International Activities at VAM 2016

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

**International Fast Talk**, 12:30 – 2:45 pm: This is open to investigators/trainees who live outside the United States and Canada, who are under the age of 35, and are eligible for the Young Surgeon Competition. (Two awards will be given at the conclusion of the session.) Selected authors will have three minutes to present and two minutes for discussion; slide preparation (limit six) is necessary. Abstracts must be current work but previous presentation at local meetings is acceptable. If none of the contributing authors are an SVS international member, the International Relations Committee may sponsor an abstract. Although encouraged, submission of a manuscript to the Journal of Vascular Surgery is not required.

**International Forum**, 3:00 – 6:00 pm: Restricted to authors outside the United States and Canada, abstracts accepted for this session will be given six minutes to present and four minutes for discussion.
Abstracts must be current work, but previous presentation at local meetings is acceptable. A discussant will facilitate conversation with the audience. If none of the contributing authors are an SVS international member, the International Relations Committee may sponsor an abstract. Submission of a manuscript to the Journal of Vascular Surgery is not required. New this year – authors will have an opportunity to submit videos for this program.

**International Reception**, 6:15 – 7:15 pm

**Friday, June 10, 2016**

**SVS-ESVS Joint Debate Session**, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

### Attendees from Certain Countries Eligible for Discount

Part of the Society for Vascular Surgery’s mission is to elevate the practice of vascular surgery worldwide. To that end, the Society offers a registration discount to attendees in select countries based on the World Health Index.

SVS is pleased to offer a discounted registration fee of US$350 for all International Attendees representing countries that do not appear on the list below. If your country does not appear on the list below, then you are eligible for the US$350 discounted registration fee. This registration fee will automatically be applied to all on line and faxed registrations.

View the pdf below for the list of countries whose residents are NOT eligible for the discount.

Information on Discounts (pdf)

### Information on Visa Waiver Program Countries

As of Jan. 20, 2010, airlines may deny boarding to inbound travelers to the United States from Visa Waiver Program countries if they haven’t complied with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) program. ESTA, introduced in January 2009, requires all international travelers from VWP countries to register in an online database. Previously, international travelers had to fill out an I-94W form before each trip, but ESTA seeks to streamline and update the process.

Now, international travelers to the United States must go to the ESTA web site and fill out an application before entering the country by air or sea. If approved, authorization is good for two years and can be renewed. Travelers no longer have to fill out an I-94W form before each trip. U.S. officials say ESTA will speed up the process for travelers, enable customs officials to screen passengers in advance and improve security. VWP travelers who have not received an ESTA approval may be denied boarding.

The ESTA requirement does not affect U.S. citizens returning from overseas, people from VWP countries...
traveling on a valid U.S. visa, or travelers from non-VWP nations. For additional information, including the online application, please visit the Department of Homeland Security.