

Endorsement awarding rules

The European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS) can endorse events that are scientifically run by members of the ESVS or events where members of the ESVS scientifically contribute to a substantial part. These events need to concern the fields of work of the ESVS according to the constitution/rules of the ESVS. The ESVS is authorized to participate in the development of the scientific programme.

This includes:

1. Scientific meetings (national and international conventions, symposia, workshops)
2. Education and training
3. Events in the field of health, science and medicine

Endorsement requirements:

1. Event programme quality

The quality of event programmes is evaluated based on content of contribution and qualification of persons responsible for the event programme.

a) The following criteria have to be met (endorsement can only be awarded if all criteria are met):

- General importance and unrestricted invitation
- Event programme duration >4 hours
- Event structure includes chaired lectures and discussion time. Possibility of discussion of all separate lectures
- Mandatory participants' event evaluation. An analysis of the evaluation needs to be conveyed to the ESVS within 6 weeks after the event.
- Possibility of a welcoming speech by ESVS at the event. The welcoming speech is ought to stress the relevance of the event to the ESVS. The decision concerning the conduction of a welcoming speech is made by the ESVS President, President Elect or Secretary General.

b) The following criteria are optional (in individual cases, the event endorsement can be possible without the following criteria):

- Possible submission of abstracts to contribute to the event programme
- Offer of a particular session for nursing personnel or vascular assistants
- When applicable, registration at and acceptance of the responsible National Authority (CME or equivalent accreditation)



2. Objectivity and freedom from other-directed interests

Events hosted by companies of pharmacy or medicine technology cannot be endorsed by ESVS.

3. Disclosure of conflict of interest

The academic direction of the event endorsed by ESVS is committed to disclose the conflicts of interest. The event organiser expects a disclosure of all people involved within the programme.

4. Costs / travel expenses

By endorsing the event, the ESVS is not committed to take over costs. Travel expenses covering the welcoming speech of an ESVS representative are agreed upon and reimbursed by the event organiser. The calculation of the travel expenses is based on valid ESVS travel expenses compensation regulation. The ESVS President is allowed to be represented by an Executive Committee member of ESVS.

5. Publication and promotion

The ESVS endorsement demonstrates ESVS' support in terms of content. Endorsed events are distinctly marked and clearly evident in the electronic event calendar as well as in the ESVS newsletter and event notifications. The ESVS logo is only permitted for the use of the meeting's promotion.

6. Application procedure

The application needs to be sent in a timely manner (i.e. before printing of the programme) as an electronic request to the ESVS Secretariat at info@esvs.org. Content of the programme as well as time schedule and academic direction need to be set at time of application. Free abstracts can be submitted later. After examination of the required qualifications, the ESVS Secretary General will decide on the endorsement awarding. When an endorsement is declined, a short explanation will be given.