VAS 2017 activity short report: to go on with our ambitious and concrete collaborative projects in Europe with International contribution.

**2017 VAS Key results (some concluded and some prepared to take-off in 2018)**

**VAS Foundation**
- **VAS Foundation** is now a reality: **VAS-European Independent Foundation in Angiology/Vascular Medicine**
  - New Statute
  - New Board and Advisory Board
  - Same principles and aims, but stronger legs for the future
- **VAS-International Consortium** (formal agreements with European and International):
  - 27 Scientific Societies, Organizations and Universities
  - Stable professional partnerships
- **Signed Agreement for a stable Privileged Partnership USA-Europe between VAS and SVM:** Reciprocal representatives on both the Boards
- **Signed Agreements with ESL, SVM, INHWE** represented on VAS Advisory Board
- **Several new collaborations** with defined projects

**Academic Meetings**
- **14th European Angiology Days:**
  - Speakers and Participations from 41 European and USA Universities and Institutions
  - Participants from 19 European and Non-European Countries

**PAD Collaborative 360° Project: “No More Vascular Amputations”**
- Educational, Research and Awareness aspect of the Project launched in a large network of collaboration

**Educational Activities**
- **VAS European Book on Angiology/Vascular Medicine**
  - 130 European Authors
  - Sent to the Editor (Ready February 2018)

**European Courses:**
- **European Courses in presence:**
  - Completed European Course on Thermoablation (in coll. with SFP)
  - Completed European Course on Sclerotherapy (in coll. with SFP)
- **E-Learning European Courses:**
  - Completed European Postgraduate Course on A/VM (Academic title)
  - European Course on Microcirculatory Techniques - Open
  - New European Course on Thermoablation (in coll. with SFP) - Open
  - New European Course on Sclerotherapy (in coll. with SFP) - Open
  - Several new Members of the European Teaching Panel

**Research Activities**
- **Research and Publications**
  - Launched PAD-H Project (the Research side of the “No More Vascular Amputations” project
No More Amputations: A Complex Scientific Problem and a Challenge for Effective Preventive Strategy Implementation on Vascular Field. VAS Educational (Int. Angiol. 2017 April; 36 (2):107.15

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**Awareness Activities**

- **Awareness**
    - 22 European and International Societies participate
  - New Groups joining the VAS Vascular Patients European Network

**UEMS Collaboration Activities**

- VAS ETC Validation Committee for the UEMS Division Accreditation of the European Training Centres (following the UEMS ETC Document criteria): the Committee has been created (still open to VAS members of the few Countries not represented) and some Applications received.
- The new (previously eligible for 2 mandates) VAS Representatives for the UEMS Division of A/VM have been elected