

## **Vascular Society of India (VSI)**

The VSI is very excited to see the changes in the WFVS and be a part of it. VSI will be hosting a WFVS session during its Annual Meeting at Agra from Oct. 6-9, 2022. VSI members will take part in the WFVS sessions that will be part of other conferences. Resumption of in-person meetings has seen a flurry of activity.

We saw a BTK endovascular course for trainees and Junior Consultants in the last week of June this year. This was followed by VSI Mid-term meeting at Goa, organized by Dr. Vijay Thakore, VSI Secretary. This meeting is meant for teaching trainees and comprises of lectures, workshops, extempore presentations and quiz competitions. The team from SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram was the top team comprising of Dr. Sriram Manchikanti and Dr. Neelamjyoti Sun.

August has been rather eventful. On August 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Vascular Awareness Day (VSI was formed on August 6, 1994) with free camps for patients, radio and TV talks, newspaper articles, painting competitions, walkathons, cyclothons, a 10K run and awareness on social media. CMEs were organized to introduce Vascular Surgery to General Surgery Residents.

August also saw the organization of Endovascular Live by Dr. Varinder S Bedi, where leading centers from India and one from USA showcased 71 Endovascular Interventions over a period of 2.5 days to the audience with good interaction. Practically all types of procedures from simple fistuloplasty to major aortic interventions were demonstrated and discussed.

The first comprehensive Cadaveric Vascular Anatomy Course at Hyderabad organized by Dr. Gnaneswar A and Prem Gupta took place on August 26-27. This aims to strengthen open surgical skills in an ever-growing and dominating Endovascular era. Sixteen delegates had a wonderful hands-on experience dissecting on soft preserved cadavers.

The Annual National Conference of VSI will be held from October 6-9, 2022, at Agra where we will have a one-hour WFVS session.