Great Experience at 31st ESVS annual meeting in Lyon, France

First, I would like to thank the European Society for Vascular Surgery for kindly providing me the traveling grant to help me attend the 31st ESVS annual meeting in Lyon, France.

The meeting was well organized and the all the presentations were full of updated results of treatment in the modern era, which will definitely be helpful in my future practice. As Europe has the newest technologies available in the world, it was a great opportunity for me to be exposed to and learn about them. I enjoyed the fast-track oral presentation session as it facilitated to listen to as many presentations as possible in a short time and obtain new information. The sessions on newly published guidelines helped me to understand what is new in the guideline and changed from the previous one, which is often difficult to pick up just by reading.

I attended two of ESVS academy workshops held during the meeting. One was on IVUS for aortic dissection and the other was on carotid ultrasound. The course was provided to a small, limited number of attendees, which allowed easy interactions with the lecturers during the course. The IVUS workshop was presented with case presentations and was easy to visualize how the IVUS should be used in aortic dissection and how it can help to perform safe EVAR and minimize the use of contrast. The carotid ultrasound course was provided two instructors to three of attendees in each group, and I had a great hands-on training with real-time feedback from experienced providers. I will definitely recommend my colleagues to take the ESVS academy workshops and I will take another academy course myself when I attend the ESVS annual meeting again.

In summary, overall experience at the annual meeting was fantastic. It is needless to mention about the wonderful food, weather, sight-seeing, and people in Lyon, I also enjoyed spending time with many vascular surgeons from all over the Europe discussing about vascular and aortic disease.

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