



Dear Colleague

We are very pleased to report good news from the ESVS, much of which can be attributed to the hard work and collaboration with ESVS members.

The **Impact Factor of the European Journal (EJVES)** is now officially the highest of all Vascular Surgery Journals – 4.061, additionally, the Journal is now 15th in impact for all Surgery Journals. This success has been attributed by ESVS to the tremendous work of Editors in Chief, Ross Naylor (until October 2016) and now Philippe Kolh, assisted by Florian Dick, the Associate Editors, dedicated editorial board, reviewers, and all the authors and co-authors (many of whom are from The Netherlands) – the European Journal, with your help, will continue to emphasize innovation and quality.

European Guidelines – Many Czech members and ESVS have worked hard on these. Five of them will be presented in Lyon: The Descending Aorta and Mesenteric Vascular Guidelines (already published in January and April), the updated Carotid, the Global on Chronic Limb Threatening Ischaemia and the one developed with the European Society of Cardiology. There will be presentations and discussions on all these in Lyon (ESVS Lyon, 19-22 September), to which you are very warmly invited (<https://b-com.mci-group.com/Registration/ESVS2017.aspx>).

The unique feature of the ESVS meeting, the presentation of original research, was developed further for Lyon. Among the **602 submitted abstracts**, (rated anonymously by five reviewers), the best nine were selected to the Prize session. The next 160 best rated were selected to four parallel short oral presentation sessions on Tuesday afternoon. The top three nations in this selection were France (N=25), UK (22), and the Netherlands (21). Among those 45 will be selected for presentation in plenary sessions on Thursday and Friday. Follow your team!

Furthermore, this year at Lyon, we have introduced the '**Global Village**' concept - the Czech Society for Cardiovascular Surgery has committed to joining the first 'Village' in Lyon - National Societies will have space to meet members, to discuss joint meetings, showcase our interests and exchange surgical views and information.

We invite you to join us at ESVS in Lyon – there are many new and exciting academic and scientific and training opportunities for you this year: the recently created **ESVS Academy** has its focus on education with more than 30 courses and also with seminars on leadership in vascular surgery – please take a moment to look at the ESVS Academy, Scientific Sessions, International Debates through [this link](#).

CU in Lyon, the best vascular surgical meeting of 2017!

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Martin Björck
President

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Secretary General