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Registration and housing have opened for the 2019 Vascular Annual Meeting. This year's premier educational event for vascular professionals will be June 12 to 15 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Md., outside of Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, June 12, will include postgraduate courses, abstract-based sessions with the Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society and a host of international events. Scientific sessions are June 13 to 15 and the Exhibit Hall will be open June 13 to 14. See the "Schedule at a Glance" of VAM events at vsweb.org/VAM19.

This year's meeting will feature a gala (see stories on p. 10) for the first time in more than a decade. The "Vascular Spectacular" on Friday, June 14, will benefit the SVS Foundation and its activities.

Also of note are:

Dedicated programming for vascular trainees and fellows to help them make the transition from training to practice, and to explore leadership development. Topics include billing and coding, contract negotiation, tips for a successful career and what vascular societies have to offer. Representatives of several associations and regional vascular societies will be on hand.

"The focus of the Fellows program is business, because we feel this is missing from residency programs. And it also isn't covered by regional societies, which already include excellent fellows programming," said Matthew Eagleton, MD. He chairs the Program Committee, which oversees VAM programming. "We're also including industry representatives in the Fellows dinner, to focus on what's in the pipeline in terms of industry, and what's coming down the road."

Programming for those involved in outpatient-based facilities, requested by members in the SVS' newest membership section, the Section for Outpatient and Office Vascular Care. This includes a breakfast session co-sponsored with the Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society.

Two new programs for international participants, the Young Surgeon Competition and International Poster Competition, both on Wednesday.

Additional Ask the Expert sessions, which proved enormously popular in 2018. Topics for these small groups include infected grafts, IVC filter complications, open aorta, mesenteric/hybrid, open tibial exposures, Thoracic Outlet Syndrome and spine exposure.

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Workshops moved from Wednesday to Thursday and Friday. Topics include transcarotid artery revascularization, fenestrated EVAR (ZFEN) and below-the-knee access and intervention.

An "Aortic Summit" Saturday afternoon, co-sponsored by SVS and The Society of Thoracic Surgeons.

"We are really focused on presenting a great program with content specific to many career needs," Dr. Eagleton said. "We want to showcase the best abstracts representative of critical research, and we're adding programming for targeted audiences. We have something for everyone."

Register and book hotel rooms today. Visit vsweb.org/VAM19 .

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