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Comments to the Editorial “Vascunet, VQI, and the International Consortium of Vascular Registries- Unique Collaborations for Quality Improvement in Vascular Surgery

In 1997 in an article published in the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*, entitled “Sony, Porsche, and vascular surgery in the 21st century”, ¹ >Jerry Goldstone attempted an analysis of the state of the art of vascular surgery in a future projection, analysing the divergence between the problem of costs and the need to progress and apply technological innovations. Thirty years later we are probably in the midst of this reality, but perhaps with an extra element of great help from a practical point of view. The European Society of Vascular Surgery (ESVS) has the merit of having played a unique role in promoting the exchange of culture, experience, and innovation between the various European countries allowing professionals across the European Union to meet and discuss the current management of different vascular pathologies and the available treatment options. Such an achievement is invaluable and irreplaceable in its role and has generated guidelines which are a true manifestation of such effort. Moreover, the ESVS is going far beyond by simultaneously working to share experiences and attempt to unify methods of assistance and care. Registries ² represent a fundamental step in this process as evidence of different experiences in matters of education and professional standards, and are certainly a source of great reflection. Looking at the future of vascular surgery we

should follow the path that the ESVS has drafted: set standards and certification to practice vascular surgery, ultrasound, and vascular nursing to guarantee a homogenous level of care in vascular surgery across the European Union.

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