, Dr Teresa Carman, and our entire Program Committee as the moderators of the sessions, and all our faculty presenters. Finally, the Next Generation Committee participation, headed by Drs Yogen Kanthi and Christina Fanola, brought an overwhelming spirit of optimism and freshness to SVM 2019. The future of SVM is indeed safe in the hands of our young leaders.

CME opportunity for the 2019 Scientific Sessions

Attendees of the 2019 Scientific Sessions can claim up to 24.0 CME credits. Go to http://svm.cmecertificateonline.com. Click on the link for ‘SVM 30th Annual Meeting’, then follow the prompts to evaluate the meeting and print your certificate.
Save the date

Please save the date for the SVM’s 31st Annual Scientific Sessions to be held at the Grand Hyatt Denver, in Denver, Colorado, June 11–13 2020.

Also, the 5th Annual Fellows Course will be held at the Westin Denver International Airport in Denver, Colorado, December 14–15, 2019.

For more information on these events are more, visit vascularmed.org.

References


2019 SVM award winners

Jess R Young Outstanding Vascular Medicine Educator Award

Joshua A Beckman, MD, MS, MSVM

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Master of the Society for Vascular Medicine (MSVM) designation

Maria Teresa B Abola, MD, MSVM

Philippine Heart Center

Diane J Treat-Jacobson, PhD, RN, MSVM

University of Minnesota

Mark A Creager Prize for Research Excellence

Klaas F Franzen, Johannes Willig, Silja C Talavera, Moritz Meusel, Friedhelm Sayk, Michael Reppel, Klaus Dalhoff, Kai Mortensen, and Daniel Droemann

‘E-cigarettes and cigarettes worsen peripheral and central hemodynamics as well as arterial stiffness: A randomized, double-blinded pilot study’

Jay D Coffman Young Investigator Award

Ryamundo A Quintana, MD

Emory University School of Medicine

‘PPARgamma coactivator 1-alpha deletion upregulates catalase expression in the arterial wall preventing atherosclerosis formation’

Perspectives from the 2019 Alan T Hirsch Travel Award recipients

Firstly, I would like to thank SVM for the financial support through the Hirsch Travel Award which enabled me to be present at this meeting. In attendance of SVM’s 30th Scientific Sessions, I was impressed to hear some of the leaders of the field present on the most recent vascular research which continues to push the field forward and influence clinical practice. As a Doctor of Physical Therapy, I see where experts in movement science may contribute to the rehabilitation of patients with vascular conditions who undergo both surgical and non-surgical interventions. In my future training as a clinical scientist, I look forward to collaborating with other health care providers to explore how exercise and optimization of human movement may address issues related to skin integrity, pain, decreased endurance, and impaired mobility in patients with vascular disease. *Elizabeth Ann Chom, MD; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN*

I am appreciative for being chosen for the SVM Alan T Hirsch Travel Award for the 2019 SVM conference. As a relatively new member and a nurse practitioner in the field, I felt welcomed before the conference even started after receiving this award, which provided the opportunity to attend my first SVM conference. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the conference because I was able to meet members from around the country, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and nurses in the vascular field. I enjoyed learning about the wide variety of vascular disorders and currently recommended treatment options. My personal involvement in the SVM conference was beneficial for my professional growth within the Society, including presenting a poster on IVC thrombosis and participating on a panel during the APP workshop. The poster presentation provided an opportunity to not only meet other vascular medical professionals but also to learn about other treatment options and examples from their practices, as well. The APP panel provided different perspectives of APP roles within the field and inspired me personally to continue involvement within the society due to the small numbers of nurse SVM members. I hope to increase awareness within the vascular nursing population about SVM and the annual Scientific Sessions. *Alexandra Moran, NP; Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN*
Eleven of SVM’s presidents, including 10 past presidents and current President Dr Heather Gornik, as well as President-Elect Dr Raghu Kolluri. From left to right: Drs Jeffrey Olin, Michael Bacharach, Thom Rooke, Heather Gornik, Michael Jaff, Mark Creager, William Hiatt, John (Jerry) Bartholomew, Raghu Kolluri, James Froehlich, and Joshua Beckman.

Celebrating SVM’s 30th Anniversary!

Dr Maria Teresa Abola receives the Master of the Society for Vascular Medicine (MSVM) designation, presented by Dr Heather Gornik.

Dr Diane J Treat-Jacobson receives the Master of the Society for Vascular Medicine (MSVM) designation, presented by Dr Heather Gornik.

Dr Joshua Beckman receives the Jess R Young Outstanding Vascular Medicine Educator Award, presented by Dr Heather Gornik.

Dr Klaas Franzen receives the Mark A Creager Prize for Research Excellence on behalf of his research team, presented by Drs Mark Creager and Heather Gornik.
Dr Raymundo Quintana receives the Jay D Coffman Young Investigator Award, presented by Dr Scott Kinlay.

Engaged learning during 2½ days of educational sessions, with content of relevance for all in the vascular field.

Dr John Fish and Deborah Hornacek face off in Vascular Jeopardy.

Dr James Froehlich toasts to the Past Presidents at the 30th Anniversary Celebration Gala.

Moderated poster sessions.

Dr Thom Rooke delivered an unforgettable presentation at the 30th Anniversary Celebration Gala.