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Message from the President

Welcome to London, and thank you for coming to contribute to the success of the first International Vascular Symposium. I hope you will find your visit both beneficial and enjoyable.

We are grateful to H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester for honouring us with his Patronage, and to the many other individuals and organisations who have helped to make it possible for us to be here today.

Vascular surgery has matured and has grown to be strong and sure since its infancy in the 1950's; and its strength and purpose are now fortified by a number of new disciplines. The development of non-invasive vascular laboratories, resurgent interest and fresh discoveries in the fields of epidemiology and risk factors; the growing concern of vascular clinicians with the care and the surgical improvement of the ischaemic heart; all these are bringing a new depth of understanding to our work. Increasing numbers of patients together with medical, nursing and technical staff, are all feeling the benefit of these advances.

Operative methods, which not long ago seemed adequate, are now under renewed and critical re-appraisal. The new developments of both radiological and prosthetic intra-luminal techniques are being successfully applied to many conditions that have until recently been inoperable.

I hope that the questions which we have set ourselves will bring fruitful discussion, and that together we are about to set new trends in vascular surgery.

H. H. G. EASTCOTT
President

Message from the Organising Chairman

I wish to thank you all for attending this Symposium. Without your support it would not have succeeded. We decided to hold it in order to bring together to exchange ideas vascular surgeons who do not normally meet, and to assist the birth of a second generation of vascular surgery. In this new phase the speciality should become more objective and should attempt to be more scientific than in the past in its answers to pressing questions. Vascular surgery still lags sadly behind more mature surgical specialities in the scientific basis of its treatment and assessment of results.

I am deeply indebted to Mr Eastcott, Andrew Nicolaides, the Organising Committee, the Scientific Committee and our eminent International Advisory Committee for their hard work and their invaluable advice and encouragement during the preparations for this Symposium. A Meeting of this size, not guaranteed support by the Membership of a large Society, is a worrying venture, but your participation and the unstinted efforts of our Committees will, I hope, give us a modicum of success. The final evidence of that success will lie in whether we shall have improved our understanding of any of the problems outlined in the programme. Our organisers, Conference Associates Ltd, have made every effort to ensure that the Meeting is both a scientific and a social success, and I know they wish me to remind you that their representatives are present throughout the Symposium and ready to help in any way they can.

I hope and believe that you will enjoy and benefit from this Symposium and that it will be the fore-runner of a series of further such Meetings in the years to come.

CRAWFORD JAMIESON
Organising Chairman

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Monday 14 September

11.00 - 18.30

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

08.30 - 18.30 daily

Multilingual staff are available at these times to assist Delegates. Please do not hesitate to ask for help.

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Name badges are issued to all registered Delegates and Accompanying Guests. These are entry badges and should be worn at all times. Scientific sessions can be attended only by those wearing a name badge as follows:

Delegates	White badge
Delegates entitled to attend Postgraduate Course (£50 Fee)	White badge with black stripe
Technicians attending Technical Workshop only	Red badge
Press	White badge with 2 red stripes

Accompanying Guests have blue badges which do not admit to scientific sessions.

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The Trade Exhibition, including exhibits of instruments, equipment, drugs and publications, will be open at the following times on Level 2 of the Royal Festival Hall:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

09.00 - 17.00 (The Exhibition is not open on Monday 14 September)

All Delegates and Accompanying Guests are welcome to visit the exhibition at these times. A list of exhibitors is given on page 50. Delegates will find the exhibition catalogue in their briefcases.

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Royal Festival Hall Level 2 Exhibition Area

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Monday 14 September 18.30 - 20.00

Welcome Reception at the historic Guildhall in the City of London (see page 11)

Tuesday 15 September 19.45 - 22.00

Concert of classical music in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Rasma Lielmane (violin) Christodoulos Georgiades (piano).

Entry by ticket only. There may be some seats still available - apply to Social Events Desk as soon as possible (see page 13).

Thursday 17 September 18.30 - 20.00

Farewell Reception.

Given by the Greater London Council at County Hall (see page 17).

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

Optional Evening Events

(not included in Registration Fee)

Tuesday 15 September 18.45 - 24.00

Elizabethan Feast.

Cost £18.00 fully inclusive.

Wednesday 16 September

National Theatre performance.

Cost £8.00.

Delegates who have booked in advance for these evening events will find tickets in their registration envelopes. A few tickets may be available from the Social Events Desk in the Foyer of the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Transport for Evening Events

Transport details are printed clearly on all tickets. Where coach transport is not provided, advice is given regarding public transport.

Other Social Events

The Keith Prowse Ticket Agency in the Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer will help with bookings for opera, ballet, theatre, concerts and sporting events.

Photographer

Jalmar Photography have been appointed official Symposium photographers, and photographs will be displayed for sale in the Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer.

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For full details of tours see Timetable pages.

Tickets

Tickets for tours requested in advance on the registration form are included in Delegates' and Accompanying Guests' registration envelopes. Additional tickets may be available from the Tours Desk in the Foyer of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, price:

half-day tour £9.00,

full-day tour £28.00

(including luncheon and wine).

Transport for Tours

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Tickets are marked with the code number of each tour, eg. B.1, and participants should join the guide carrying a sign with this number.

It is important that tour groups assemble promptly and depart at the time scheduled. Return timings are approximate only – coach drivers will endeavour to keep to schedule, but the density of London traffic cannot always be accurately predicted.

Please bring your tickets with you.

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British Airways

The British Airways Travel Desk in the Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer is open every day to help Delegates with enquiries and flight confirmations.

INTRODUCTION TO SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific programme of our Symposium has three aims. The first is to bring together colleagues from all over the world and to encourage the exchange of information. Such an exchange can be a catalyst for new and original ideas. The second aim is to advance the art and science of vascular surgery and medicine by attempting to answer the controversial questions posed in the sessions. The third aim is educational. The Symposium offers to those people from the United Kingdom who would not normally travel abroad an opportunity to take part in a meeting of this magnitude.

The Postgraduate Course has been organised for the vascular trainee. The Technical Workshop will bring together technicians, clinicians, bioengineers and commercial exhibitors so that each will get to know the resources and the needs of the others' disciplines.

Because technological advances are very rapid, we are using only a small fraction of the available knowledge. The potential for the future is immense. We shall use new technology more and more, but we must do this without losing sight of the ultimate benefit to the patient.

On behalf of the local Organising Committee, I would like to thank the members of the International Advisory Committee and the Scientific Committee for their support which enabled us to produce the scientific programme. Finally, I would like to thank you, the Delegates, for your overwhelming support. I am sure that your active participation will help achieve our aims and make this a successful Symposium.

Andrew Nicolaides

ANDREW NICOLAIDES
Scientific Chairman

NOTICE TO ALL PRESENTERS

All Speakers (including Technical Workshop and Postgraduate Course), please report to the Speakers Desk in the Queen Elizabeth Hall Foyer on arrival; and study the instructions you have been given on **audiovisual arrangements** and about the **briefing meeting** before your session.

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TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

This workshop includes discussions, presentations and demonstrations, emphasising the instrumentation of non-invasive techniques in peripheral arterial, carotid and venous disease. Space is limited for the Workshop: Delegates who have been allocated a place have been notified and given a ticket for each session.

Please return unwanted tickets to the Enquiry Desk.

Delegates on the waiting list should check on the Technical Workshop notice board in the Foyer of the Queen Elizabeth Hall to see if there are any tickets available.

POSTGRADUATE COURSE

The Postgraduate Course is held for 2 hours on each of the 3 full days of the Symposium. It covers systematically 3 areas:-

Cerebrovascular Disease

Aortic Surgery

Limb Salvage and Amputation

The Course is open to Delegates who have registered for it in advance: other Delegates wishing to register should apply to the Registrar in the Foyer of the Queen Elizabeth Hall.