

# SVT Research Committee Report

## SVT Research workshop

We have put together the Research workshop at this year's ASM. We aim to provide a taster to the various elements required to undertake a research project or to embark on a research career. This includes a Roadmap to Research; Essential statistics; Ethics and regulations; Funding tips and tricks; and Dissemination.

## SVT Research Grants

To follow on from the workshop we are continuing to offer the SVT Research award to enable Vascular Scientists to conduct small-scale studies such as pilot or feasibility studies, with the hope that larger grants will be applied for at a later date. There is a total of £10,000 available per year, with a maximum of £4,000 per award.

There were two successful grants last year, but unfortunately there were no applications this year. We plan to open the 2022 window in the Jan 2022 and close at the end of March 2022.

## The Journal of Vascular Societies of Great Britain & Ireland

A new vascular journal is being launched in by the vascular societies, VS, SVT, SVN and BACPR. We will be encouraging all SVT members to support this new journal by publishing their research. The SVT Research Committee can advise to help to get your SVT ASM abstracts ready for publication.

Watch out for more information in the near future.

## The Vascular Priority Setting Partnership (PSP)

The work of the James Lind Alliance Vascular Priority Setting Partnership has been continuing in 2021, with SVT involvement. The questions by patients and healthcare professionals have been passed to the specific Special Interest Groups to further prioritise and take the research questions forward. The work will be published later this year, possibly in the new Journal of Vascular Societies of Great Britain & Ireland.

Thanks to Steve Rogers, Laura Scott, Yvonne Sensier, Nida Nadeem and Mari Murumets

Please contact us with any feedback or questions [research@svtgbi.org.uk](mailto:research@svtgbi.org.uk)

Kind Regards,

**Dr Richard Simpson,**

Research Committee Chair

## Presidents Report

It was a great honour to take over as SVT President back in November 2019, and I have been extremely proud to represent our society over these last two years. With the impact of Covid-19 still being felt, it has been another challenging year for us all, but I am immensely proud of the response of all SVT members during this difficult time. You have all done yourself and the profession proud. In years to come, when people ask what you did during the pandemic, you can all say you stood up and played your part in the country's efforts. Thank you.

I have really enjoyed my time as President of this great society for many reasons but mainly because I have got to work with so many great friends on the Executive Committee and sub committees. Their tireless work has helped the society and in particular myself during these two years and I am extremely grateful for all their help.

The SVT have always worked very closely with the Vascular Society (VS) particularly when it comes to organising the Vascular Societies Annual meeting. For this I am very grateful to VS President Michael Jenkins and the VS council for their support. I would also like to thank both Louise Collins and Francesca Shephard for their invaluable administrative support and help organising this conference. This year also saw the Vascular Societies working together to produce an updated POVS document (Provision of Vascular Services). This document was a real collaboration between all the vascular societies and I would like to thank Marcus Brooks (VS Secretary) and everyone else on the writing group for their help in producing this document.

Following the difficult decision last year to pause theory and practical exams during the peak of the pandemic it was great to see so many trainees taking part in both theory and practical exams this year. Good luck to all trainees who sat their exams this year and congratulations to all newly qualified AVS.

The SVT continue to work in partnership with Inteleos to produce the SVT theory exams. Notable recent advances in the theory exams include the ability for trainees to sit the theory exams from their own home via online proctoring. Many thanks to all in the education committee and our friends across the pond in Inteleos for all their help in advancing the assessment and testing of our trainees.

In order to align the SVT accreditation process more closely with the AHCS equivalence pathway we have been planning on reviewing the accreditation syllabus to include more research. Due to Covid-19 we have not progressed this as far as expected but hope to have a revised plan ready for 2022-23.

The SVT Research/Innovation award is to enable Vascular Scientists to conduct small-scale studies such as pilot or feasibility studies, with the hope that larger grants will be applied for at a later date. There is a total of £10,000 available per year, with a maximum of £4,000 per award. Many SVT members have already benefitted from these grants and we encourage all members to utilise this if they have any research/audits they wish to perform. Along with the grants the SVT Research Committee also has information and guidance available on the website for members wishing to write research proposals and grants, plus as a member of the SVT you gain free access to the European Journal for Vascular Surgery. Many thanks to Richard Simpson (Research Committee Chair) and his team for all the work they have done this year on the research workshop which I am sure will be a great success and extremely useful for our members.

As SVT president I sit on a number of committees representing the SVT members. These include the Academy of Healthcare Scientists (AHCS), Consortium for the Accreditation of Sonographic Education (CASE) and the British Medical Ultrasound Society (BMUS). I would like to thank all the above societies for being welcoming and for their continued work with the SVT to progress the education, training and national recognition of our profession.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked with me on the Executive Committee and sub-committees over my tenure as President. At a time when our clinical work has had to take precedence and our time with our families precious it has been incredible to see the dedication to the society from so many people in volunteering their time, thank you all so much for everything you have done for the society.

Special thanks go to Domonic Foy, Sara Causley and Carole Tennyson who are leaving the Executive Committee. Dom and Sara have been on the Exec Committee in various positions for a number of years both being past Presidents along the way. The Exec Committee and the SVT will miss them greatly but thank them for their years of service. Carole although only being on the committee for a couple of years will also be sorely missed as conference secretary. We wish you all the best on your future plans.

So as my term of Presidency comes to a close, I would like to wish Emma Waldergrave all the best as she takes the reigns of SVT president. I have no doubt she will do an amazing job as she is already doing better than I did as vice president. So, it is my great pleasure to introduce your next SVT President Emma Waldergrave and the new Vice President Kamran Modaresi who together will guide the society over the next few years.

Many Thanks,

**Lee Smith**

President 2019-2021