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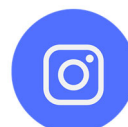
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Welcome to the second formal Annual Report of the UIP. The first UIP Annual Report was published in August 2021. The aim of this report is to summarise the organisation's achievements and challenges and to provide a regular platform to ensure ongoing accountability and transparency within the organisation.

Here we present the 2021-2022 financial reports and a summary of activities from members of the executive committee and the administration staff.

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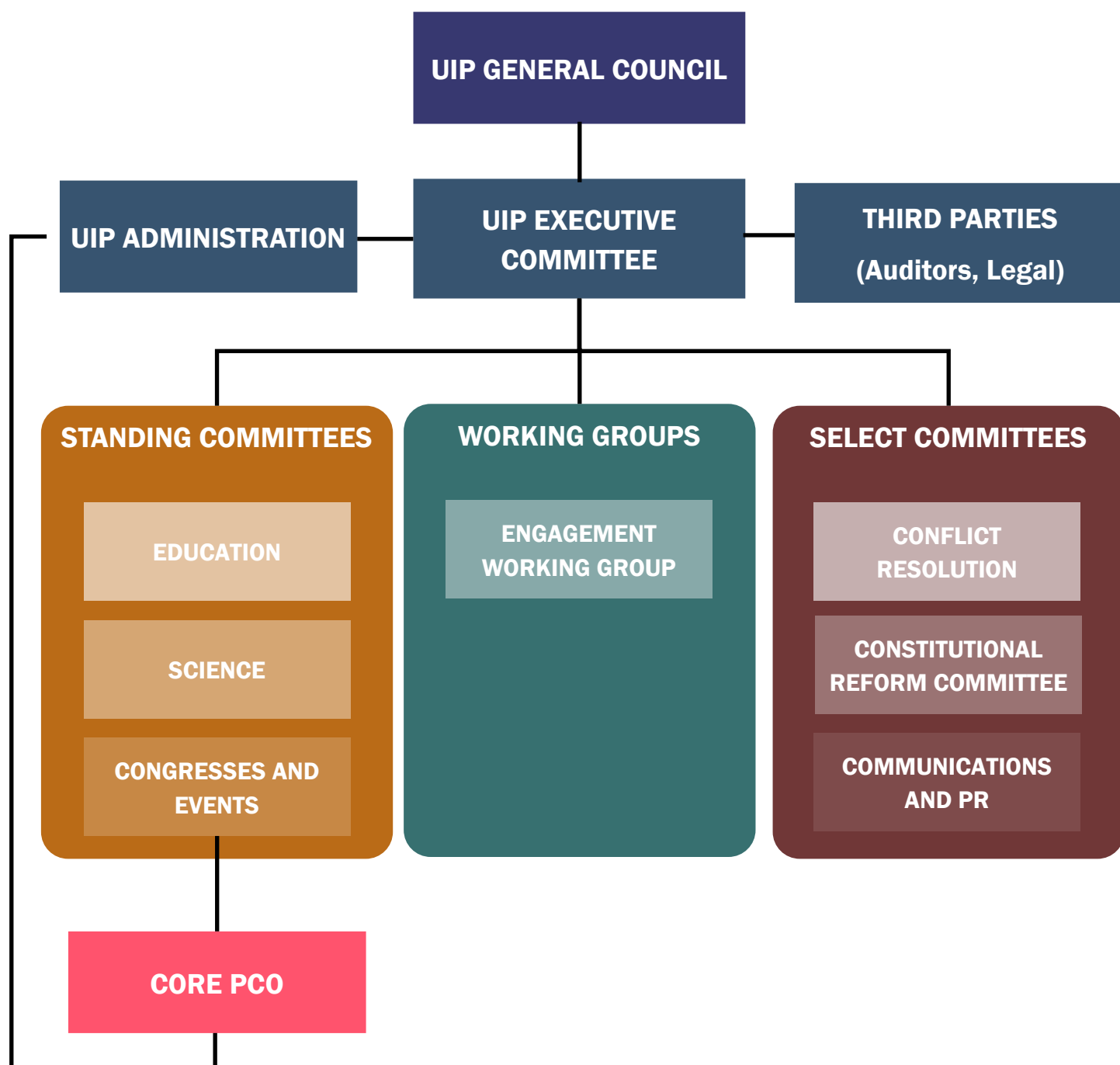
## UIP MEMBER SOCIETIES

American Vein and Lymphatic Society  
American Venous Forum  
Argentinian College of Venous and Lymphatic Surgery  
Argentinian Society of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Asian Venous Forum  
Association of the Vascular Surgeons, Phlebologists and Angiologists of Ukraine  
Australasian College of Phlebology  
Australia and New Zealand Society of Phlebology  
Austrian Society of Phlebology and Angiology, Dermatology  
Balkan Venous Forum  
Baltic Society of Phlebology  
Benelux Society of Phlebology  
Bolivian Scientific Community of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Bonaerense Society Of Phlebology And Lymphology  
Brazilian Society of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Bulgarian Society of Endovascular, Vascular Surgery and Angiology  
Canadian Society of Phlebology  
Chilean Phlebology and Lymphology Foundation  
Chilean Society of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Chinese Association of Phlebology  
Colombian Association of Angiology and Vascular Surgery  
Cordoba Civil Association of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Costa Rican Association of Vascular Surgeons  
Cuban Society of Angiology and Vascular Surgery  
Czech Society of Phlebology  
Dominican Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery  
Ecuadorian Society of Phlebology and Microcirculation  
Egyptian Venous Forum  
European Venous Forum  
French Society of Phlebology  
Georgian Association of Angiologists and Vascular Surgeons  
German Society of Phlebology  
Hellenic Phlebological Society  
Hungarian Venous Forum  
Indonesian Venous Forum  
International Compression Club  
Iranian College of Vascular Surgeons  
Italian Association of Phlebology  
Italian College of Phlebology  
Italian Society of Clinical and Experimental Phlebology

The UIP now has 74 member societies and 1 associate member society. If you know of a member society interested in joining the UIP, they can find out more information about the application process at [www.uip-phlebology.org/join-uip](http://www.uip-phlebology.org/join-uip)

Italian Society of Phlebology  
Italian Society of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Japanese Society of Phlebology  
Kazakh Society of Phlebology  
Korean Society of Phlebology  
Latin American Venous Forum  
Mexican Academy of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Mexican College of Phlebology  
Mexican Society of Angiology, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery  
National College of Phlebology (Russia)  
Pan-American Society of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Paraguayan Society of Phlebology  
Peruvian Society of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Phlebology and Endovascular Therapy Association of El Salvador  
Phlebology and Lymphology Association of the Province of Buenos Aires. Argentina  
Polish Phlebological Society  
Portuguese Society of Angiology and Vascular Surgery  
Romanian Society of Phlebology  
Rosario Association of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Russian Phlebological Association  
Saint Petersburg Society of Phlebology  
Scandinavian Venous Forum  
Serbian College of Phlebology  
Singapore Society of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery  
Slovenian Phlebological Society  
Spanish Chapter of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Swiss Society of Phlebology  
Thai Phlebology Society  
Thai Vascular Association  
Turkish Society of Phlebology  
Uruguayan Society of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Vascular Society of Egypt  
Venezuelan Society of Phlebology and Lymphology  
Venous Association of India  
Venous Forum of the Royal Society of Medicine

# UIP STRUCTURE



## President's Report

It is approximately one year since I produced the president's report to be included in the 2021 Annual Report of the International Union of Phlebology (UIP).

The union has been very active in the past 12 months. We are looking forward to the upcoming World Congress of Phlebology to be held in Istanbul from 12-16 September 2022. The meeting was delayed on several occasions due to the pandemic of COVID-19. We are quite delighted that the meeting is proceeding and looking forward to the attendance of our colleagues from around the world. The organisation of the meeting was obviously difficult given the situation and I would like to thank and congratulate Prof. Kursat Bozkurt and the Turkish Organising Committee for their efforts in finalising the 2022 UIP World Congress.



Looking forward, the 2023 UIP World Congress of Phlebology will be held in Miami in September 2023. The organisers have been very proactive in preparing and setting up the necessary structures including the scientific program and organisation of sponsorship. I wish them a successful 12 months to ensure that we have another fantastic World Congress a year from the meeting to be held in Istanbul. I would like to sincerely thank Dr Lowell Kabnick (Chair, Congress and Events) for his tireless efforts in liaising with both the Turkish organising Committee of the Istanbul meeting and our North American colleagues organising the Miami meeting.

The UIP World Congresses are now being held every two years rather than the previous frequency of one meeting every four years. This is an excellent change for the UIP to ensure phlebologists around the world are kept updated with the latest scientific, educational, and technological advancement that needs to be promoted within our field. The bid for the 2027 UIP World Congress will open shortly, and I invite the member societies of the UIP to submit a bid for organisation of the 2027 World Congress. Meanwhile, we have two candidate cities for the 2025 Congress. These include Amsterdam and Buenos Aires, both very excellent choices. We will be deciding the destination of the 2025 UIP World Congress in the upcoming UIP General Council meeting in Istanbul. Good luck to both Amsterdam and Buenos Aires.

MCI, the core PCO of the UIP has been managing the bid process for the UIP 2025 and will be managing the bid process for the UIP 2027 World Congress. The applicants for the 2027 World Congress have opted for option B where the UIP organises the Congress and the local organising committee contributes to the organisation. This will be first Congress that MCI will organise on behalf of the UIP and I wish the successful applicants all the success in achieving this extremely important milestone.

A major activity of the UIP executive committee and in particular myself, Mark Meissner (General Secretary), Victor Canata (Vice President), Sergio Giancesini (Vice President) and David Connor (Executive Director) has been the reorganisation and planning for constitutional changes required to bring the UIP to the modern age. The UIP constitution has been a legally noncompliant document that has been used by previous UIP executive committees over time. The legal advice strongly suggests that this constitution is noncompliant and needs to be updated to protect the UIP, its member societies and its board of directors from a legal point of view (see attached). We took this opportunity to look at other issues that have been of concern to members of the UIP and released a discussion paper approximately 12 months ago to summarise all the matters that need to be worked through and reformed within the UIP constitution. This means that our ideals will need to be incorporated into a legally compliant generic constitution that would protect the UIP. We look forward to the General Council meeting in Istanbul where the constitutional changes will be discussed. It is important that the UIP General Council is fully informed of the proposed changes and is supportive of modernisation and reform of the UIP structure.

As part of the reformation of the UIP structure, we set up approximately 9 subcommittees under the executive committee with the purpose of delegation of tasks. This has been one of my major areas of interest and I believe that a single Executive Committee of 10 people cannot manage an international organisation with great detail and efficiency that is required and expected of such an organisation. Therefore, by organising working committees under the executive committee, we delegated the tasks and broadened the engagement required to involve more phlebologists in the organisation and running of the UIP. This has worked very well, and we developed two major committees including the Science and Education Committee. The Science Committee has been very proactive under the chairmanship of Professor Alun Davies and has produced multiple single page consensus guidelines to be released soon, addressing various aspects of phlebology. The Science Committee engaged a large number of phlebologists, clinicians and scientist together.

Similarly, the Education Committee has been a great success under the leadership of Dr Oscar Bottini. The Education Committee revived and re-wrote the UIP curriculum, last written back in 2010, and this has produced a modern curriculum that would last us several years following its release. The UIP curriculum will be submitted for publication in September this year. An important component of the updated curriculum is a framework for recognition of prior learning (RPL). The UIP recognises that phlebology training is achieved differently in different countries depending on their training systems. The UIP also recognises very strongly that phlebology is a multidisciplinary field with major contribution from both disciplines of medicine and surgery and core topics deriving from vascular surgery, endovascular surgery, dermatology, haematology, interventional radiology and vascular medicine. The proposed framework included in the UIP curriculum has clearly indicated the need for RPL where a trainee has prior training in a core speciality of phlebology such as vascular surgery, interventional radiology, dermatology or haematology. Certain elements of the prior training will be recognised and an RPL will apply. The framework also allows training in phlebology as a primary speciality where the applicant has no previous training in phlebology or the related fields. Under such circumstances, a four-year training program would be recommended. So, the

framework allows training in phlebology as a subspeciality as well as training in phlebology as a primary speciality. This framework would hopefully create a clear conceptual context for phlebology training in the years to come. I hope that this framework will be adopted by our member countries.

Another major paper that we eventually published was the UIP Consensus on Contraindications to Sclerotherapy. This was a big effort again, initiated by Dr Mandy Wong of Canada and myself back in 2015 and was eventually finalised this year following seven years of discussion and consensus building process amongst the members of the panel. We have produced a magnificent document that is now submitted for publication. Two other major position statements released in the past 12 months by the UIP include the position statement on triage of patients with venous and lymphatic disorders during the COVID-19 pandemic (VELTAS). This was a multi-organisation effort supported by the UIP and a number of its member societies. We also released two other position statements one on coil embolisation for superficial veins including the saphenous vein and one on the use of venography, concurrent with superficial endovenous interventions.

The other committees of the UIP have been equally active. The Engagement Working Group has met multiple times under the chairmanship of Dr Sergio Giancesini. The group will be having their own scientific session during the Istanbul World Congress. The Conflict Resolution Committee under the chairmanship of Dr Paul Thibault has been busy dealing with issues given that conflicts and disputes arise for any organisation especially for an international organisation. We developed a dispute management policy that has now formed part of the UIP policy manual. This policy hopefully will streamline the process of managing disputes providing a transparent and objective format that would retain documents and provide the mechanism for document retrieval.

A major achievement of the UIP executive committee has been to finalise the UIP Policy Manual. The UIP Policy Manual includes the previous internal regulations and appendix as a constitution. The UIP Policy Manual was initiated by Professor Mark Meissner (General Secretary). It now incorporates various policies dealing with various aspects of the activities of the executive committee. Along with the Policy Manual, we have developed the UIP Procedure Manual, which lists standard operating procedures when dealing with various activities. The Policy Manual together with the Procedure Manual will help the UIP have clear and transparent mechanisms when dealing with various aspects of the day-to-day running of the organisation. Hopefully, this will make our activities less ad hoc and more systematic with reproducible outcomes and clear and transparent documentation.

The UIP website has also evolved dramatically in the past three years. The member area including the member portal and the member dashboard provides access to our members to display their data. One of the issues in the past with the UIP has been lack of clarity with respect to our member societies, the date they joined us, which society joined first, their number of members, whether they are registered or not. This has always been an issue and under a cloud of mystery. The UIP member portal provides a centralised database of our members. The members are required to update their own data on a regular basis before paying the fees and this provides a standardised method of communicating member's details with the UIP. I would like to thank Dr David Connor, the UIP executive director, who has worked very hard on all aspects of the UIP management but in

particular on the UIP website for a number of years now. This will provide a substantial structure for the UIP executive committee in future to refer to when accessing member information.

Another important activity of the UIP in the past 12 months has been its communication with members using the newsletter and social media. I would like to thank Dr Victor Canata, who has been the leader in this field together with Melissa Lopez, the UIP communication officer, who managed the UIP newsletter and social medial activity in the past 12 months.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the outgoing Executive Committee (EC), Dr Nick Morrison (past President), Prof. Mark Meissner (General Secretary), Dr Paul Thibault (Treasurer), Prof. Alun Davies (Chair of Science), Dr Oscar Bottini (Chair of Education), Dr Lowell Kabnick (Chair of Congresses and Events, Vice President), Dr Malay Patel (Assistant Secretary), Dr Victor Canata (Chair of Communication and PR, Vice President), Dr Sergio Giancesini (Chair of Engagement Working Group, Vice President), Dr Lorenzo Tessari (Vice President), Dr Dong-Ik Kim (Vice President) for their contribution to the management of the UIP in the past 4 years. It was a great honour working with this excellent team and I wish them all the best in future. I also look forward to having a productive working year as the final year of my presidency with the new EC to be elected in Istanbul.

With best wishes and kind regards,



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Dear Prof Parsi and members of the Executive Committee,

**RE: STRUCTURE OF THE UNION INTERNATIONAL DE PHLEBOLOGIE PTY LTD**

I confirm your instructions to provide advice on the suitability of the current structure of the Union International De Phlebologie Pty Ltd (UIP) to meet its stated purpose.

**Background**

I confirm your instructions that:

1. The UIP is a not-for-profit global membership organisation of national and multinational societies of specialists in venous and lymphatic disorders. The UIP aims to promote the science of phlebology in its member countries, improve and standardise educational and scientific standards in its member countries and provide support to its members and individual phlebologists across the globe. UIP represents the specialty of phlebology on a global basis.
2. In 2013, it was deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee to move the banking operations of the UIP from France to Australia. Australia was found to be a more suitable environment to conduct financial and business transactions. The UIP was hence formally registered in Australia and was issued with company number 167 177 219. In Australia there are several types of companies which can be registered. The UIP was registered as a 'proprietary limited' company type.
3. In 2015, this change was reflected in the UIP's Constitution under Article 2 following a Special Resolution (three quarter majority) of the General Council.
4. The UIP was issued with a generic form of constitution upon registration which meets with Australian legislative requirements. However, the UIP continued to use its own historical Constitution, the content of which has not yet been legally adopted into the registered Constitution.
5. You had instructed me to provide advice on the following issues:
  - a. The suitability of the company type 'proprietary limited' for the purposes of the UIP.

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- b. The formal adoption of the content of the UIP's own Constitution into the legally registered Constitution.

### **Proprietary Limited Company**

A proprietary limited company is a type of company registered under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (Corporations Act); however, it does not appear to be an appropriate company type to meet the needs of the UIP. In particular because of limits to the shareholder numbers and the ability to distribute profits to shareholders – which makes it a “for-profit” company type.

### **Company Limited by Guarantee**

A more appropriate company type to meet the needs of the UIP is a public company limited by guarantee. In this regard, I refer to my letter dated 12 October 2021 comparing two different proposed new structures – that of an incorporated association or a company limited by guarantee. I confirm my previous advice that a company limited by guarantee appears to be the most suitable type of structure to meet the purposes of the UIP given its size and proposed area of operation.

This is a common company structure type used for not-for-profit and charitable organisations registered in Australia that reinvest any surplus (profit) towards the organisation's purposes rather than disbursing the profits to members by way of dividends. Recreational (sports clubs), cultural and charitable organisations commonly use this type of corporate structure.

A company limited by guarantee is a type of public company registered under the Corporations Act. Like all other companies, companies limited by guarantee must comply with the applicable provisions of the Corporations Act. They are formed on the principle that the liability of members is limited to the amount they agree to contribute if the company is wound up. This amount is typically nominal and set out in the company's Constitution (AUD \$10.00). This company type cannot pay dividends, which is a characteristic of a not-for-profit company. Further, they cannot issue shares and therefore no person can acquire a controlling interest or profit from a share sale.

Directors of a company limited by guarantee will generally have the same legal duties, responsibilities, and liabilities as directors of other entities registered as public companies under the Corporations Act. Companies usually have a constitution that sets out specific rules governing the internal affairs of a company. The Corporations Act also contains rules that deal with those affairs.

### **Registration as a Company Limited by Guarantee**

Accordingly, as instructed by you the public company limited by guarantee ‘International Union of Phlebology Limited’ with Australian Company Number 655 067 235 was registered in November 2021. It is proposed that all Member Societies of the UIP apply for membership of this new entity and existing contracts and employees will transition to this new entity.

To maintain registration in Australia, public companies must have a minimum of two directors who live in Australia, one of whom needs to be nominated as a company secretary. A company may have more than one company secretary.

The company secretary will be responsible for performing tasks to ensure the company is compliant with Australian company law including but not limited to the lodgement of necessary forms and financial reports to ASIC.

I confirm your instructions for those persons who are appointed to meet these minimum requirements to not otherwise be members of the Executive Committee unless elected as such. The main purpose of their appointment shall be to meet the minimum legislative requirements and ensure compliance with the Corporations Act.

To overcome any implied or perceived unfairness in meeting these legislated requirements, the UIP has prepared a Code of Conduct which requires directors to disclose any conflicts of interest before voting. It is proposed to annex this document to the Company Constitution so that it is binding upon the directors and its requirements can only be changed by special resolution of the members.

### **Constitution**

As noted above a company is managed and regulated by the rules contained in the Corporations Act. It also normally has a constitution that sets out specific rules governing the internal affairs of the company.

The historical Constitution of the UIP is not legally compliant nor binding on the Company. The new entity for the UIP has a generic style of constitution which is registered (as did the former UIP entity). This new generic Constitution is suitable for companies limited by guarantee.

To formally adopt the provisions of the historical Constitution in practical use by the UIP into the registered Constitution, the members (General Council) must pass special resolutions to amend the registered generic Constitution. Once the resolution has been made, the Chairperson (President) shall make an entry into the minutes to confirm the adoption of the change by the UIP.

For a special resolution to pass, a quorum of 50% of persons eligible to vote must be present, and not less than 75% of the members voting at the meeting (whether in person or by proxy, if permitted) must vote in favour of the resolution.

### **Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC)**

ASIC is Australia's integrated corporate, markets, financial services and consumer credit regulator. Its role is similar to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) operating in the United States. ASIC is an independent Australian Government body. It carries out most of its work under the Corporations Act to ensure company compliance.

The role of ASIC includes to:

- maintain, facilitate and improve the performance of the financial system and entities (companies) in it;
- administer the law effectively and with minimal procedural requirements;
- receive, process and store, efficiently and quickly, information they receive
- make information about companies and other bodies available to the public as soon as practicable;
- take whatever action it can, and which is necessary, to enforce and give effect to the law.

### Identification of Directors

The regulatory framework in Australia has recently adopted the requirement for all directors of companies registered in Australia to obtain a Director ID. The purpose of the introduction of this requirement is to increase transparency, help regulators track director relationships with companies, strengthen efforts to identify and eliminate director involvement in unlawful behaviours and help foster a fairer business environment for all.

Applying for a Director ID is free and directors only need to apply once. Directors who live outside of Australia will have to supply certified copies of their identification documents. The identification documents include one primary document (for example, a passport or birth certificate) and one secondary document (for example, a driver's licence or national photographic identification card). If you have changed your name, you must provide another document showing the change (for example, a marriage certificate). Documents can be certified by a notary public or at your nearest Australian Embassy.

All directors / executive committee members must now have a Director ID.

If you require any further assistance or information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

**Simmonds Thibault Legal**



Jessica Simmonds  
Director

## Administration Report

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is once again an honour to share with you all this report on behalf of the UIP Administration. 2022 has seen the return for many to face-to-face meetings and I very much look forward to seeing you all in person in Istanbul. I think if there has been one benefit to the restrictions of the last few years it has been the ability to come together virtually. The UIP office is only a quick Zoom meeting away and we are always willing to discuss how we can make the UIP more accessible and relevant to your society.

Prof. Parsi has addressed this in his report, but much of the time in 2021-2022 has been spent addressing the governance and registration of the UIP. This has meant almost weekly meetings with lawyers as well as multiple General Council Webinars to obtain feedback from our member societies and other stakeholders on the direction that they would like to UIP to take. It has been heartening to see the robust debate and so much devotion from all. Our members are truly passionate about the UIP and what they would like the UIP to be.

## Website, Journal Access and Newsletter

We have and will continue to roll out new updates to the UIP website.

It is great to see our member societies accessing the UIP

Official Journal *Phlebology* through the UIP Website. We now provide complimentary access 226 individuals and paid access to 94 individuals. As a reminder, all member societies from developing nations can provide free access to the journal to all their members through the UIP website.



We are happy to include a list of your future meetings in our events calendar. Please feel to send to us any updates from your society that you would like to include on the website and the newsletter.



The monthly UIP newsletter continues to be well received. Melisa continues to produce the Monthly newsletter in both English and Spanish. If you have any ideas for content, or would like your society to be featured in the Past, Present and Future section, please reach out to Melisa and I am sure she will be happy to feature your society.

## UIP meetings

It has been a privilege to be involved with organising the Committee meetings of the UIP with the UIP Executive and Chairs of UIP committees. The UIP Executive has been very productive with a total of ten different meeting held over the past year. As mentioned above, a significant focus has been on the governance and registration of the UIP and we have held 29 meetings with the UIP solicitor. The Chairs of UIP Committees meet regularly with the UIP President and UIP Administration and provide updates on the progress of the committees. Three meetings of the UIP Constitution Reform Committee and five meetings with the Congress and Events Committee

have been held, as well as eight meetings to plan the General Council Meetings and Webinars. The Engagement Working Group met 3 times.

It has also been a privilege to be involved in our regular meetings with UIP society Presidents. The UIP President and UIP Administration have made ourselves available for at least two society Presidents each week. During each meeting, we update any contact details for each society, demonstrate the members portal of the website including how to update a membership list, how to access the UIP Education modules, how to arrange for access to the journal *Phlebology* for your members and invite each society to provide content for the UIP Newsletter. Our societies then have a discussion with the UIP President on their society and how the UIP can serve its members best. We have found these meetings to be of incredible value for us and for our members.

Over the 2021-2022 period, we have met with the following societies:

- Argentinian College of Venous and Lymphatic Surgery
- Asian Venous Forum
- Association of Vascular Surgeons, Phlebologists and Angiologists of Ukraine
- Australasian College of Phlebology
- Balkan Venous Forum
- Benelux Society of Phlebology
- Bolivian Scientific Community of Phlebology and Lymphology
- Bonaerense Society Of Phlebology And Lymphology
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- Phlebology and Endovascular Therapy Association of El Salvador
- Polish Society of Phlebology
- Portuguese Society of Angiology and Vascular Surgery
- Romanian Society of Phlebology
- Russian Phlebological Association
- Spanish Chapter of Phlebology and Lymphology
- Swiss Society of Phlebology
- Turkish Society of Phlebology
- Thai Vascular Association

## Membership fees

2022 saw us adopt new regulations for collecting Membership fees. As part of the process of paying fees, societies are first asked to confirm that their membership details are up to date. Whilst this has been an extra step for all, it is essential that we continually request this information from you. This ensures that we have the most up to date contact details for your society, as all too often, we lose contact with a society when their President or Secretariat changes. This has meant that a few societies are overdue for their fees. I am always happy to meet over Zoom or answer your emails to help you through this process.

*On behalf of the UIP Administration, thank you for participation and support of the UIP in 2021 and 2022. We very much look forward to seeing you in Istanbul later this year. Until then, we hope that you, your members and families all remain safe and well.*

*Please feel free to contact the UIP Administration team on the details below.*

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## Treasurer's Report 2021-2022

The 12-month financial reports to 30/06/2022 are presented. The previous year's financial figures are presented for comparison. The Accrual Basis for accounting has been used.

### Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shows an increase in the total equity to US\$191,116 compared with US\$89,767 the previous year. This is a substantial improvement on US\$36,898 reported at the last General Council Meeting held in Krakow in 2019. This improvement can be attributed to re-organisation of contractual arrangements with host societies holding the World Congresses.

However, trade debtors make up US\$126,529 of the equity with these consisting of US\$50,000 outstanding by the Turkish Society for holding the current meeting, US\$50,000 outstanding by the American Vein and Lymphatic Society for next year's World Congress and US\$26,529 in outstanding annual membership fees from member societies.

### Profit and Loss Statement

The Profit and Loss report shows a net profit of US\$108,553.

The main expense items in the last 12 months have been:

- |                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| • 2022 Congress Management          | \$29,243 |
| • Executive Director wages          | \$16,367 |
| • Communications Officer            | \$10,246 |
| • Legal fees (revised Constitution) | \$12,547 |
| • Website hosting                   | \$ 5,112 |

The main sources of income in the past 12 months have been:

The improved financial position of the UIP over the past 2 years has allowed the UIP to improve communications with the member societies through regular monthly newsletters. In addition, a vastly improved website has been created. Income has also been expended on the development of a revised constitution that will allow the UIP to be registered and operated in an accepted jurisdiction internationally. This is essential if the UIP is to continue to be a legitimate legal entity that has the capacity to represent its member societies throughout the world.

I personally wish to thank all societies that have paid their annual fees in a timely fashion, as this greatly facilitates the work of the Treasurer.



Dr Paul Thibault MBBS, FACP  
*Honorary Treasurer, Union Internationale de Phlebologie*

# Balance Sheet (United States Dollar)

## Union Internationale De Phlebologie Pty Ltd As at 30 June 2022

	30 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2021
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
AU Westpac Acct ***6182	2,200	48
Business Cash Maximiser	23	625
Business Cheque Account	9,920	3,268
Euro Currency Account	4,574	619
USD Currency Acct ***0598	50,096	53,754
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>66,813</b>	<b>58,315</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Trade Debtors	126,529	35,548
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>126,529</b>	<b>35,548</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>193,341</b>	<b>93,863</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
PAYG withholding	1,576	3,246
Superannuation Payable	649	850
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>4,096</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>4,096</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>191,116</b>	<b>89,767</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	108,553	(24,213)
Retained Earnings	82,563	113,980
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>191,116</b>	<b>89,767</b>

## Notes

Figures converted into United States Dollar using the following rates:  
 0.689474 USD United States Dollar per AUD. Rate provided by XE.com on 30 Jun 2022.  
 0.749631 USD United States Dollar per AUD. Rate provided by XE.com on 30 Jun 2021.  
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# Profit and Loss (United States Dollar)

## Union Internationale De Phlebologie Pty Ltd 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

	30 Jun 22	30 Jun 21
<b>Income</b>		
2020- Society Memberships	-	1,234
2021- Society Memberships	576	-
2022 World Congress	92,942	-
2023 World Congress	46,471	-
Annual Membership	-	30,402
Auspices	1,091	1,772
Interest Received	-	-
Journal Access	4,753	-
Membership	33,311	(165)
PayPal Verification	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>179,145</b>	<b>33,243</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>179,145</b>	<b>33,243</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>		
ATO Cash Flow Boost	-	7,496
Bank refund (FOREX rebate)	-	2,065
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,561</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>		
2022 Congress Management	29,243	7,946
Accounting Fees	834	536
Bank Fees	150	99
Communications Officer	10,246	-
Computer & IT	68	-
Executive Director Wages	16,367	24,496
Filing Fees	39	41
Foreign Currency Gains and Losses	(8,231)	9,709
General Expenses	1,267	-
Interest Expense	-	-
Legal Fees	12,547	-
Marketing Services	266	-
Stripe Fees	33	124
Superannuation	2,651	2,271
Website design	-	13,962
Website Hosting	5,112	7,834
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>70,592</b>	<b>67,018</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>108,553</b>	<b>(24,213)</b>

### Notes

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## General Secretary's Report

As we look forward to the UIP's next work congress in Istanbul in September 2022, the world has changed much since our last general council meeting in Krakow in 2019. However, the UIP has continued to grow and remain active in the face of world-wide events. The UIP currently includes 74 member societies and 1 associate society. X Societies are currently listed as inactive for non-payment of dues for 4 years. Completed applications have been received from the Guatemalan Phlebology Association and the Dutch College of Phlebology, with the Kazakh Society of Phlebology eligible to move from provisional to full membership. These societies will be eligible for election as full members of the UIP by the General Council. Several other societies have partially completed applications or have expressed interest in joining the UIP as listed below



Society	Application Requirement							Comments
	Members	Constitution	Administrative Structure	Elections / Voting	Meeting Frequency	Past meetings	Future Meetings	
Slovak Angiologic Society		X	X	X	X	X		
Panamanian Association of Phlebology & Lymphology (APAFYL)	11	X	X	X	X			
Association of Flebology & Lymphology (Bolivia – ASOFLI)	17		X					
Columbian Association of Phlebology, Lymphology & Angiodysplasias								Expression of interest only

Despite the paucity of in-person meetings since 2020, 15 societies have requested and held meetings under the auspices of the UIP. These meetings include,

Society	Dates
Vascular Society of Egypt	March 4-7, 2020
Venous Association of India	May 15, 2020 - June 1, 2020
Pan American Society / University of Asuncion Paraguay	August 13, 2020
Sociedad de Rio Cuarto Cordoba	August 21, 2020
Czech Society of Phlebology	November 8, 2020
Venous Milestones	January 10, 2020
EchoDoppler Course	March 4, 5, 6 2020
New York Venous Symposium	April 15 – 17, 2021
American Venous Forum	March 17 – 20, 2021
AVF / AVLS / UIP C4 Webinar	April 9, 2021
Turkish Society (OM Pharma)	June 16, 2021
CIF / SIF Annual Congress	October 7-9 , 2021
XXX Argentinian Cardiovascular Surgery Annual Meeting - virtual	December 1 – 3, 2021
Pan American Society	July 21 – 23, 2022
V-WIN Dubai	February 2 – 5, 2022

Action items assigned to the general secretary and secretariat at the last meeting in Krakow included,

- Development of an online form for membership application.
- Development of a system for online reporting and updating of member societies' administrative structure, membership lists, and recent meetings. Societies should be provided a mechanism to update this information themselves and at minimum, should be required to do so at the time yearly membership fees are paid.
- The second of these objectives, an online reporting system for member societies has been achieved, while the development of an online application for membership is still in progress.

Prof. Mark Meissner  
*General Secretary, International Union of Phlebology*

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Chair: Prof. Oscar Bottini*

Dear colleagues and friends,

We have almost completed one of the main projects developed by the educational committee, this project aims to create a curriculum which allows consistent professional training in Phlebology and Lymphology throughout the world.

The UIP curriculum that was proposed to the medical community in 2010 required a thorough update, especially in the area of lymphology which was previously not included in phlebology, in regards to the new technological advances developed in this decade.

For this task we offered the members and advisors of the Education Committee topics of their preferences. We chose leaders in the field and assign them a topic from their daily knowledge and experience. José Díaz (Deputy) and I (Chair) compiled a first draft, which was analyzed by the experts in each area, thus completing an initial review by the authors.

All authors updated their assigned content with newly published literature. The references were added to the document by David Connor. Once the syllabus was completed, it was sent to the editors, Fedor Lurie, Nick Morrison, and Kurosh Parsi, who made their recommendations and final review. The edited curriculum will be distributed to the authors for final approval and present potential conflict of interest. After approval, the manuscript will be submitted to the Journal Phlebology. The initial agreement withing the UIP leadership is to request publication as a supplement in Phlebology, our official communication Journal. We plan to submit the completed manuscript by the end of August 2022.



Other pending aims will be overseen by the new committee.

- Define minimum selection criteria for individual UIP partners.
- Disseminate existing consensuses and contribute to the development of new ones, making it of common knowledge within the educational framework.
- Promote the accreditation of the specialty in the Ministries of Education of each country, as it was achieved in Argentina. This is a long-term goal but perhaps the most important. Imagine the growth and projection that UIP will have by the achievement of this goal.

Currently the committee is composed of:

Chair: Oscar Bottini (Argentina)

Deputy: Jose A Diaz (USA)

Members: Jana Bentley, Willy Chi, Antonios Gasparis, Ravul Jindal, Neil Khilnani, Luis León, Zaza Lazarashvili, Armando Mansilha, Giovanni Mosti, Pauline Raymond-Martimbeau, Luis Francisco Rodríguez Reyes, Roberto Simkin, Wassila Taha Elkashishi, Jorge Hernando Ulloa, Jean F. Uhl, Tomasz Urbanek, Shenming Wang, Mark Whiteley, Takashi Yamaki

Advisors: Miguel Amore, Pier L Antignani, Luis Arias, Niels Bækgaard, Rashad Bishara, Juan Bombin, Javier Cabezas, Carlos Carvalho, Roberto Corbeta, Zhong Chen, Juan Chunga-Prieto, Marcelo Dandolo, Ayman Fakhri, Elena Goranova, Lorena Grillo, Ki-Pyo Hong, Ernesto Intriago, Nicos Labropoulos, Byung B Lee, Andres Marin R, Alberto Martinez Granados, Erika Mendoza, Makoto Mo, Hugo Navas, Shoaib Padaria, , Alfredo Prego, Fabricio Santiago, Nuttawut Sermsathanasawadi, Javier Serraldes, Evgeny Shaydakov, Carlos Simkin, Simon Thibault, Fernando Vega Rasgado, Gerardo Victoria, Marc Vuylesteke, Jingsong Wang, Igor Zolotukhin.

This committee ends its term at the world congress in Istanbul where a new committee will be appointed. Which will be able to use the general guidelines and requirements in force on the website

Oscar Bottini

# SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

*Chair: Prof. Alun Davies*

The year has seen a slow recovery from COVID. The scientific committee has met regularly and has engaged in the following

1. Guidelines Development  
Multiple 1 page guidelines have been developed and are presently awaiting approval to be published. These guidelines cover the main areas of venous disease and intervention
2. Research  
The committee has offered support to various projects. There is also an ongoing project on defining PTS and establishing a consensus on the reporting standards for PTS.
3. Funding / Research Grants / Awarding of Prizes  
Discussion have occurred on methods of obtaining funding from industry. There will be a change in grant awards in the future with these being administered by the UIP
4. Registry Potential  
Discussions have occurred and are on-going about the development of an international registry.
5. Future meetings  
A number of Scientific meetings have been approved under the auspices of the UIP. The programmes for the UIP meeting in Istanbul 2022 have been approved and the programme for the UIP Miami 2023 meeting is in the process of being approved.



Professor Alun Davies (Chair), Dr Zhong Chen,, Dr David Connor, Dr Devendra Dekiwadia, Prof. Suat Doganci, Dr Elena Goranova, Dr Claudine Hamel-Desnos, Dr Nicos Labropoulos, Dr Fedor Lurie, Dr Makoto Mo, Dr Hernan Bauza Moreno, Prof. Kurosh Parsi, Dr Marc Vuylsteke, Prof Cess Wittens, Dr Igor Zolotukhin.

Alun Davies

## NORTH AMERICA

*Vice-president: Dr Lowell Kabnick*

Please find below the brief updates of the Member Societies:

### **The American Venous Forum (President-William Marston, MD)**

Names and positions of the Executive Committee of the AVF are:

- William Marston, MD – President
- Glenn Jacobowitz, MD – President-elect
- Ruth Bush, MD – Vice President
- Joseph Raffetto, MD – Treasurer
- Mark Iafrati, MD – Secretary
- Antonios Gasparis, MD – Immediate Past President

The AVF has 806 members

The 34th Annual AVF Meeting was held on February 23 - 26, 2022 in Orlando, FL and included high-quality national and international clinical and basic scientific research presentations that have not previously been presented before

The AVF launched the Policy Navigator and the Venous Clinical Workbooks in the spring of 2022. These items are available in the AVF store, ShopAVF. The Policy Navigator is an exclusive new insurance criteria database that supports practices providing superficial venous procedures. The Clinical Workbooks are study/practice guides featuring real patient case studies, and allow the consumer the opportunity to earn Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits

The AVF is hosting our Fall Courses (Fellows Course and West Coast Vein Forum) at the Edgewater Hotel in Seattle, WA from September 22-24, 2022



The AVF will host its next Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX at the La Cantera Resort from February 22-25, 2023

The AVF has added two new committees, the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and the Documents Review Committee

### **The American Vein and Lymphatic Society (President-Mark Meissner)**

Names and positions of the Executive Committee of the AVLS are:

- Mark Meissner, MD - President
- Kathleen Gibson, MD - President-Elect
- Satish Vayuvegula, MD - Treasurer
- Stephen Daugherty, MD – Secretary

The AVLS has 1,672 active members in good standing

The AVLS's 35th Annual Congress was held on October 7 – 10, 2021 in Denver, CO as a hybrid event offering both in-person and remote participation

The AVLS's 36th Annual Congress will be held in New Orleans, LA on Oct 13 - 16, 2022  
Christopher Pittman – Chair.  
[www.avlscongress.org](http://www.avlscongress.org)

**The Canadian Society of Phlebology  
(President-Douglas Hill)**

The CSP's 46th Annual Meeting will be held on  
April 29-30, 2022 in Montreal, Québec

The CSP has 138 members

**The Mexican Academy of Phlebology and  
Lymphology (AMFyL)  
(President—Dr. Javier Serralde)**

No update received

**The Mexican College of Phlebology and  
Lymphology (MCP)  
(President-Dr. Eugenio Jimenez)**

No update received

**The Mexican Society of Angiology, Vascular &  
Endovascular Surgery (SMACVE)  
(President-Dr. Carlos Hinojosa)**

Names and Positions of the Executive Committee  
of SMACVE are:

- President: Dr. Carlos A. Hinojosa
- Secretary: Dr. Francisco Ibañez
- Treasurer: Dr. Venancio Pérez

Annual meeting location and dates:

- 1 National Congress, November 1-5, 2022

Meetings throughout the year:

- 7 Regional Congresses
- 42 Seminars with Residents
- 20 Academic Sessions
- 11 SMACVE TV with Societies
- 18 ANGIO TV for general public.

SMACVE has 450 members

The Vice President remains at the disposal  
of all of his region Societies for whatever  
need at phone: 973-538-2000 and email:  
lsk@lowellkabnickmd.com

Respectfully submitted,

*Lowell S. Kabnick*

Lowell S. Kabnick,  
MD, RPhS, FACS, FAVLS, FAVF

UIP Vice President for North America

## ASIA

*Vice-president: Prof. Dong-Ik Kim*

First of all, I would like to thank all of the members and delegates of the UIP and representatives of Asian Venous Forum who have help me successfully carry out my role of Vice president of UIP over the past five years. It was an honor for me to personally serve as Vice President of UIP. The whole world experienced difficult condition due to COVID pandemic. In the meantime, face-to-face meeting could not be held. But fortunately, with the development of Webinar technology, the International meeting were successfully conducted. For the past 4 years, the Asian Venous Forum was successfully conducted in the form of Webinar. Currently 18 countries and Societies in Asia are the members of Asian Venous Forum. We expect continued supports and interest from UIP for the development of Phlebology in Asian countries.



Dong-Ik Kim

## NORTH EUROPE

*Vice-president: Prof. Sergio Giancesini*



Most of the Societies has been keeping reporting regularly with no significant issues and complaints to be resolved. New applications have been submitted from the Netherlands and from Slovak Republic. A growing number of Societies has become used to self-updating of the same Society features (board identification, number of members, etc) in the dedicated webpage. Other societies have been submitting their info delivering them to the vice-president of the region, so that the webpage dedicated to the member societies is almost totally updated. I take this chance to remind the Societies still in need to update their features that both the UIP administration and myself are at disposal to assist and to facilitate the webpage self-reporting tools.

Among the not ordinary communications received in the report completion, the Swiss Society announced the intention to bid for future UIP congress hosting and the Czech Society proposed prof. Jaroslav Strejcek as UIP honorary member for the evaluation of the Executive Committee and of the General Council. This is the mandate final report of my vice-presidency therefore I'd like to deeply thank all the member Societies representatives who, nicely and professionally, interacted with me along this term.

Serving the office has been a true honor and pleasure, moreover in a so active region in Phlebology advancement such as Northern Europe, Northern Africa and Near East. In this context, Northern Africa representatives should be congratulated for the extremely productive educational activities developed by the Egyptian Societies also during the pandemic lock-down time, with the only limitation of Egypt being the unique African country represented in the UIP, for which it's my deepest hope that other nations from the region will join soon, as for the intentions expressed by South Africa representatives. Deeply thanking once again all the parts involved, I will remain personally at disposal of everyone also after this September ending of the vice-presidency term.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sergio Giancesini".

Sergio Giancesini  
UIP vice-president for  
Northern Europe, North Africa, Near East

## SOUTH EUROPE

*Vice-president: Dr Lorenzo Tessari*

The vast majority of the Societies from the region has kept a constant contact with myself and a regular reporting of generally vivid activity in phlebo-lymphology education. Some Societies have sent their characteristics update directly to me, others have autonomously updated them in the dedicated UIP webpage.

No major complaints have been reported to me. I solicited an official statement from the Italian Societies regarding their votes distribution, therefore I remain at disposal for facilitating this topic in anyway I can.

As this is the last report of my service as vice-president, I'd like to thank all the Scientific Societies, Colleagues and Friends with whom I have had the pleasure to be in contact with along these years, wishing everyone to enjoying the most valuable UIP services along the future years.

Please do not hesitate to rely on me for whatever need.

My best regards,

Lorenzo



Lorenzo Tessari  
UIP vice-president for  
Southern Europe



# **SOUTH AMERICA**

Report not received by time of publication

# UIP COMMITTEE REPORTS



# UIP COMMITTEES

## Education Committee

Prof. Oscar BOTTINI (Chair, Argentina)  
Prof. Jose Antonio DIAZ (Deputy, USA)  
Dr Janna BENTLEY (Canada)  
Prof. Willy CHI (USA)  
Prof. Antonios GASPARIS (USA)  
Dr Ravul JINDAL (India)  
Dr Neil KHILNANI (USA)  
Dr Zaza LAZARASHVILI (Georgia)  
Dr Luis LEON (USA)  
Prof. Armando MANSILHA (Portugal)  
Prof. Giovanni MOSTI (Italy)  
Dr Pauline RAYMOND-MARTIMBEAU (Canada)  
Dr Luis RODRIGUEZ REYES (El Salvador)  
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Dr Wassila TAHA ELKASHISHI (Egypt)  
Dr Jorge Hernando ULLOA (Colombia)  
Prof. Jean Francios UHL (France)  
Prof. Tomasz URBANEK (Poland)  
Prof. Shenming WANG (China)  
Prof. Mark WHITELEY (UK)  
Prof. Takashi YAMAKI (Japan)

## Scientific Committee

Prof. Alun DAVIES (UK, Chair)  
A/ Prof. Hernan BAUZA MORENO (Argentina)  
Prof. Zhong CHEN (China)  
Dr Devenda DEKIWADIA (India)  
Prof. Suat DOGANCI (Turkey)  
Dr Elena GORANOVA (Bulgaria)  
Prof. Nicos LABROBOULOS (USA)  
Dr Makoto MO (Japan)  
Prof. Fedor LURIE (USA)  
Dr Marc VUYLSTEKE (Belgium)  
Prof. Cess WITTENS (The Netherlands)  
Prof. Igor ZOLOTUKHIN (Russia)

## Congress and Events

Dr Lowell KABNICK (Chair, USA)

## Communications and PR

Prof. Victor CANATA (Chair)  
Prof. Sergio GIANESINI (Italy)

## Conflict Resolution

Dr Paul THIBAUT (Chair)

## Constitutional Reform

Prof. Mark MEISSNER (Chair)  
Prof. Victor CANATA (Paraguay)  
Prof. Sergio GIANESINI (Italy)

## Engagement Working Group

Prof. Sergio GIANESINI (Chair, Italy)  
Prof. Larisa CHERNUKHA (Ukraine)  
Dr Juan CHUNGA PIETRO (Peru)  
Dr Bahar FAZELI (Iran)  
Dr Ahmed GAWEEESH (UAE)  
Dr Veronica GOLOVINA (Russia)  
Dr Ernesto INTRIAGO (Ecuador)  
Dr Shantonu KUMAR GHOSH (Bangladesh)  
Dr Lucy MCKINNON (Australia)  
Dr Maxim SHAYDAKOV (Russia)  
Dr Mandy WONG (Canada)

## Membership

Prof. Mark MEISSNER (Chair)  
Prof. Victor CANATA (Paraguay)  
Dr Lowell KABNICK (USA)  
Prof. Dong IK KIM (South Korea)  
Prof. Sergio GIANESINI (Italy)  
Dr Lorenzo TESSARI (Italy)

# ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

*Chair: Prof. Sergio Giancesini*

After the UIP 2022 World Congress, a new call will be made to renew the Engagement Working Group (EWG). I take this chance to sum up the vision and mission of the same EWG and the ongoing projects.

The EWG has been created with the vision of:

1. promoting operative engagement of young health professionals and trainees interested in Phlebology.
2. providing educational support and advocacy for the health professionals who are new in phlebology, whatever their age is.
3. developing proper International Union of Phlebology (UIP) positioning and communication.

The mission is accomplished by the creation of a dedicated working group including geographical equal representation, gender balance and inclusion of both top experts and new generation representatives.

Seven projects were drafted by the EWG members:

- a) **UIP camp** (EGYPT, Gaweesh A): Enhancement of the regional meeting educational delivery by means of UIP interaction.
- b) **U-IP let's connect** (RUSSIA, Golovina V): Creation of a webservice allowing all UIP health professionals to connect to each other, based also on common interests in specific vein-lymphatic topics
- c) **UI-Podcast** (AUSTRALIA, McKinnon L) Dedicated podcasts favoring interaction among top experts and new generations.
- d) **UI-People** (PERÙ, ECUADOR, Chunga J, Intriago E) Short videos dedicated to UIP vision/mission promotion to be circulated in UIP related initiatives with the aim of maximizing phlebologists awareness on UIP educational offer.
- e) **Meet my hero** (AUSTRALIA, McKinnon L) Interviews with leaders from the field.
- f) **EWG newsletter box**
  1. Speaker Corner (availability of EWG member to fill in eventually missing contributions for the speaker corner).
  2. UIP initiatives multi-lingual sum-up (availability of EWG member to provide a multi-lingual sum up of the main educational content delivered by UIP initiatives).
- g) **UIP starts with "U"**: Open sessions dedicated to world renown key Opinion Leaders lectures followed by round table discussions engaging the audience with a particular attention to geographical and gender equality and to expertise status global representation.

Detailed info on the EWG regulation, including application modality, are available in the UIP website. Whoever wants to provide an active contribution in the vein-lymphatic field is invited to apply for joining the UIP EWG.

I take this chance to personally deeply thank all the current EWG members as per the list below, adding a particular mention to David Connor for his professionalism and niceness in sharing with me this pilot EWG experience, aimed to demonstrate that UIP really starts with "U".



Current EWG members:

Ahmed Gaweesh (UAE)

Bahar Fazeli (Iran)

Larisa Cherunkha (Ukraine)

Ernesto Intriago Jr (Ecuador)

Juan Chunga J (Peru)

Lucy McKinnon (Australia)

Mandy Wong (Canada)

Maxim Shaydakov (Russia)

Shantonu K Ghosh (Bangladesh)

Veronika Golovina (Russia)



Sergio Giancesini  
EWG committee chair  
Mail: gnssrg@unife.it

# CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Chair: Dr Paul Thibault



UIP Conflict Committee Report 2019 -2022.

## Items Dealt with by Committee

### 1. Italian Society conflict regarding sharing of the 2 votes allocated to Italy. August 2019 – September 2022

At the time there were 5 Italian Societies that were members of the UIP:

- Italian College of Phlebology (CIF) – a Federation of 9 “sub” societies
- Italian Society of Phlebology: Clinical and Experimental (SIFCS)
- Italian Society of Phlebolympology (SIFL)
- Italian Association of Phlebology (AFI)
- Italian Society of Phlebology (SIF)

In addition to these parties, Dr L Tessari was a significant negotiator in the conflict, which he was attempting to solve.

**Process:** Numerous emails between Dr Tessari, Kurosh Parsi, Nick Morrison, Malay Patel and Oscar Maleti (Representing the CIF) in August- September 2019).

**Outcome:** Finally, Dr Tessari met with all Italian Societies and at that meeting it was agreed that: *“Italian College of Phlebology dropped their UIP vote and, together with the other societies, agreed in creating a confederation bringing together all the Italian societies recognized by UIP. The confederation propose to designate the two delegates representing Italy at the general council of the UIP.”*

It was intended that the details of the agreement would be presented at the Buenos Aires meeting in September 2020 and be voted on by the General Council. Due to COVID19, this did not eventuate and the proposed outcome was never finalised.

Prior to the Istanbul World Congress the Italian College of Phlebology decided at an Extraordinary General Meeting that it did not have to share its vote with 3 of the other Italian Societies (referred to as SIFCS, AFI and SIFL). They would however have confidential consultation with the Italian Society of Phlebology (SIF).

At a subsequent special meeting of members of the UIP Executive Committee (Prof K Parsi, Dr M Meisner, Dr P Thibault, Dr S Giancesini, Dr L Tessari) it was proposed that:

The General Council should decide, after historical facts are presented to members of the General Council, the composition of Italian representatives present in the General Council meeting in Istanbul and determine the Council's directive with regards to further action.

## 2. Russian Societies

Written complaints by Evgeny Shaydokov, Denis Borsuk and Vadim Bogachev, that the Russian Phlebological Association (represented by Igor Zolotukhin) was not the original association that was a member of the UIP.

**Process:** Dr Malay Patel assisted in collecting information regarding this claim which enabled resolution of the matter. In addition, the opinions of the President, Kurosh Parsi and Secretary, Mark Meisner were obtained.

**Outcome:** It was agreed that the Russian Phlebological Association was in practical terms the continuation of the original association that was a member of the UIP and therefore should continue as such.

## 3. German Society of Phlebology concerns regarding the appointment of Johann Chris Ragg to the UIP Education Committee.

Parties involved: Dr Erika Mendoza, President of the German Society initiated the “complaint”.

**Process:** Precise details of Dr Mendoza’s complaint were obtained by email. Her response was : “ We were very surprised by the appointment of Dr. Ragg into a UIP committee, though not named by the German Society for Phlebology. For us now the question arises, for which period he has been appointed. If it is only a short period of time, we would suggest leaving his vocation at first. For the next election we would attach great importance to a participation of the German Society of Phlebology.”

**Outcome:** The matter was brought before the Executive Committee and as a result an email was sent to Dr Mendoza advising that: “ It is intended that the next election for Education Committee members will be held in conjunction with the Buenos Aires General Council meeting in September 2020.”

The Executive Committee pointed out that the selection of members for the Education Committee is based on regions rather than countries.

“However, the German Society of Phlebology would be most welcome to make a nomination on behalf of the European region when nominations for this Committee are called for.”

The Buenos Aires General Council meeting did not take place, so nominations for this committee should be called for in time for the Istanbul meeting. This would also apply to the Scientific Committee.

4. Colombian Society for Vascular Surgery complaint that a UIP Executive member had officially invited phlebologists in Columbia to create a new Venous Society. August 2020.

This complaint resulted from a UIP letter sent of by the UIP Ambassador Outreach program by the Assistant Secretary Dr Malay Patel. The complaint was lodged by the President of the Colombian Society for Vascular Surgery, Dr Jorge H Ulloa.

**Process:** An urgent ZOOM conference between Kurosh Parsi, Oscar Bottini, Sergio Giancesini, David Connor (Executive Director of UIP) and Dr Ulloa was organised where the issue was discussed and clarified regarding the misunderstanding.

**Outcome:** Kurosh Parsi subsequently wrote to the Executive Committee clarifying the steps that the UIP would make to prevent similar issues developing in the future:

1. The UIP will review the structure, mandate and the processes of its *Membership Outreach* committee. The activities of this committee have been paused and will not be resumed until the procedural details have been reassessed and improved.
2. The UIP *Constitutional Reform* committee will review the current UIP membership criteria to ensure these criteria reflect the UIPs vision and mission as described by its Constitution.
3. The UIP *Constitutional Reform* committee will review the UIP *Policy Manual* (Internal Regulations) to ensure formal communications go through further content control to prevent future errors.
4. The mission of the *Membership Outreach* committee will be further described in the Newsletter, the UIP website and the Social media to minimize further misunderstandings.

Dr Paul Thibault  
Chair, Conflict Resolution Committee.

# CONGRESSES AND EVENTS

*Chair: Dr Lowell Kabnick*



As per Dr. Kursat Bozkurt, the **2022 UIP World Congress** program has been updated on the UIP2022 website, [www.uip2022.org](http://www.uip2022.org). The scientific program is 95% complete. Reminders have been sent to invited faculty in order to have their responses in regards to their participation in the program.

Another inspection of the Rumeli Building and Anatolia Auditorium has been made in order to confirm the logistics of opening day and the scientific flow of the program. At the opening of the World Congress there will be a band and whirling dervishes to entertain. A cocktail reception will follow in the Istanbul Convention Exhibition Center (ICEC) terrace with lovely views of the Bosphorus Strait.

Sponsorship negotiations are well underway.

Unfortunately, Japan, China, Ukraine, and Taiwan will not be in attendance at this year's World Congress. Iran also mentioned a great problem as the value of their currency has dropped 180% since January. We offered them a reduced price of \$350 USD for 15 registrants, but they requested \$100 USD. Unfortunately, we cannot come to an agreement at the \$100 price due to our overhead costs. We are unsure of how many Russians will attend the Congress, due to the fact that they are unable to transfer money or use Visa or Mastercard. In order to increase registration, two Turkish vascular societies kindly provided 200 registrations for young doctors from Turkey with a reduced price. We are actively working on increasing the number of registrants.

Suat Doganci is working on the oral abstract presentation schedule. Currently, he is grouping the abstracts. We will have presentations in different languages. We are awaiting the initial proofs from Phlebology.

The social program has been completed. The Executive Committee dinner will be held in the Marmara Hotel. A council dinner may be organized as well, depending upon the budget. The Faculty dinner will be on a Bosphorus cruise boat and will be a sponsored event. The Gala dinner will be in Çiragan Palace. The closing ceremony of the Congress will include a traditional Turkish dance show.



The **2023 UIP World Meeting** & AVLS 37th Annual Congress will be held on September 17-21, 2023 in Miami Beach, FL.

- Kathleen Gibson – Congress President
- John Blebea & Alun Davies – Scientific Chairs
- Sergio Giancesini – NA Organizing Chair
- Facilities – Miami Beach Convention Center
- Primary Hotel – Loews; 6 additional local hotels under contract

The World Congress 2023 website will go live on August 1, 2022. The Exhibitor prospectus for Exhibition Sales is in development with an expected release of August 1, 2022. Regarding the Scientific Program, program chair invitations will be issued in August 2022. Abstract submissions will be opened in September 2022. Attendee Registration opens in November 2022.

UIP Related Events are as follows:

- Sat Sept 16 UIP Executive Committee 12:00-5:00 pm
- Sun Sept 17 UIP General Council Meeting 8:00-12:00 pm
- Sun Sept 17 Opening Ceremonies 5:30-7:30 pm
- Sun Sept 17 Welcome Party 7:30-10:00 pm
- Wed Sept 20 UIP General Council Meeting 12:00-5:00 pm

\*note UIP Executive and Council meetings to be held at the Loews Hotel

The location of the **2025 UIP World Meeting** is being bid on by three interested parties:

- Benelux Society (Amsterdam, Holland)
- St Petersburg Venous Forum (St Petersburg, Russia)
- Latin American Venous Forum (Buenos Aires, Argentina), in conjunction with the following societies:
  - Brazilian Society of Phlebology & Lymphology
  - Chilean Foundation of Phlebology & Lymphology
  - Venezuelan Society of Phlebology & Lymphology
  - Argentine Society of Phlebology & Lymphology (SAFYL)
  - Association of Peripheral Vascular Surgeons of Costa Rica (ACCVP)
  - Association of Phlebology & Lymphology of Buenos Aires Province (AFLIPBA)
  - Society of Phlebology & Lymphology of the North East of Argentina (SFYLNEA)
  - Association of Phlebology & Lymphology of Cordoba (CORFYL)
  - Society of Vascular Diseases of Río Cuarto
  - Association of Phlebology, Lymphology and Arteriopathies of Cuyo region (ACUFLA)
  - Bonarense Society of Phlebology & Lymphology
  - Association of Phlebology & Lymphology of Rosario
  - Association of Phlebology & Lymphology of Patagonia (AFYLP)
  - Association of Phlebology & Lymphology of Tucumán
  - Paraguayan Society of Phlebology & Lymphology
  - Peruvian Society of Phlebology & Lymphology
  - Uruguayan Society of Phlebology & Lymphology (SUFYL)
  - Latin American Venous Forum
  - Argentinian College of Venous & Lymphatic Surgery (CACVyL)
  - Bolivian Community of Phlebology & Lymphology (COBOFLIN)
  - Society of Phlebology & Lymphology of Salta
  - Chilean Society of Phlebology & Lymphology (SOCHIFYL)
  - Phlebology and Endovascular Therapy Association of El Salvador (AFLEBOVASAL)

The selection of the member society/city will be voted upon at the GC meeting - Istanbul.

Regarding the **2027 UIP World Meeting**, the intent of membership societies' expression of interest for the bidding process for 2027 will be announced in August and applications proposed will follow a February 16 submission deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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