WESTERN VASCULAR SOCIETY

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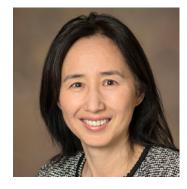
sacrificing scientific rigor. The tones of the council

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Wei Zhou, MD, President Elect, Western Vascular Society

Editorial Update

With my headphones in my ears I put my navigation on mute as I was driving to VAM along



I-90. Content to stay in my lane I listened to the executive council discuss the True Lumen and how to make it more appealing. All kinds of great suggestions from dedicated newsletter team, more member profiles and annual institutional highlights as well as some random ideas including Heather walking the exhibit hall of VAM with a notebook interviewing members. I entertained the facts and it kept coming back to the definition of true lumen - our guiding light as Vascular Surgeons. IN the OR we are seeking that clear moment when we know the patient is going to benefit from the surgery. How do we make the members feel that way when they read the newsletter? The miles clicked by in the rental car and the call continued. The topics discussed included

honoring founders and making sure the institutions are equally represented in the program without

members on the call instead of having dinner or helping patients seemed so full of compassion for the society. I am proud to edit the newsletter and feel hopeful about my upcoming presidency. WVS council cares about the membership, cares about the future and cares about the patients we serve. From Alaska to California, Utah to Montana our members scrub in everyday to be of service. Please

let us know how we can be of service to you and create more benefits of membership in the years to come. A goal for my editorship is to hear your voices, in order so to better serve as President. Please send us a note letting us know how we can improve or provide content to celebrate the good work your team is doing. I spent most of my drive to VAM wishing I could use the HOV lane because together we can travel faster further toward our goals!



to the table the research that matters to you!



 Resource for support with patient care from experts who will be a text away if you spend the time to learn about their practice and get to know them around the beachfire at a Western Experience an expansive leadership lab with the brightest stars in the western region on by volunteering to be on a committee. Watch and learn how the powerhouse surgeons communicate in a variety of scenarios and this will stretch you as a surgical leader.

 Ability to collectively influence the future of vascular surgical technique and device development. Leading the way with diversity,

equity and inclusion.

Historical Note - The First WVS Meeting R. Eugene Zierler, MD, Historian, Western Vascular Society The WVS was established in 1984 by an Organizing Committee consisting of Drs. Wesley S. Moore,

Victor M. Bernhard, W. Sterling Edwards, Jerry

Goldstone, John M. Porter, Robert B. Rutherford,

and D. Eugene Strandness. Each member of the

members, and the resulting group of 87 vascular

be the founding members of the WVS.

surgeons from the Western region were invited to

The first annual meeting of the WVS was held at

Organizing Committee submitted a list of potential

you! Publish with other members, discuss papers of serious merit. Belong to the enclave of western vascular

Come to meetings to remember what inspired

learn from specific vascular Surgery Interest

Webinars giving you the tools to personally fill

 Invite as a guest to meetings physicians, allied healthcare providers and family to the meetings

at wonderful venues for enviable room rates with

the pipeline of talent in vascular surgery

the option to stay on for a vacation.

changemakers who stand on the shoulders of giants like Dr. Moore who with a gang of his

friends thirty-seven years ago thought it may

- be fun to get together once a year and ended up impacting the scientific quality of life of 280 vascular surgeons!



discussants. These represented a wide variety of

visceral vessels, 4 on vascular laboratory testing,

and 4 on carotid disease. There were also 3 papers

on portal hypertension, and 2 on venous problems. A review of the program book reminded me that I

am a co-author on one of the papers titled "Duplex

on lower extremity ischemia and bypass grafts, 2

topics, including 4 on the abdominal aorta and

Scanning of Renal Arteries" which was presented by Dr. Ted Kohler. Ten of these papers were subsequently published in the Journal of Vascular Surgery or other surgical journals. This first meeting of the WVS set the tone for the ensuing programs, and many of the features from this meeting have persisted up to the present, such as including a guest lecturer from outside the Western region, having an invited discussant for each paper, and limiting the scientific sessions to half-days to leave time for an active social program. (Thanks to Dr. Jerry Goldstone for reviewing this piece and contributing some important details.) Please send your photos of early meetings to

Officio Member Dr. Vincent Rowe WVS President.

Interested in establishing your own V-SIG?



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37th Annual Meeting

Registration

FLOAT PLANE TRAVEL

The Harbour Air and Kenmore

Air float plane terminal in Victoria

is located across the street from

Harbour. The terminal is located

from the Empress.

Fairmont Empress, along the Inner

approximately a 5-minute walk away

For the truly adventurous, you can

take a Kenmore Air float plane from Lake Union in Seattle to Victoria Inner Harbor. The flight is an

incredibly beautiful ninety minutes you will not soon forget. In my experience, this is the least

predictable way to travel and best reserved for those who have flexible schedules as the planes do not fly in adverse weather of any kind. It is a

gamble but well worth it.



VASCULAR SOCIETY WESTERN

September 17 - 20, 2022

Advance Program

Empress. (Flying into Vancouver) Alternatively, you can fly into Vancouver (YVR) and rent a car and take a 2-hour BC Ferry to Swartz Bay, Victoria. Reservations are recommended for the ferry. NOTE: In accordance with regulations for air passengers arriving in Canada, proof of vaccination requirements are in effect - more details can be seen here. A negative COVID-19 test is no longer required; however you must submit all required information into ArriveCAN within 72 hours

True Lumen welcomes institutional updates, celebrations of member accomplishments and photos—

Read the full article: https://jvsvs.org/article/ S2666-3503(22)00001-3/fulltext

between aneurysm vs. spontaneous dissection

events. Her goal is to identify circulating

biomarkers that are predictive of disease

Sarah Parker, PhD, MS Cedars-Sinai Division of Vascular Surgery Newsletter Updates Congratulations to Dr. Sarah Parker, PhD, MS who published her latest findings on proteomics of the aorta in the Journal of Vascular Surgery. In this study, Dr. Parker's research team identified protein signatures including inflammation and impaired smooth muscle cell function that are common between aortic aneurysms and dissection, as well as specific pathways that appear to differentiate

Furthermore, congratulations to Western Vascular Society Member Dr. Donald Baril to assume the role of program director for the Cedars-Sinai Vascular Surgery Residency starting in July 1, 2022. Dr. Baril who joined Cedars-Sinai in 2020, was previously an associate program director of the integrated vascular surgery residencies at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Massachusetts. **Vascular Surgery Fellows**

The ACGME accredited 2-year fellowship program, which started in 2018, is pleased to welcome its fourth fellow, Dr. Lili Sadri, who starts this July. Dr. Sally Schonefeld will start

2nd year vascular surgery fellow Dr. Daniel Miles and

Dr. Donald Baril



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art and science of compassionate vascular health in the Western United States, Canada and the Pacific Rim. **VISION** The Western Vascular Society (WVS) seeks to advance excellence and innovation in vascular health through education, research, public awareness and advocacy. WVS membership is recognized in the vascular communities of the Western United States, Canada and

surgeons in your community as ask them specifically if they are members of Western Vascular. I did this last month after three years on the membership community and found one exemplary surgeon who needed a letter to complete his application! The benefits of membership are vast but here are a few highlights for me... Ability to sponsor papers for the meeting - bring

Help Wanted WVS Senior member seeking a golden retriever - good home assured! Contact heather@surgicalcs.com with leads.

> the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Laguna-Nigel, California on January 23-26, 1986. A set of bylaws was approved, and W. Sterling Edwards was elected as the first President, along with Robert B. Rutherford as President-Elect, Wesley S. Moore as Secretary-Treasurer, Victor M. Bernhard as Recorder, and Jerry Goldstone, John M. Porter, and D. Eugene Strandness as the Membership Committee. Dr. D. Emerick Szilagyi attended the meeting as an invited guest. At that time, Dr. Szilagyi was a Senior Editor of the Journal of Vascular Surgery which had started publication in January 1984.

The meeting began on the afternoon of Thursday,

and extended over the next 2 and a half days with

scientific sessions in the morning and sporting or social events in the afternoon and evening. Wesley

January 23 with an Executive Council Meeting

and Patricia Moore served as Chairpersons of

worked as a travel agent and also helped with

the planning for a number of subsequent WVS

meetings). On Friday, January 23 there was a golf tournament organized by Don and Nancy Bell and a

tennis tournament organized by Richard and Bette

Treiman. Denny and Kay Baker arranged the Friday

night theme dinner which was called the "Western Vascular Roundup" and included plentiful Western

the Local Arrangements Committee (Pat Moore

Member Dr. Vincent Rowe WVS President for an hour of breakout room fun and scenarios. This Dr. Niten Singh and the committee members Dr. fascinating session will take you from what? to I got Leigh Ann O' Banion, Dr. Gregory Magee and Ex

Please share this link to register in advance for

this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/ register/WN_qJNk6BWwTBKPXPJ93ZGkbQ

Fairmont Empress, Victoria, B.C. Canada Make plans to attend the 37th Western Vascular Society Annual Meeting

HELICOPTER TRAVEL (From Seattle, Washington (U.S./ Travelling between Downtown Canada border), The Seattle to Vancouver and Downtown Victoria

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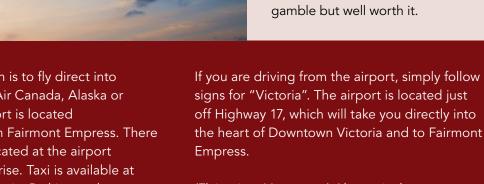
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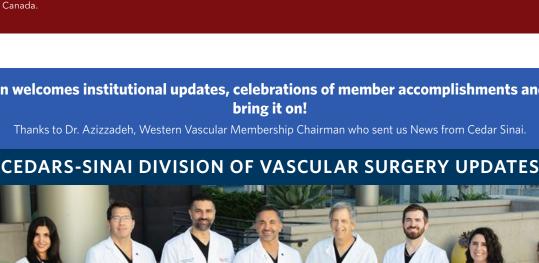
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is accessible via taxi or Helijet's

(1.6km) from Fairmont Empress and

Helijet. The Helijet terminal is







progression.





as our chief fellow. Lili Sadri, MD

WESTERN VASCULAR SOCIETY Membership Chair ALI AZIZZADEH, MD Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair











FERRY TRAVEL

Victoria Clipper ferry ride connects

ride to Victoria takes 2 hours and 45

the United States with Vancouver

Island. The Victoria Clipper ferry

minutes, traveling direct between

Pier 69 in downtown Seattle and

Victoria, BC's Inner Harbor.

AIR TRAVEL

the Belleville Terminal in downtown



Sally Schonefeld, MD

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MISSION The Western Vascular Society promotes and inspires education, research, inclusion and leadership in the

the Pacific Rim as a mark of the highest professional achievement. WVS seeks to advance excellence and innovation in vascular health.

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