The end of the year is getting closer. Time to celebrate, reunite with friends and family and to take the time to enjoy the holiday season. We say goodbye to 2019, a year full of success and exciting changes, and we look forward to embracing the new challenges and opportunities that this new year brings. It is also time to thank everyone for the commitment and hard work to making 2019 an unforgettable year. The International Union of Phlebology (UIP) wishes you all a happy holidays and a prosperous New Year 2020!
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One of the aims of the UIP since its creation is to encourage activities of phlebology societies or associations. An example of this are the World Congress and Chapter Meetings. The last one, in the photo, was held in Krakow, Poland, in August 2019.

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To learn more about the UIP history and founders visit our website:

http://www.uip-phlebology.org/
If you want to know more, check our constitution here:
https://www.uip-phlebology.org/services/constitution/

UIP CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

Since the UIP General Council Meeting in Krakow, the UIP has improved its process of reviewing constitutional change and informing its member societies. A committee, known as the “UIP Constitutional Reform Committee”, comprising 3 members of the UIP Executive Committee, the UIP President and the UIP Executive Director review and approve all proposals for constitutional change. Once approved by this committee, approval is then sought from the full EC. After this, proposed changes are placed on the website and feedback sought from the member societies. It is hoped that this process of obtaining feedback from member societies before a GC meeting will allow member societies to have a stronger voice into how changes to the UIP are made.

A list of proposed constitutional changes can be found at https://www.uip-phlebology.org/uip-constitutional-changes/

UIP PROFESSIONALS GOT ENGAGED!

The UIP Engagement Working-Group call has enjoyed 38 spontaneous applications from all around the world.

The massive number testifies the UIP Societies Members will of actively engage in Phlebo-lymphology advancement projects.

The UIP Executive Committee will select the 10 members following the regulation of at least 5 under 40 yo, at least 2 females, at least 3 health-professionals recently involved in phlebo-lymphology, at least 1 delegate per continent, at least 1 delegate from a developing country, at least 3 delegates with media communication skills. The selection will be announced on December 20. The received CVs are all extremely valuable, thus, independently by the selection, all the applicants will be invited to teamwork with the UIP. Indeed, UIP remains at disposal of whoever is wishing to enhance Phlebo-lymphology advancement and, for this reason, we invite you not to hesitate to reach out for whatever proposal and/or need.

Sergio Gianesini
Did you know that the UIP has online education modules?

To learn more, visit:

http://www.uip-phlebology.org/online-education-modules/
There are recognized and important scientific societies in Argentina dedicated to the training and updating of health professionals in the area of Phlebology and Lymphology. These entities cover the vast territory of the nation and their academic offer is a sample of the true federalism of the specialty.

In chronological order and according to the year of their foundation are:

**The Association of Phlebology and Lymphology of Rosario**, founded in 1973, holds monthly Scientific meetings at Rosario Medical Circle. Their members actively participate as a society in Symposiums within International Congresses of Phlebology and Lymphology and have hosted and organized the Argentine Congresses of Phlebology and Lymphology in 2011 and 2015. They also organize courses for physicians in training and the society is part of the Court Evaluator of Medical Specialties of the Medical College of Rosario, for the specialty. The association is a UIP member society. Its web page: [http://www.asocfleborosario.com.ar](http://www.asocfleborosario.com.ar)

**The Society of Phlebology and Lymphology of Tucuman**, founded in 1981 has organized 2 postgraduate courses per year since then, 5 National Congresses and 2 Pan American Congresses. It has its own offices and has held monthly meetings continuously during their long 38 years of existence. It actively participates in the scientific meetings of SAFyL and organizes sessions within the International Interuniversity Congresses of the specialty.

**The Association of Phlebology and Lymphology of Northeast Argentina (NEA)**, Founded in 2000, has its offices in Chaco Medical Association. Its members are from the provinces of Chaco, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Formosa and Misiones. Their members meet once a month and renowned guests from other societies participate in these meetings. The NEA's International Meetings are held every two years. Also, the association participates in interuniversity congresses since 2007, and in Argentine congresses organized by SAFyL.

**The Association of Phlebology, Lymphology and Arteriopathies of Cuyo (ACUFLA)**, founded in 2002, brings together phlebologists and vascular surgeons from the Argentine provinces of Mendoza, San Juan and San Luis. It has held 16 Scientific Meetings in the last 4 years, 1 of them per year dedicated to the topic of Lymphedema. It has organized workshops of kinesiological treatment, sessions in National and International Congresses, more than 15 scientific talks in the last 4 years for professionals of multiple specialties, at hospital and community level. In addition to participations in TV and radio. It has organized the "Andean Conference" since 2016 together with the Association of Phlebology and Lymphology of Patagonia and the Chilean Society of Phlebology and Lymphology.

**The Society of Phlebology and Lymphology Bonaerense (SFLB)**, founded in 2004, member of the UIP since 2010, has held 6 National and International Congresses to date, 37 Scientific Meetings. Its members are instructors for the triennial University Career of Specialist in Phlebology and Lymphology since 2016 and has conducted 16 training courses, 9 seminars, 3 health policy seminars and 6 Hands On courses. It has its own publication, the Scientific Journal of the Society that has already published 33 numbers. Website: [http://www.sflb.com.ar/](http://www.sflb.com.ar/)

**The Association of Phlebology and Lymphology of Patagonia**, founded in 2008, gathers Phlebologists and kinesiologists from the South of Argentina. Up to date it has organized 11 scientific meetings and it continues organizing one per year. Their members meet every 2 months at different Medical Colleges of the
region. It has been offering specialization courses in Venous and Arterial EcoDoppler since 2015. And has organized the "Andean Conference" since 2016 together with the Association of Phlebology, Lymphology and Arteriopathies of Cuyo (ACUFLA) and the Chilean Society of Phlebology and Lymphology within the framework of International Interuniversity Congresses.

The Association of Phlebology and Lymphology of the Province of Buenos Aires (AFLIPBA), is a scientific entity that brings together phlebologists and related professionals who work in the area of the Province of Buenos Aires and is a UIP society member. Founded in 2011, it has organized 2 or 3 scientific meetings per year. AFLIPBA holds its Congress within the framework of the Argentine Congress of Phlebology and Lymphology or of the Interuniversity Congress of Phlebology and Lymphology. And since 2017, has held the Phlebology and Lymphology Conference of the Province of Buenos Aires on a bi-annual basis within the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the National University of La Plata. It has held 14 Scientific Conferences, 3 National and International Congresses and actively participated in organizing symposia and scientific sessions in congresses of the specialty.

The Civil Association of Phlebology and Lymphology of Córdoba, founded in 2015, is a UIP society member. It organized in May 2019 the 23rd International Congress of Phlebology and Lymphology. It publishes with the mentioned University in the "Phlebolymphatic cases" Newspaper.

Dear colleagues:
Since the UIP2019 Chapter Meeting in Krakow we have been working on the future projects of the UIP Education Committee:

- We are updating and completing the Online Course with new topics. We are also incorporating new instructors for these topics, thus including true world referents in the different subjects.
- In addition, we are working on the creation of 2 surveys that will soon be sent to the presidents of scientific societies around the world. We are looking for information concerning the development of a new curriculum and also trying to know how the specialty is being developed in the world.
- We have appointed Professor Jean Françoise Uhl as Coordinator of didactic and bibliographic resources, which will allow a better supervision of materials provided to training professionals.

We are initiating a series of communications about the educational activity carried out by societies and universities in the world. The first report corresponds to Argentina, we will then provide information on the development of the specialty in the different countries.

Dr Oscar Bottini,
Chair of UIP Education Committee

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PROF. UHL TO JOIN THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Prof. Dr Jean-François UHL will be part of the UIP Education Committees as Coordinator of Didactic and Bibliographic Resources being in charge of approving all the bibliography and evaluating whether it meets the necessary scientific guidelines.

Dr Oscar Bottini,
Chair of UIP Education Committee
The leadership of the American Vein & Lymphatic Society (AVLS) will co-host the 2023 UIP World Congress alongside the Mexican Academy of Phlebology & Lymphology, the American Venous Forum, and the Canadian Society of Phlebology to be held in Miami, FL motivated by the vision of “Connecting the Continent, Welcoming the World”.

The selected city for this event is Miami Beach: close to Central and South America, and well connected to hundreds of other international airports. Miami is also an iconic and family friendly destination.

For arts and culture, museums such as the Bass Museum, Perez Art Museum Miami, and Vizcaya Museum & Gardens are available as well as renowned neighborhoods including the Design District, the Wynwood Arts District, and the art deco Miami Beach.

And, for outdoor enthusiasts, the Everglades National Park is only a one-hour drive from the city.

The leadership of the AVLS and their co-hosting partners are fully committed to producing a successful event to deliver an unforgettable experience for all the attendees to this UIP 2023 World Congress.
Istanbul, Turkey’s most populated and most significant city in cultural and economic terms, is one of the oldest cities in the world. Archaeological findings that have surfaced recently indicate that the first settlement in the city dates back to at least 8500 years. As host to many different cultures and civilizations as well as to people of various races, religions, cultures and languages throughout the ages, Istanbul has always preserved its cosmopolitan feel. Istanbul is as much a world capital now as it was in the past. A clear example of that is the multicultural representation for the XIX World Congress of the International Union of Phlebology, to be held on 2023 in this beautiful city. Many international specialists from all over the world will come together and have the opportunity to discuss and exchange knowledge about aspect of Phlebology related matters and to reach a wide range of professionals in all related fields, allowing you to expand into new markets and enjoy the beauty and glamour of this city.

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Keep in touch! Follow our social media accounts and make sure you will be notified of updates, deadlines and important news!

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XIX WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PHLEBOLOGY

Lütfi Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Center - ICEC, Istanbul / Turkey

Save the Date!

2021

28 SEP
20 OCT

www.uiip2021.com
The city of Buenos Aires, capital of the Republic of Argentina, will host on September 2020 the XII International Congress of the Latin American Venous Forum, the XIX International Congress of the Argentinian College of Venous and Lymphatic Surgery and the IX International Interuniversity Congress of Advances on Phlebology, Lymphology and Aesthetics. And, as announced in the UIP Krakow Chapter Meeting 2019, during this event, the UIP will hold a General Council Meeting.

Register now!
www.congresoflebologiaporestetica.com/

BUENOS AIRES WILL HOLD A GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING IN 2020

EVENS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UIP

VENOUS SYMPOSIUM 2020 / New York - USA

11th Annual Conference in New York City

19th - 21st March, 2020

Register here:
http://venous-symposium.com/
We are very excited about our upcoming Annual Meeting. A tremendous amount of work is being done by AVF volunteers, staff and our management services provider to bring you a truly exceptional educational and networking experience.

Our faculty, speakers, sister societies, sponsors, and exhibitors have made significant investments in support of the missions of the AVF and our Foundation and are looking forward to sharing the latest research, developments and insights related to venous disease. We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an outstanding meeting.

Brajesh Lal, MD
AVF President

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Laser CROSsectomy: Thermal and Non-thermal endovenous interventions**
21st International Master Course in Phlebology
6th - 7th December, 2019 / Riga - Latvia
[www.baltic-phlebology.org](http://www.baltic-phlebology.org)

**VAICON 2020**
13th Annual Conference of Venous Association of India – VAICON2020
16th - 19th January, 2020 / Mumbai - India

**XXIXth IUA World Congress**
XXIX World Congress of the International Union of Angiology
23rd - 27th April, 2020 / Rome - Italy
[https://iuacongress.com/](https://iuacongress.com/)

**ICC Annual Meeting**
ICC Annual Meeting: Phlebolymphedema and Compression
15th of May, 2020 / London - UK

**ACP2020**
21st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian College of Phlebology
2nd - 5th May, 2020 / Auckland - New Zealand

**Flebopanam 2020**
Pan American Congress 2020 Phlebology and Lymphology
11th- 14th June, 2020/Guayaquil - Ecuador

For more events, visit
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