Vascular Independent Research and Education European Organisation

www.vas-int.net

- **European Scientific no profit Association becoming a European Foundation no profit in 2015**

- **More than 20 years of qualified, independent collaboration to create and obtain recognition of European Angiology/Vascular Medicine**

- **Members from 23 European Countries and some Extra-European**

- **Mission: to contribute to the development of Angiology/Vascular Medicine (Angiology and Vascular Medicine are synonyms used in different Countries), in multi-center co-operation amongst clinicians and researchers throughout Europe and Worldwide.**

- **Final aim: fight against Vascular Disease for its prevention and control for the benefit of patients and the society.**

Organisation
- VAS-International Consortium

Education
- European Courses & European Master
- European Book
- European Angiology Days

Research
- European Biobank on PAD (BBMRI)

Awareness
- PAD&Vascular European Days

EU Recognition
- UEMS Division on Angiology/Vascular Medicine
- CESMA-UEMS European Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine

Patients Organisation
- European Vascular Network

Web Interactive Platform
- VAS Campus

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VAS-IC Vascular International Consortium

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A Formal Agreement between VAS and Universities, Scientific Societies, Organisations, Associations Committees both in Europe and at International Level.

- **VAS incorporates, defined aims and internal rules. It has its own Committee of representatives to speak for the different realities that have signed the Consortium Agreement. A Selected Committee Votes .**
- **It represents the body which defines EU projects and in every activity respects the existing expertise, enhancing collaboration and nullifying any form of competition on aims of common interest.**
- **The various Institutions/Organisations may underwrite the Agreement in its entirety or, while still taking part and committing to comply with the principles of the IC, agree to collaborate (including only on specific areas e.g. only Education, only Research etc..).**

VAS Campus

The VAS Campus is a high technology platform which allows VAS :

1. **Certified E-Learning**
2. **Research Data Bank**
3. **Image Bank**

- **Access through VAS website**
- **All projects require a personal password (to enroll in Individual courses, to participate in research projects), with the exception of material aimed at patients and the population.**
- **The platform is run by qualified professionals.**
- **Each project is interactive to facilitate collaboration and further improvements.**
- **VAS provides the platform and assistance to be used by the National Scientific Societies who wish to offer nationwide training, certified E-Learning (accepted for national Credits)**

How to Cooperate & Benefit from these European Cooperative Results ?

- **As a single Researcher, Specialist, Clinician, Health Professional**
  - European Master, Advanced, Key Courses, Tutorial Training, Fellowship, European Book
  - CESMA-UEMS European Diploma (exam yearly, before EADays)
  - Participate in European Angiology Days
  - Cooperate with your expertise and ideas (in Education, Research, Awareness, Management)
  - Help your patients' organisation
  - Become VAS Member (no fees, just collaboration)
- **As a Center**
  - Apply to become a VAS Referee Center (for all or selected VAS activities)
  - Cooperate on specific expertise and with proposals implementing the European view of your Center's Team
  - Apply to UEMS Division to become a European Training Center
- **As an Institution, Organisation, Society, Association, Group**
  - Improve the weight of Angiology Vascular Medicine and the chance for EU Calls signing the formal Agreements as VAS-International Consortium (VAS-IC)
  - Cooperate on European Education signing the formal Inter-University and VAS Agreement
  - Take an active part in the National and European organisation of "PAD&Vascular European Days"
  - Improve communication and European links to your Country with links to the VAS web
  - If your National Society is not yet represented on the Board of the UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine, make your application.
  - Take an active part in VAS national videos for patients and the population (full professional organisation provided).

VAS Bodies

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European Educational Programmes

1. European Educational Courses

VAS, over the years, has developed European Training Programs.
These programs are largely the result of formal agreements with European Universities (Milan, Vienna, Brussels, Cluj-Napoca, Lubjana, Prague and MAET).

Today, these programs, are simplified with the activation of the VAS Campus, providing a platform for Certified E-Learning Programs to offer Theoretical Training.
On-the-job training programs, Tutorial and Practical Training are offered in selected centres, located in most European countries.

VAS Offers 4 types of Course (2015-2016 Programs):

- **University Diplomas/Certification :**
  - **European Master in Angiology/Vascular Medicine (7Ed.) -2 year course (the Master is accessed directly or modular (passing first the European Advanced Postgraduate Course in Angiology/Vascular Medicine)***
  - **European Advanced Postgraduate Course in Angiology/Vascular Medicine (certified E-Learning) -1 year Course**
- **Postgraduate Courses- VAS Certification:**
  - **European Postgraduate Course in Microcirculation (certified E-Learning)**
  - **European Postgraduate Course in Vascular Ultrasound (certified E-Learning+ option for next Tutorial Practical Course)**
  - **European Postgraduate Course in Thrombosis (certified E-Learning)**
  - **European Postgraduate Course in Varicose Veins (certified E-Learning + option for next Tutorial Practical Course)**
  - **European Postgraduate Courses in Patients Education (certified E-Learning)**
- **Postgraduate Key Courses (short courses with EACCME):**
  - **Peripheral Arterial Disease**
  - **Anticoagulation**
  - **Arterial Hypertension**
  - **Platelets**
- **European Fellowship in Angiology/Vascular Medicine (training and research project) 2 years ***

The *European Master in Angiology/Vascular Medicine
and the *European Fellowship in Angiology/Vascular Medicine
award direct access to the CESMA-UEMS Exam in Angiology/Vascular Medicine to obtain the CESMA-UEMS Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine

See details, application, pre-application in www.vas-int.net in Education area.

European Courses	For	Start	Pre-enrollement	Enrollement	Duration	Accreditation	Modality	Docent Responsble	Teaching Panel	Related Courses
European Advanced Postgraduate Course in Angiology/Vascular Medicine	MD	2015	Open	**July/ September 2015**	1 year	University	Certified E-Learning	M.Catalano (I)	VAS European Teaching Panel	Can be followed by European Master
European Master in Angiology/Vascular Medicine	MD	2016			2 yearss (1 year if previous Advanced Course in A/VM)	University	Tutorial Training	M.Catalano (I)	VAS European Teaching Panel An Organising CommitteE	**CESMA-UEMS European Exam for European Diploma**
European Postgraduate Course in Microcirculation of the Skin and Diagnostic Procedures.	MD	**2015**	**Open**	**End May 2015**	10 hours	VAS	Certified E-Learning	B.Fagrell (S)	Bengt Fagrell	*Interactive VAS Bank of Clinical cases and Capillaroscopy*
European Postgraduate Course in Vascular Ultrasounds	MD	**2015**	September 2015	End December 2015		VAS	Certified E-Learning	C.Tallmann & B. Amman Vesti (CH)	VAS European Teaching Panel	Optional next Practical Tutorial Course
European Postgraduate Course in Thrombosis	MD	2016			10 hours	VAS	Certified E-Learning		VAS European Teaching Panel	
European Postgraduate Course in Varicose Veins	MD	2016			12 hours	VAS	Certified E-Learning		VAS European Teaching Panel	Optional next Practical Tutorial Course
European Postgraduate Courses in Patients Education	MD	2016				VAS	Certified E-Learning		VAS European Teaching Panel	
Postgraduate Key Course on Anticoagulation	MD	**2015**	September 2015	End December 2015	3 hours	VAS/EACCME	Certified E-Learning		VAS European Teaching Panel	
Postgraduate Key Course on Hypertension	MD	**2015**	September 2015	End December 2015	3 hours	VAS/EACCME	Certified E-Learning		VAS European Teaching Panel	
Postgraduate Key Course on PAD	MD	2016			3 hours	VAS/EACCME	Certified E-Learning		VAS European Teaching Panel	
Postgraduate Key Course on Platelets	MD	2016			3 hours	VAS/EACCME	Certified E-Learning		VAS European Teaching Panel	
European Fellowship in Angiology/Vascular Medicine	MD	Open		Open	2 years	VAS			VAS Centres	ESMA-UEMS European Exam for European Diploma
European Postgraduate Course for Vascular Nurses	Nurses	-------	*The Project is still on hold*	----------	---------	VAS	Certified E-Learning	M. Kozak & P.Poredos (SL)	VAS European Nurses Panel VAS European Teaching Panel	Optional next Practical Tutorial Training

VAS European Courses 2015-2016

European Educational Programmes

2. VAS European Teaching Panel
3. VAS European Book on Angiology/Vascular Medicine
4. European Angiology Days

• VAS European Teaching Panel

High qualified European and international teaching staff, experts in the field of Angiology/Vascular Medicine and other related areas from the clinical and research point of view.
The teachers take part in educational projects in accordance with their expertise and the needs of the projects.

Are you interested in collaborating on Training? Apply to vas@unimi.it sending your CV

• VAS European Book on Angiology/Vascular Medicine

A European Book of Angiology/Vascular Medicine would provide a course Book for the CESMA-UEMS European Exam to obtain the European Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine and valid material for students to study and learn the essence of this specialty.

Due to the need to update existing material and include the quickly changing data on Angiology/Vascular Medicine as fast as possible the book will also be available as an E-book.

VAS' homepage will host the E-book and be the source of recent information for every single chapter and also links to the important information which will lead to the deeper understanding of that area of Angiology.

Every sub-chapter has been written by a European specialist in that field, who will also be the person responsible for regularly updating his/her chapter on the internet section of the book.

The book is about to be completed and reservations are welcome along with help on this challenging and exciting project.

To be released in 2016.

• European Angiology Days – Annual Academic Meetings

(12th Edition: 27-29 November 2015 Uggiate Trevano-Como-Italy)

- **Pre-EADays Meetings Friday , 8-19:**
  - **VAS Scientific, Educational, Research , Awareness Teams**
  - **UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine**
- **European Angiology Days**
  - **2 Scientific Sessions**
  - **1 Multidisciplinary Join Scientific Session (2015 European Society of Microcirculation and VAS)**
  - **Working Sessions (on cooperative VAS Projects on Education, Research, Awareness**
  - **Assembly UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine**
  - **2nd Meeting of the VAS-International Consortium**

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4th CESMA-UEMS European Exam
for the European Diploma in Angiology/VascularMedicine
26th November 2015 Milan(I)

See criteria and Application Form:
CESMA-UEMS EU Diploma
www.vas-int.net/cesma-uems-eu-diploma.html

And

12th EUROPEAN ANGIOLOGY DAYS

Scientific Academic Meetings

Updating Scientific Workshops and European Cooperative Projects

27th – 29th November 2015

Uggiate Trevano (CO), Italy

2nd Draft Programme

www.vas-int.net/european-angiology-days.html

Congress Registration **No onsite registration• Registration form to be sent to:**vas@unimi.it **• Registration fee:**VAS Members€ 60- Non Members€300 Banco di Desio e della Brianza IBAN IT74 V034 4033 0300 0000 0161 200 - BIC/SWIFT BDBD IT 22
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12th European Angiology Days 2015 - Draft Programme

- Pre-Congress Meetings : Friday 8.00am-7.30pm
  - VAS Teams Meetings (Educational, Research, Awareness, Scientific)
  - UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine Meeting

Academic Meeting Opening

➢ Friday 19.30

1st Scientific Session - Risk and Management of TED in Pregnancy
Chairmen: ***D. Karetova (CZ), R. Malmstrom (S)***
Speakers: P.M. Sandset (NO), K. Breen (UK), M. Kozak (SLO), G. Gerotziafas (F)

➢ Saturday 08.00-19.30

2nd Scientific Session - Arterial Stiffness: Risk, Early Diagnosis or Diagnostic Factor?
Chairmen: ***F. Skrabal (A), D.Olinic (RO)***
Speakers: K. O'Shaugnessy (UK), D.Hayoz (CH), P. Boutouyrie (F)*, F. Skrabal (A), C. Vlachopoulos (GR); I.J. Kullo (USA)*; Contribution to the Discussion D. Lemogoum (B), M. Sabovic (SLO)

Collaborative Programmes: VAS Projects Session
VAS Papers
Chairmen*: Z. Pecsvarady (H,) M.P. Colgan (IRL), P.Poredos (SL)*
Educationals
Chairmen: *M.Catalano (I), JC Wautrecht (B), B. Amann-Vesti (CH)*
VAS European Book
European Advanced Courses (Postgraduate)
European Master in Angiolgy/Vascular Medicine
Awareness
Chairmen: *K. Farkas (H), M. Kozak (SL), H.P. Fitzgerarld (IRL)*
European Vascular Patients' Network
Awareness Program "PAD&Vascular European Days" 2nd edition
Patients' Education On-Line
Research
Chairmen: *O. Karahan (TR), A. Szuba (P), K. Kroeger (D)*
VAS BioBank
New Research Proposals
News from TASC collaboration
VAS Campus for all the activities
Main Contributors to the projects from (to be completed): **A. Bura-Riviere (F), R.Canevascini(CH), P.Carpentier(F), E.Dimakakos(G), B.Fazeli(IRN), G.Gerotziafas(F), M.Gianfranchi(I), E.Kolossvary(H), J. P. Laroche(F)*, G.Marakomichelakis(GR), A Marmotti(I), M.Martorana(I), L.Moraglia(F), E. Petherick (UK), M. Prior (I), M.Sprynger(B), V.Stvrtinova(SK), A.Sieron (PL), A. Stanek (PL), D.Dunning (UK), J.Brown (UK), C. Thalhammer (CH) U. Rosanna (I) A. Schiavetta (I)**

2nd Meeting of the VAS-International Consortium (VAS-IC)
Chairmen: *M. Catalano (I), G. Gerotziafas(F), F.M. Boccardo(I)*
Organisation: Coordinating Committee and Internal Agreement
Advanced Draft Titles 1
Advanced Draft Title 2
Contributions from: **the Consortium Representatives**

EBEAVM Section *D.Olinic (RO), Z Pecsvarady (H)*
By the BEEAVM Board
UEMS Division of A/VM Session *M.Catalano (I)*
By the UEMS Division Board

CESMA-UEMS Diploma and European Master Diploma Ceremony

➢ Sunday 08.00-13.00

3rd Scientific Session Multidiscipline Session between European Society of Microcirculation-ESM- and VAS
Chairmen: *M.Edmonds (UK-VAS), M. Rossi (I-ESM)*
(programme under definition)

Educational Session for Patients/Population "Questions to the European Experts"
Chairmen: *G. Marakomichelakis (GR), A. Puskas (RO), M.Sprynger (B)*
Contributions from: R. Canevascini (CH)
01.00pm **Closing remarks**

***(to be confirmed)**

European Research Programs

VAS European Biobank Vascular Diseases (EBVD)

- Take part in the no-profit VAS European Biobank on PAD Patients to implement knowledge on PAD and Vascular Disease.
- The VAS Biobank is Partner of and follows the quality rules of the European BBMRI.
- Centralized organisation. No local costs.
- Ask for documents to present to your local Ethics Committee.

3 Sub-projects:

- **EBPp- European Biobank on PAD patients**
- **IBBp -International Biobank on Buerger patients**
- **Image Bank on Buerger patients**

Data collection (detailed questionnaires) and recording of samples takes place anonymously on the VAS web site, on the Campus in the area reserved for Researchers.

Other VAS projects

Documents under submission submitted on :

- **Vascular Amputations**
- **Burden and Equity of Vascular Diseases**
- **European Data Bank on PAD patients**

Independent published Trials:

CLIPS-Prevention of serious vascular events by aspirin among patients with Peripheral Arterial Disease: J Intern Med 2007; 261: 276-284

European Awareness Projects

PAD&VascularEuropeanDays

3rd Edition 16-17 March 2016

Held every year on the third Wednesday and Thursday of March (with optional social events during the week-end)
to
Raise awareness of Vascular Disease which are largely preventable both in their development and in their evolution.

The first day is dedicated to **PAD** (**Peripheral Arterial Disease**, arterial disease of the legs related with atherosclerosis, whose diagnosis may save lives or help to live better), while the second day deals with **other vascular diseases** (arteries, veins , lymphatics and microcirculation).
The Main slogan is:

"No more Vascular Amputations"

VAS in collaboration with 21 Societies:

Associazione contro le Malattie Vascolari-AmaVas
Associazione Medici Diabetologi-AMD
Austrian Society Angiology – OGIA
Belgian Working Group on Angiology
Czech Angiology Society
French Society of Vascular Medicine-SFMV
Greek Society of Lymphology-GSL
Greek Society Diabetic Foot
Hungarian Society of Angiology & Vascular Surgery-MAET
Italian Society of Vascular Pathologies–SIAPAV
Polish Society of Angiology
Romanian Society of Angiology & Vascular Surgery
Società italiana Medici di Medicina Generale-SIMG
Slovak Society of Angiology
Slovenian Vascular Society
Swedish Society of Hypertension, Stroke & Vascular Medicine
The College of Podiatry-UK
Vascular Medicine Ireland
VAS 'Vascular Patients European Network

And
European Society of Lymphology
International Union of Angiology

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WHO links our PAD&Vascular Days

http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/noncommunicable-diseases/cardiovascular-diseases/news/news/2014/03/peripheral-arterial-disease-pad-european-population-based-action-plan-for-early-diagnosis

VAS‘ Vascular Patients European Network

In some Centres or Countries local Vascular Patients’ Groups have been created (also thanks to the contribution of VAS). In Italy they are also part of AmaVAS.
The development of these groups is promoted and coordinated in VAS (VAS Patients'Group)with the aim of:

- improve links between patients in the single countries and at European level
- let the patients speak out on vascular problems (in terms of life style, public health, etc.)
- create simple but valid scientific material on the main aspects of prevention and every day living with vascular diseases
- increase and improve the patients' centrality in the European Centres
- make the fight against vascular diseases, for prevention, for a better quality of life a comon aim both for patients, health care professionals and researchers
- make awareness a common aim both as part of our everyday life as well as an organized project
- implement the European organisation of patients (in collaboration with their existing International and European Organisations)

Centres interested and Patients who wish to organize or coordinate at European level, please use contacts VAS Patients' Group (see *Contacts* on the VAS web).

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contro le
Malattie Vascolari

A national (IT) Example of Cooperation between Health Professionals, Centres, Patients, Artists and Population

AmaVas recently launched the initiative “Prevention in 5 Steps : Play your ACE!”

In collaboration with National Societies, Associations, Artists, Family Doctors s and Pharmacists’ Organisations

www.amavas.it

European Board for the CESMA-UEMS European Exam in Angiology /Vascular Medicine

VAS and the UEMS Division have given rise to the Board of the European Exam in Angiology/Vascular Medicine (BEEAVM) which organises the CESMA-UEMS European Exam to obtain the European Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine

CESMA-UEMS European Exam in A/VM

Every Year, 1 Day Before European Angiology Days, Milan (I).

Part 1a

- One week before the exam, 100 questions are selected from the **database** by the Referees, sent to the central informatic management engineer to upload to the server.
- Once uploaded, access to the 100 questions on database given to the 5 commission members, to revise.
- Multiple choice questions (MCQ) exam takes place in Milan, LITA Building, University of Milan, L. Sacco Hospital. Computers connected to the central server via internet. Duration of the MCQ exam two hours.

Part 1b

- Results of the written exam provided to the commission after the clinical exam expressed as a number of correct answers (out of the 100).
- **The written exam grade represented by the number of correct answers divided by ten**.

Part 2

- Clinical Case Discussion
- Discuss with commission members: clinical exam findings, biological results, non-invasive and invasive exploration findings etc.
- **Duration clinical case exam (30 minutes), Grade (1-10**).

Results

- The final exam grade, represents the average of the two grades. The Commission requires a final grade of at least 6.5 (on a 1-10 scale), in order to validate the exam.

Who can Apply?

See web www.vas-int.net BEEAVM area for information and application

Accreditation of European Training Centres in Angiology/Vascular Medicine (ETC in A/VM)

Who Can Apply?

Where National Accreditation exists, National Scientific Societies should cooperate sending the list of the Centres.
The single Centres, through the Director, can forward the Application.
Any communication/Application should be sent directly to UEMS Headquarters (also from vas web clicking on Contacts).

Which are the first steps to take towards Validation and then Accreditation?

- Centres applying for Accreditation will submit the file to the **Board of the UEMS Division** of Angiology/Vascular Medicine .
- **VAS**, acting in the name of the UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine, will **Validate** (Validation process) the fulfilment of criteria (see Training Requirements Document-UEMS Division A/VM).
- Centres applying for Accreditation could receive, during the Validation process, indication to cooperate with smaller Angiology/Vascular Medicine Centres or Centres with other Specialist structures (consistent with the purpose and the training curriculum) to expand the training offer. The Validation process that leads to Accreditation does not represent in any way an evaluation on the quality of the Centre, but follows criteria of harmonisation and qualification process at European level as described above. Where National Accreditation exists, National Scientific Societies could cooperate by sending the list of the Centres operating in their territory .
- In the next step, the **Validated** file will be submitted by VAS to the Board of the **UEMS Division** of Angiology/Vascular Medicine **for final Accreditation** .

The **Head and the medical staff** of the structure can apply for the **CESMA-UEMS European Diploma** in Angiology/Vascular Medicine, following the curriculum-based rules.

Second Accreditation

Centres already accreditated as ETC can apply for a further Accreditation/s in:

- **Arterial interventional Therapy**
- **Venous Procedures**

Following the previous indications and rules (see Training Requirements Document-UEMS Division A/VM)

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UEMS DIVISION OF ANGIOLOGY/VASCULAR MEDICINE

UEMS, the European Union of Medical Specialists, represents more than 50 medical disciplines and sets standards for high quality healthcare practice that are transmitted to the Authorities and Institutions of the EU .

- **In 2000 the problem of Angiology/Vascular Medicine was raised for the first time by VAS and the creation of an Angiology /Vascular Medicine Division was proposed within the UEMS.**
- VAS obtained the UEMS Division of Angiology/Vascular Medicine approved by the UEMS Council, a fundamental development in the recognition of this specialty in Europe and in individual countries (1st Board Meeting, 2008). Documents with the definition of Angiology/Vascular Medicine and the requirements for training in the specialty (Chapter 6) and its general guidelines (Policy Statement) were approved by the UEMS Council 2012.
- CESMA- UEMS Board also approved the BEEAVM, Board for European Exam in Angiology/Vascular Medicine and the first CESMA-UEMS Exam in Angiology /Vascular Medicine to obtain the CESMA-UEMS European Diploma in Angiology/Vascular Medicine was organized (Milan, 2012).

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