

## Vascular Society – President’s Christmas Message

Thursday 23rd December 2021

Dear All,

It is with a slight feeling of déjà vu that I write my first President’s message. We are facing rising Covid-19 cases and uncertainty how the ongoing pandemic will impact our working and personal lives in the weeks to come.

However I would like to focus on the positive way members have risen to the challenges of the past 18-months to deliver outstanding care to our patients in the most difficult circumstances.

I was delighted to see so many of you in Manchester at the recent Annual Scientific Meeting, which was a resounding success, with the largest number of delegates ever. Much of the credit for this must go to my predecessor, Mike Jenkins, who was determined the meeting went ahead, to Louis Fligelstone, who organized an excellent programme and to Fran and Gail from EBS, who worked tirelessly to deliver it. I would also like to say a quick word of thanks to the VS, SVN and SVT members who spent a week in October cycling across the Outer Hebrides and raised over £13,000 for the Circulation Foundation and particularly to all those members who kindly donated.

There are a number of challenges facing vascular surgery in the year ahead, not least supporting our trainees, whose training has undoubtedly suffered significantly during the pandemic. It is incumbent on us all to help and support our colleagues and foster a positive and secure working environment in order to deliver safe patient care.

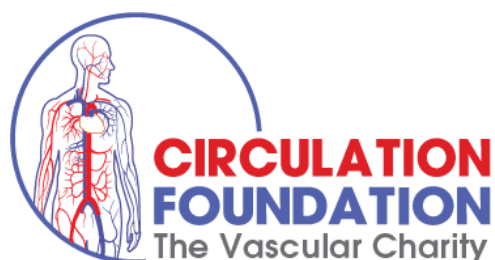
I am very fortunate to be supported by an experienced and highly motivated council and I have no doubt they will rise to the challenges of the coming year. I very much hope to see many of you in Brighton in November 2022 for the ASM. Until then I hope you all remain well and are able to spend time with family and friends over the next few days.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2022



Jonathan Boyle

President of the Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland



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Lichfield  
Staffordshire  
WS14 9DZ

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