



# UIP NEWSLETTER,

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### UIP 2027 World Congress Intercontinental Warm up



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Last May 16-18, in beautiful Tblisi (Georgia), the Silk Vein Road meeting was perfectly hosted by the Georgian Association of Angiology and Vascular Surgery. Top experts from all continents joined and the highest Institutional figures of the country welcomed them. These aspects, together with the excellent scientific program and the pleasant networking occasions generated during the social happenings confirms UIP 2027 World Congress will touch the brains as well as the heart of the global community of vein-lymphatic experts.



# EVENTS UNDER UIP AUSPICES

## Silk Vein Road to UIP 2027 World Congress

The Georgian Association of Angiologists and Vascular Surgeons (GAAVS), under the auspices of the International Union of Phlebology (UIP), spearheaded a groundbreaking project called the "**Silk Vein Road**". This visionary initiative aimed to foster a thriving network of educational and scientific collaboration among experts from Europe, Asia, and Africa and further demonstrating that Georgia can approve the expectations of the World Congress.

The concept behind the "**Silk Vein Road**" drew inspiration from the historical Silk Road, a network of ancient trade routes that connected civilizations and facilitated cultural exchange, economic growth, and scientific discoveries across the Asian continent, linking East, South, and West Asia with the Mediterranean world, as well as North and Northeast Africa and Europe. Recognized as the "greatest road in human history," the ancient Silk Road was the first

bridge between East and West and was an important trade route between China, India, Persia, and the ancient empires. In a similar vein, the modern-day "**Silk Vein Road**" aimed to foster collaboration, knowledge sharing, and innovation among phlebo-lymphologists from diverse backgrounds and regions.

The International meeting '**Silk Vein Road**' was held on May 16-18, 2024 at the Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metekhi Palace, Georgia. Designed as an ongoing, dynamic series of activities it featured a blend of in-person, and hybrid events.

Crucially, the organizers had secured the active support of the government and state universities in the preparations and execution of the upcoming meeting. This provided significant benefits: The government's backing lent legitimacy, credibility, and official endorsement to the event. It signaled that the meeting had the full support and validation of the highest levels of political authority, as well as high-level participation and sponsorship.

Meanwhile, the involvement of the state universities tapped into a wealth of academic expertise, research, and thought leadership. This academic rigor and intellectual capital brought significant value to the event.



## SILKVEINROAD 2024

16-18 MAY / TBILISI GEORGIA



# EVENTS UNDER UIP AUSPICES

## Silk Vein Road to UIP 2027 World Congress

The meeting brought together up to **40 speakers from 25 different countries** to present talks and discuss important topics of phlebology. Some of the key topics covered in the speaker presentations and discussions likely included: New diagnostic techniques and technologies for vein and lymphatic disorders, Innovative surgical and non-surgical treatment approaches, Challenges in managing chronic venous and lymphatic diseases, Best practices for interdisciplinary collaboration in phlebology.

In total meeting had 250 registered attendees, It included **14 Sessions, comprising Plenary sessions, keynote lectures, satellite symposia, and workshops**. This comprehensive program provided a wide range of educational and training opportunities for the attendees.

The 6 dedicated workshop stations covered advanced techniques such as Duplex ultrasound, Pelvic vein Embolization, Venous Stenting, Sclerotherapy, Non-thermal non-tumescent methods for treatment, and EVLA, which allowed participants to gain practical, in-depth instruction on the latest minimally invasive procedures.

The combination of didactic presentations, panel discussions, and interactive workshop formats suggests the conference organizers designed the program to deliver a well-rounded educational experience tailored to the diverse learning needs and interests of the 250 registered attendees.

Moreover, the power of collaboration and networking in the collective journey was not underestimated. The "**Silk Vein Road**" meeting created a unique opportunity for attendees to forge connections, exchange ideas, and establish professional relationships.

In conclusion, the organizers, speakers, and sponsors were commended for their dedication and contributions to the success of this extraordinary event. The attendees embarked on an enlightening journey along the "**Silk Vein Road**," collaboratively shaping the future of phlebo-lymphology and making a lasting impact on the lives of their patients.

In essence, the "Silk Vein Road" was more than just a precursor - it was a transformative project that elevated Georgia's profile, strengthened global partnerships, demonstrated organizational capabilities, and cultivated enthusiasm, all of which laid a solid foundation for the GAAVS to host a truly exceptional **UIP World Congress in 2027**.





# MEMBER EVENTS

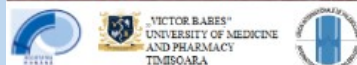
## 18th Romanian Congress of Phlebology

**The 18th Romanian Congress of Phlebology** with international participation took place in Timișoara, Romania between 9th - 11th of May 2024. It has been organized by the Romanian Society of Phlebology, which was also celebrating 50 years since its foundation - April 24th 1974 by Academician Pius Brinzeu.

With an attractive theme, **"New insights in advanced stages of CVD treatment"**, the meeting brought together specialists from Romania and abroad. During the 3 days,

recognized specialists (Sergio Giancesini, president of the International Union of Phlebology: about Microcirculation inside out... the Operating Room, Pier Luigi Antignani, president of The International Union of Angiology: Treatment of Hemorrhoidal Disease with foam Sclerotherapy, Athanasios Giannoukas, General Secretary of the EVF: Greater Saphenous vein trunk diameter in the outcome of modern interventions for the treatment of VVs, Ayman Fakhry: GSV laser crosssectomy for varicose veins recurrence reduction during EVLA, Tanja Planinsek Rucigaj, president of the Balkan Venous Forum: Diagnostics of chronic wound infections: Wound biopsy or wound swab for diagnosis of chronic venous leg ulcer; Elena Goranova: Recurrence of Veins after Radiofrequency Ablation: a 5 year follow up study; Imre Bihari: Endovenous Treatment of recurrent varicosities after open surgery.

**Interesting and appreciated symposia:** Treating chronic venous disease and chronic wounds from Serbia to Romania... and beyond, (Nenad Ilijevski, Milan Matic, Slobodan Tanaskovic, Sergiu Ciprian Matei); Perioperative care of cardiac patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery (Viviana Ivan & co.) and Varicose veins and pregnancy (Laurentiu Pirtea & co.) and presentations: Cryostripping - Results after 10 years - Sorin Olariu, Treatment of advanced cases of CVD - Daniela Radu Teodorescu, Varicose veins recurrence-patient management & surgical treatment- Marius Murariu). Held in an elegant atmosphere, the exchange of ideas and experiences regarding the diagnosis and treatment of veno-lymphatic diseases of the lower limbs will be of real benefit to patients and will strengthen the collaboration between specialists in the country and abroad.



# HONOUR BOX - ALFONSO TAFUR

It is indeed a great pleasure to add my congratulations to this month's newsletter honorary award for Alfonso Tafur, MD. He is one of the finest all-around clinicians I've ever had the pleasure to work alongside. He has a photographic memory, a knowledge of statistics that's unrivaled, a passion for clinical care for his patients, and an unbelievable research mind. He is able to put together proposals that seek to answer important clinical questions. He was a pioneer establishing the Pulmonary response team (PERT) at Evanston Hospital. He has a good knowledge of business and has his MBA in order to better understand and interpret the balance between clinical care and administrative managed care. He is involved in a number of international projects involving the International Society of Hemostasis and Thrombosis, the Anticoagulation Forum, and the American College of Cardiology. He has established a foundation, Patient Awareness for Clinical Outcomes (PACO) dedicated to improving patient care through collaboration with both scientists and administrators from many countries. It is indeed a great honor to know and work with Doctor Tafur and endorse him for this honor.

The global vein-lymphatic community is blessed by walking on the shoulders of giants such as prof. Joseph Caprini. His teaching includes not "only" the top knowledge in thrombotic risk assessment, but also the need of engaging the others, both among the public and the healthcare professionals. In this context, prof. Caprini has just introduced prof. Alfonso Tafur to the UIP: a man who can honor himself by having been selected by the same prof. Caprini as a fundamental part in the process bringing proper management of thrombosis forward.

For the UIP introducing an educational contribution from prof. Tafur is a huge honor and pleasure. With no doubt this will be just a first step along a long road of pro-active scientific and educational collaboration with prof. Tafur, who we deeply thank for his engagement



Joseph A. Caprini, MD, MS, FACS, RVT, DFSVS  
Emeritus, NorthShore University Health System



Sergio Giancesini, MD PhD FACS  
UIP 2023-2027 president

# HONOUR BOX - ALFONSO TAFUR

Born to a 3-generation family of physician, I started my professional life in Guayaquil Ecuador. With serendipity and imagination, I forced the boundaries of local resources to migrate and become a physician-scientist in United States where I honed on my statistics and epidemiology skills during a Masters in Clinical and Translational Sciences I pursued after my Vascular Medicine training.

Attracted to population health, I developed prediction strategies to understand likelihood of perioperative bleeding among anticoagulated patients with direct anticoagulants or Warfarin, and the only validated score for cancer-thrombosis mortality. I moved to Chicago to further differentiate myself in the understanding of risk prediction with **Dr. Joseph Caprini**, we build on his risk prediction score to empower patients to self-score in multiple languages. Moreover, to improve disease awareness and patient service, created a foundation to guide patients and mentor young physicians.

With an I10 index of 82 and over 8500 citations to my work, I became a Clinical Professor of Medicine at University of Chicago and started the Vascular Medicine fellowship for NorthShore- UofC. Yet, having observed limitations to access of care in both developing countries and first world healthcare environments, I decided to pursue additional training with a Healthcare MBA, behavioral economics, and value outcome measures. Anchored on these new skills, I am pivoting my research and administrative interests towards Value-Based healthcare. My goal is to scientifically explore strategies to add quality and service to our patients without generating unnecessary financial burden and waste.



Alfonso J Tafur  
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# UIP MONTH 24



an **OPEN TO EVERYONE** zoom @  
**10 am** NYC time - **4 pm** Rome time – **9 pm** Bangkok time  
to hear **YOUR vision, YOUR ideas, YOUR needs**  
and to remember that

UIP starts with «U»



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On behalf of all the International Union of Phlebology (UIP), I'd like to bring to all the healthcare professionals and the public attention the **UIP March 24 initiative**.

UIP was founded on March 24, 1959 and in the following 64 years it has been surely succeeding in bringing the vein & lymphatic world together, counting now on 81 Scientific Societies from all continents.

In order to honor **UIP March 24, 1959** birthday, every 24 of the month at 4 pm Rome time, myself and eventually available Executive Committee members will have an open to everyone zoom call where all the vein-lymphatic world and the public are invited to join to present their vision, ideas and eventual needs.

This glimpse of the current Phlebo-Lymphology around the world will provide the opportunity to analyze how the UIP can serve at best its member societies, while advocating for both colleagues and patients independently by their belonging or not to the UIP.

It's the UIP hope that you will like to take part in this initiative, so to develop together "present actions" while looking together at the brightest future.

Pre-submitted topics for discussion will have precedence in the hour dedicated to this initiative: in case, feel free to send yours at [president@uipmail.org](mailto:president@uipmail.org).



# UIP MONTH 24

The zoom call will be recorded so to allow everyone to enjoy the content on demand in case.

Looking forward for demonstrating together that **UIP starts with “U”**, UIP looks forward for **listening to “U”** at this zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88913605824?pwd=QklhcDVPd01nQ3YvbTk5WUIMMFNaQT09>

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Whatever need, do not hesitate to reach out to me ([gnsrsg@unife.it](mailto:gnsrsg@unife.it) ; t. +393498012304)



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# SPEAKERS CORNER

By Danny Pratama

Vascular surgery services in Indonesia were started in 1973 by Professor Djang Jusi and Professor Murnizal at the surgical department of Ciptomangunkusumo Hospital Jakarta. Until the Indonesian Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery (PESBEVI) was formally organized in 1996 and the Indonesian Venous Forum (Indo-VF) was formed 4 years later. The early development of vascular surgery and phlebology was very slow. For more than two decades, venous services were available only with open stripping and sclerotherapy modalities. Back then, it was not easy to develop a new field of science in Indonesia and even it is not easy today when you think about it. Indonesia consists of over 17,000 islands and is the world's largest archipelagic state and the 14th-largest country by area, at 1,904,569 square kilometres with over 279 million people spread across 8000 islands. Indonesia is also an ethnically diverse country, with around 1,300 distinct native ethnic groups. The diversity of geography, the adequacy and equality of health facilities, the ethnically diverse population with disparities in knowledge levels and socio-economic factors are constraining factors.

In early 2010, EVLA was developed in Indonesia, followed by RFA. Initially, the procedure could only be performed on patients at their own expense. Later, it could be paid for by the private insurance sector. After a long struggle, finally in 2019 endovenous procedures can be paid for by the state health insurance. Cyanoacrylate glue became available in 2019 and Microwave

ablation became available in 2022. Currently almost all endovenous therapy modalities are available in the Indonesian market. The development of the industry in addition to having a good impact on services has a double-edged knife impact where the industry in a business perspective often endorses colleagues to perform endovenous procedures without sufficient education on venous anatomy and hemodynamics and the ability to use ultrasound and the principles of each endovenous therapy modality, so that currently many colleagues act as GSV burners who will burn all GSV that come to them and some become GSV gluers. Therefore, the Indonesia Venous Forum considers education and awareness about venous and lymphatic diseases to be very important for both health workers and the general public.

In line with that, Indonesia Venous Forum is one of the organizers of most initiatives in the Vein Week campaign from the v-Win Foundation. And it has gained a lot of benefits from the initiative in terms of increasing the understanding of veins and lymphatics in health workers and even starting to get the attention of Indonesian government institution policy holders. With hard work in all sectors, vascular surgery and phlebology in Indonesia has grown rapidly to become more advanced with active participation members both nationally and internationally and succeeded in making it the most popular subspecialty field among general surgeons.



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Although Indonesia Venous Forum is an official member of UIP, before the Engagement Working Group there were still many healthcare professionals and even phlebology colleagues in Indonesia who were not familiar with UIP, and that was the main target of my initiative which has been getting results in the past 1 year where the name of UIP has started to be very familiar and known. In the coming year several new initiatives have been designed with the hope that UIP exposure in the region will be better.

Finally, on **October 22-26, 2024** together with the v-WIN Foundation we are hosting a joint event namely the **Indonesian Vascular Conference (ina Vasc 14th), 9th Indonesian Venous Froum and v-WINdonesia World Congress** in one of the most beautiful places in the world, Nusa Dua Bali. The combination of the knowledge of the best people in the field of veins and lymphatics with the exoticism of the island of the gods can be an attraction for all of us to attend there later. So I'll see you there.

Terima kasih.



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## Moroccan Achievements for Phlebo-lymphology advancement

### The Moroccan Society of Vascular Diseases (SMMV) : Advancing Vascular Health Through Collaboration and Innovation

Established in 2011, the Moroccan Society of Vascular Diseases (SMMV) has been dedicated to advancing research, education, and collaboration in the field of vascular diseases for over 13 years. Despite challenges such as navigating the evolving landscape of vascular medicine and ensuring comprehensive care, the SMMV has achieved remarkable success. Their commitment to innovation and excellence has significantly impacted the field, making them a leader in vascular health within Morocco and beyond.

The SMMV places great importance on sharing knowledge globally and considers developing synergy through the International Union of Phlebology (UIP) a priority. Aligning with the values and goals of the UIP, the SMMV is enthusiastic about fostering international collaboration to promote vascular health, exchange knowledge, and advance research.

Herein, we report a summary of the scientific content highlights shared during our last congress, held from May 23-25, 2024, hoping it can stimulate further scientific and educational interaction with the rest of the world.

**P. Cacoub** critiqued the 2023 ACR/EULAR criteria for antiphospholipid syndrome, commending the inclusion of previously non-criteria manifestations and precise antibody positivity cutoffs. However, he noted drawbacks such as reduced sensitivity, complicating diagnosis, and limited applicability in daily care due to their classification focus rather than diagnostic utility.

**A. Cohen** delivered a brilliant presentation on "Cancer and Thrombosis: Length of Therapy and Risk of Recurrences/Bleeding," based on the latest guidelines. He discussed the value of thrombotic and bleeding risk scores for individualized patient management.

**D.C. Valla** highlighted the challenges in diagnosing portal vein thrombosis, noting that hepatic dysfunction reduces protein C, protein S, and antithrombin levels, underscoring the value of molecular analysis. He also pointed out that portal hypertension can mask

myeloproliferation, necessitating JAK2 and CALR mutation testing. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of at least six months of anticoagulation to improve patient prognosis, irrespective of cirrhosis or liver transplant candidacy.

**P. Mismetti** reinforced that initial medical thromboprophylaxis primarily involves low molecular weight heparin, recommended for all acute medical conditions with mobility restriction of  $\geq 3$  days, lasting 7 to 10 days, and possibly longer for those at very high risk of venous thromboembolism, such as those with previous events, aged 75 or older, or cancer.

**Y. Aissaoui** stressed the importance of collaborative perioperative anticoagulant management involving cardiologists, internists, surgeons, and anesthesiologists. He highlighted tailoring treatment based on thrombotic and hemorrhagic risks, stopping anticoagulants for high/moderate bleeding risk surgeries and



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continuing them for minor risk. Direct oral anticoagulants simplify perioperative care without the need for bridging, while vitamin K antagonist therapy is individualized, with bridging reserved for very high thrombotic risk cases.

**H. Desmurs** discussed post-phlebotic syndrome management, emphasizing the importance of early anticoagulation and compression therapy for acute venous thrombosis. She highlighted the need for regular assessments every 3 to 6 months using the Villalta score to ensure effective compression, detect venous obstruction, and consider recanalization. Long-term follow-up is essential for ongoing patient care.

**S. Giancesini** provided an overview of his study on the identification of human collecting lymphatic glycocalyx. This investigation revealed the presence of glycocalyx-like structures in human lymphatic tissue, a discovery previously

unreported. This groundbreaking finding enriches our understanding of vascular remodeling processes and holds promise for advancing research into lymphatic disorders and exploring novel therapeutic avenues.

**Z. Tazi Mezalek** discussed the diagnostic and therapeutic management of chronic venous disease, presenting findings from the Veinstep study in Morocco. She emphasized the utility of venoactive medications in enhancing the quality of life for affected individuals.

The SMMV looks forward to working with the UIP to foster international synergy. As they seek membership with the UIP, the society is confident that their active participation will contribute to global efforts in promoting vascular health, sharing knowledge, and fostering international collaboration.

**Y. Chhieh, L. Essaadouni, A. Sebban, Z. Tazi Mezalek, on behalf of the SMMV**

# UIP SOCIETIES: Past, Present & Future

## Association of Peripheral Vascular Surgeons of Costa Rica



The Costa Rican Association of Vascular Surgeons of Costa Rica, as it was originally named, had its origin around 2007, with the leadership of its first President, **Dr. Rodolfo Esquivel Ferrero**, and which had other specialists such as Dr. Fabio Soto, Mario Gonzalez, Miriam Matamoros among others.

In these years began with the first meetings and legalization of the same and raise the beginning of what it is today.

In 2011, one of the first academic activities was registered, which was carried out with the College of Physicians and Surgeons, where different topics of current affairs of those days were presented, aimed at general practitioners.

In the period from 2013 to 2019, **Dr. Roger Jimenez Juarez** assumed the presidency. Roger Jimenez Juarez, and other members of the board of directors were elected, when proposals and significant changes were generated, such as increasing the number of associates, greater control of the income of the association through monthly deductions or annual payments, academic activities were increased, such as the first course of diabetic foot, first course of sclerotherapy (techniques and advances), workshop on elasto-compression, refresher course on venous disease, participation in the Latin American Congress of Residents of Vascular Surgery, Endovascular Course for residents and from 2017 to 2023 in the National Medical Congress.

Other achievements in this period were the start of the website, the establishment of support and legal advice, the beginning of relations and projection with international associations and related groups and the review and approval of the National Profile of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery that governs the competencies of our specialty through the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

From 2019 to 2023 another change of directive was generated and **Dr. Javier Cabezas Loría** assumed the presidency. This period, in which relations were intensified through participation either as members of academic groups, members of boards or as speakers in societies, associations and international groups, such as CELA, ALCVA, Latin American Venous Forum, International Union of Phlebology (UIP), Socivecc, Hendolat, V-Win Foundation, among others.



# UIP SOCIETIES: Past, Present & Future

## Association of Peripheral Vascular Surgeons of Costa Rica



Prior to the start of the pandemic with the direction of **Dr. Lorena Grillo**, and the support of Dr. Marcial Fallas and Dr. Javier Cabezas, and the participation of many national and international exhibitors, in the month of February 2020, Phlebotam was held which met the expectations of the best congresses on venous issues of international level.

Due to the virtuality during the pandemic, different members of the association participated in multiple meetings, webinars, symposiums and local and international congresses, many of great renown.

During this period we tried to meet the objectives set from the beginning of administrative and academic type, with the aim of generating a greater social and academic contribution to the national medical guild.

From 2023 to date, the board of directors is led by **Dr. Lorena Grillo**, presents a restructuring, with the interesting presence of members of experience and youth, which are trying to generate new academic activities, strategies to improve income in a sustainable way and fulfill the administrative tasks of the association.

After 17 years the Association of Peripheral Vascular Surgeons of Costa Rica, is already known in different international academic instances, with the recognition by many of its organization and training as specialists, but with challenges and pending tasks to meet the objectives set since its inception.



### **Dr. Javier Cabezas Loria**

Former President of the Peripheral Vascular Surgeons Association of Costa Rica.

National Coordinator Postgraduate Vascular Surgery, Endovascular and Angiology.

Chief of Peripheral Vascular Service, Hospital San Juan de Dios.





# PHLEBOLOGY ABSTRACTS

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## Compression therapy after endovenous laser ablation: Patient compliance and impact on clinical outcome

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<https://doi.org/10.1177/02683555241249222>



## Three-year follow-up analysis of automated microfoam preparation system for great saphenous vein incompetence and varicose veins sclerotherapy treatment

Authors: Giovanni Alongi, Daniele Bissacco, Edoardo Cervi

<https://doi.org/10.1177/02683555241250226>



## Segmental differences in daytime changes of leg volume

Authors: Alberto Caggiati, Lorenza Caggiati, Luca Bastiani, Giovanni Mosti

<https://doi.org/10.1177/02683555241248927>



# Events Under the Auspices of the UIP



**“LOOKING FORWARD TO  
WELCOMING YOU ALL TO  
FLEBOPANAM 2024”**

*Ernesto Intriago, MD  
President of the Pan-American Society of  
Phlebology and Lymphology (SOPFYL)*

## **XX PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF PHLEBOLOGY AND LYMPHOLOGY**

**Dear Colleagues,**

I'm delighted to extend a warm invitation to all members of the societies affiliated with the International Union of Phlebology (UIP) and the UIP Executive Committee to participate in the XX Pan-American Congress of Phlebology and Lymphology.

The congress will take place in Asuncion, Paraguay, from June 20th, 21st and 22nd, and already planned by our hosts the Paraguayan Society of Phlebology and Lymphology with the leadership of Chantal Agüero, MD - President of the Flebopanam 2024 congress.

This congress promises to be a remarkable event, bringing together experts, researchers, and professionals from around the world to discuss the latest advancements and innovations in the field of phlebology and lymphology.

We are excited to welcome you to Asuncion for this enriching and collaborative experience. Your participation and contributions will undoubtedly make this congress a great success.

Please save the dates, and we look forward to seeing you in Asuncion!

Warm regards,

**Ernesto Intriago, MD  
President  
Pan-American Society of Phlebology and Lymphology (SOPFYL)**





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*Memories from the latest SOPFYL Congress, Flebopanam 2022, Guayaquil, Ecuador*



## JOIN US AT FLEBOPANAM 2024 FOR A UNIQUE BLEND OF KNOWLEDGE AND CAMARADERIE!

Join us for a unique experience where leading experts from around the world will share the latest techniques and treatments in phlebology and lymphology. Plus, enjoy cultural and social activities in beautiful Paraguay.

Register now at the following link and be part of this unmissable event:

<http://www.tuti.com.py/evento/xx-congreso-de-la-sociedad-panamericana-de-flebologia-y-linfologia>





# EVENTS

## Multi-disciplinary action: UIP goes to ISTH

Among the main tasks of the UIP, it's possible to find the need of reaching out to different specialties, with the aim of learning from each-other, elevating the best practice for vein patients care.

Indeed, a dedicated UIP Working Group has been even created and it remains at disposal of all members desiring to fostering similar actions at their regional level.

This June 22 – 26, in Bangkok, for the first time, a joint UIP and International Society of Thrombosis and Hemostasis session will happen. Considering the scientific quality and the global dimensions of these two organizations, it's the UIP hope this will be just the first step of a long-lasting synergy. UIP wishes all the best to the upcoming ISTH event and it looks forward for reciprocating this action at the UIP 2025 Buenos Aires World Congress.



# ISTH 2024

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# Events Under the Auspices of the UIP

## Another Phlebology 4th International Workshop

and

### 13th Balkan Venous Forum meeting

With the support of **UIP**

**4-5 October 2024**

Hotel Mercure Budapest Castle Hill, Budapest, Hungary

*New observations and modifications in the field of phlebology*

Prof. Imre Bihari and Prof. Sergio Giancesini

### **Chairs of the Workshop**

Dear Colleagues,

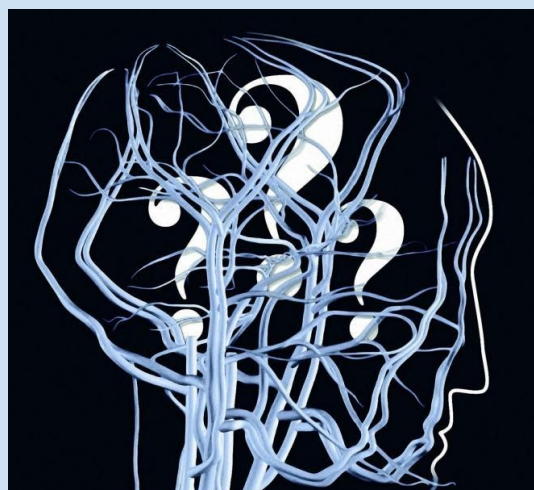
It is our great pleasure **to invite** you to *Budapest* to participate in the 4th International Workshop called *Another Phlebology*.

**This title** dates back to times when new methods like ultrasound diagnostics and endovenous interventions were introduced. These techniques made significant changes in our discipline so it has become *another phlebology*. We stick to this title because the development hasn't stopped.

**We are focusing** on *new observations and personal modifications* than repeating well-known results. *We welcome your own ideas, instruments, diagnostic and treatment techniques, tips, experience and surveys* in everyday practice. The aim is to encourage you to develop and show your new or *alternative ideas and techniques*, not to denigrate them, because there have been too many misjudgments in the history of science. *Preliminary reports* can also be accepted for presentation. Discussions are important parts of our meetings.

We, the audience together with each presenter will introduce a new evaluation score system the **novelty factor**. This will help us to find the best paper which will be **awarded by a prize**.

**Main topics:** Open, CHIVA and ablative surgery (laser, radiofrequency, steam, glue, microwave, cryo and any other techniques), sclerotherapy, foam sclerotherapy, aesthetic phlebology, conservative treatment, valve issues and solutions, VTE, post thrombotic issues, crural ulcer.



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**4-5 October 2024**

Hotel Mercure Budapest Castle Hill, Budapest, Hungary

*New observations and modifications in the field of phlebology*

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#### **Chairs of the Workshop**

**Experiences of our former meetings:** friendly atmosphere, we know each other (or will by the end of the meeting). Colleagues are present who like to *teach and learn* new ideas. Many of us are from Hungary or from surrounding countries. Not as expensive as other international meetings.

**We look forward to seeing you in Budapest,** which is a busy city with several faces, so you will find some ways to relax. Usually the Parliament, the Gellert hill, the Castle district, the Opera house and the Rock Hospital are recommended, but you can find several other interesting places.

Abstract deadline 15 June 2024

Please send your email address if you are interested in the meeting. We welcome to receive the title of your presentation(s) if you have one.

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# UIP 2025: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA



## YOUR WISHES FOR UIP 2025



Planning has begun for the **UIP World Congress in Buenos Aires in 2025.**

Start thinking now about what YOU would like to see at the Congress, as we will be releasing our **"Wishing Box"** for your suggestions.

# OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

One of the main UIP visions is to **promote productive relationships among societies**. With this vision, we report both **events with UIP auspices and events without**, so to inform everyone about possible educational activities. The hope is also to offer a tool useful for the colleagues organizing future meetings, so to avoid overlapping among events. For more information about events visit:

<http://www.uip-phlebology.org/events>

If you would like your event to appear in the UIP Newsletter, contact us at [communications@uipmail.org](mailto:communications@uipmail.org)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### JUNE 2024

#### **PhleboPANAM2024**

20– 22 JUNE 2024

*ASUNCIÓN, PARAGUAY*

### JUNE 2024

#### **ISTH 2024**

22– 26 JUNE 2024

*BANGKOK, THAILAND*

### JULY 2024

#### **4th EVMi Meeting - Venous Association of India**

13-14 JULY 2024

*KOLKATA, INDIA*

### SEPTEMBER 2024

#### **World of Phlebology in Prague**

18-21 SEPTEMBER 2024

*PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC*

### OCTOBER 2024

#### **Another Phlebology 4th International Workshop & 13th Balkan Venous Forum meeting**

4-5 OCTOBER 2024

*BUDAPEST, HUNGARY*

### OCTOBER 2024

#### **vWINDONESIA Congress**

22-26 OCTOBER 2024

*BALI, INDONESIA*

### NOVEMBER 2024

#### **AFLIPBA IV Provincial Conference**

15-17 NOVEMBER 2024

*CARILÓ, ARGENTINA*





# UIP SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: Benefits

**Did you know that as a member of UIP Society you can have access to different benefits?**

- ✓ Access to **Phlebology, The Journal of venous disease** (Free access for Tier 2 and 3)\*
- ✓ Access to **UIP Education Modules** (Free access for Tier 2 and 3)\*
- ✓ Access to **latest news, UIP Newsletter**
- ✓ Access to **UIP Discussion Forums**

**More features coming soon!**



*\*Tier: refers to the category of membership. If unsure about the classification of your country, please check on our website.*

## Accessing the Member Portal

1. Contact your society and ask them to add your name to the members of the UIP website.
2. The society uploads a membership list through their society page (Instructional Videos available online).
3. You will receive an email confirming your username and password.

### Phlebology

The Journal of venous disease  
Accessing *Phlebology* journal



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### UIP Education Modules

Accessing the UIP Education Modules



1. Go to the **Online Education page**.
2. Click "**Enrol Now**".
3. Complete the forms with the information requested.

### UIP Discussion Forums

Accessing the UIP Discussion Forums



1. Log in the UIP website with your username and password.
2. Access the Discussion Forum through the member portal.



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### UIP SPEAKER BOX

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