

**Affiliate Report for the Vascular Society AGM (25/11/2014)**

The Rouleaux Club welcome the significant progress made over the last year, which has resulted in formalisation of the curriculum requirements for Vascular Trainees holding General Surgical NTN's. Following the recent update from the Vascular SAC and Transition Group, we are working to ensure that all Vascular Trainees submit their stated curriculum preference prior to the transition deadline, to facilitate optimal training and fair assessment for this cohort.

The proposed expansion of Vascular NTN's over the coming years, as a consequence of the recent workforce planning exercise, is likewise welcomed by the RC. This will attract an increasing number of exceptional candidates to train in our specialty and secure the future provision of vascular/endovascular specialists, in sufficient numbers, to meet the needs of the British and Irish populations. In addition, we welcome the work of the VS liaison group, who in partnership with the BSIR and RCR have achieved a commitment to provide endovascular training, for this increased number of Vascular trainees, in units where appropriate capacity exists.

Additional- and rejuvenated Vascular Educational Courses are under development and soon will provide contemporary additional learning experiences which are consistent with the requirements of the new curriculum and modern practice. In addition, a course aimed at senior medical students, foundation doctors and core trainees will be convened for the first time in January 2015, which seeks to prepare these young professionals for a career in Vascular Surgery and the trials of specialty selection.

Finally, the Rouleaux Club would like to thank the Circulation Foundation, its donors and staff for their ongoing generous support of Vascular Research. Many of our members and former-members have gratefully enjoyed the academic rewards of their investment.

The opportunity to influence the activities of the Vascular Society as Affiliate Representative (2013-2014) has been an extremely rewarding professional experience. I wish every success to the incoming Affiliate Representative, who will commence following the Annual Scientific Meeting

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