Research progress in vascular biology is critical, as vascular disease continues to affect much of the world’s population and continues to be the leading cause of morbidity and mortality.

SVS’ annual Vascular Research Initiatives Conference (VRIC) was established in 1986. This conference has provided a forum for the presentation and discussion of the highest quality, most innovative, and most relevant research in vascular biology and related fields. VRIC brings together both accomplished and young vascular surgeon researchers with a broad representation of vascular biologists. The VRIC provides a venue for the vascular surgery community to showcase research produced by vascular surgeon scientists – a group of physicians with direct access to patients with vascular disease and tissue from surgical specimens, coupled with an exceptional understanding of vascular disease.