



First and foremost, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you here today, at the Vascular Societies Annual Scientific meeting 2022.

We are delighted to be hosting this year's meeting in the newly refurbished Hilton Brighton Metropole hotel and hope you thoroughly enjoy the great variety of talks running in parallel over the next few days.

I would like to thank the Vascular Society, EBS events and the entire ASM committee, chaired by Douglas Orr, for their hard work in planning such a large event for all the societies.

Our dedicated Conference secretary, Steven Rogers, has worked tremendously hard with the support of the Executive committee and his shadow secretary, Klaus Bond, to deliver an exceptional two-day program. Steven's ambition, drive and enthusiasm for research has pushed the SVT program to a full two-day event, hosting prestigious national and international speakers.

The SVT program starts on Wednesday morning with an advanced skills workshop, covering complex conditions such as Thoracic Outlet syndrome and Popliteal artery entrapment. In the afternoon we have two sessions, the first covering up to date information on AAA and EVAR, and secondly our Vice President Symposium on Deep Venous Interventions. Following directly after, we will host a heads of service meeting covering important topics and considerations for the future of Vascular science and the wider healthcare workforce, we shall then join the Vascular Society's welcome reception.

This year will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SVT, a huge achievement and one we intend to celebrate! The SVT will host an anniversary party for all SVT members at Shelter Hall, Kings Road Arches BN1 1NB, a beachfront location offering stunning views and only a short stroll from the conference venue. Buffet dining and drinks will be provided from 7:30pm to 09:30pm, please make sure to come join us.

Thursday's scientific session is always thought provoking, showcasing exciting new research work from our community which will no doubt inspire and hopefully spark interest in your own research project.

We are delighted to welcome Professor Brendan Cooper, President of the Academy for Healthcare Science to our annual scientific meeting. He will discuss the future healthcare science workforce and the importance of equivalence. Following this we shall debate whether STP graduates should gain AVS accreditation and why.

Professor Peter Rothwell MD PhD FRCP, Head of the Centre for the prevention of Stroke and Dementia at Oxford University, will deliver our Jackie Walton memorial lecture at 4pm on Thursday, a very fitting choice as one of Jackie's former work colleagues. Mr Rothwell's research has been instrumental in improving clinical services for prevention of stroke, particularly after transient ischaemic attack and minor stroke and in selection of patients most likely to benefit from carotid surgery.

As always, our ASM will cover the work of all the committees and our ambitions for 2023, following this we will hold the awards ceremony before the close of the meeting.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for attending, I hope you have a fantastic meeting, networking with colleagues and friends, while learning new and exciting advances in Vascular science and surgery.

Warmest wishes for the festive season and New Year.

Emma and the SVT committee's

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