

ISL NEWS

The **Oklahoma University College of Medicine Vascular Center** has been renamed the **Thomas Whitsett Vascular Center** in honor of Thomas L. Whitsett, MD, Regents Professor and OU Vascular Center Founder, long-time lymphologist, ISL Member, and *Lymphology* Editorial Board Member in recognition of his 47 years of caring for Oklahomans and training future physicians in vascular medicine and associated disorders.



41st European Society of Lymphology Congress
Lausanne, Switzerland
June 4-6, 2015

It is with great pleasure and honor that the University Hospital of Lausanne will host the 41st European Society of Lymphology (ESL) Congress. From June 4-6, 2015, the most renowned healthcare providers and scientists will gather in Lausanne to share and debate their knowledge and experience in lymphology. The scientific program will alternate plenary sessions and workshops. Workshops will be both in English and French to ensure most knowledge sharing. We hope you will join us!

Prof. Lucia Mazzolai
 Congress President

Venue:
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25th World Congress of Lymphology
September 7-11, 2015
San Francisco, California USA

To celebrate the formal founding 50 years ago of the discipline of lymphology (the study of lymphatics, lymph, lymphocytes and lymph nodes in health and disease), and with it, the formation of the International Society of Lymphology (ISL), the 25th World Congress of Lymphology (WCOL) will be held in San Francisco, CA September 7-11, 2015, at the Hilton-on-the Square.

EARLY REGISTRATION is open until APRIL 15, 2015 (make sure your ISL dues are up-to-date). Abstract deadline is April 15, 2015 for oral presentations and posters.

Congress Website:
<http://www.lymphology2015.com/home>

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Congress Co-Presidents:

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 Research and Treatment
 California Pacific Medical Center/
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM AGENDAMonday, September 7, 2015

7:00 AM Breakfast/Exhibits

8:00 AM Opening/Welcome

8:30 AM Session 1: Lymphology Then and Now: A panorama of 50 years of pioneers, questions, discoveries, and evolution (short lecturettes and panel)
Moderators/Panel: Conference Co-Presidents, Current and Past ISL Presidents and Founders/ International highlights from around the world

10:30 AM Break/Exhibits

11:00 AM Session 2:
Genomics/Proteomics/Clinical Syndromes:
Moderators: R Erickson, S Michellini, M Vikkula, C Papendieck, F McCormack, C Bellini

Keynote: Raoul Hennekam, MD:
“Genotype-Phenotype Correlations in Primary/ Congenital Lymphatic Disorders”

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

1:00 PM Lunch Break/Exhibits

2:00 PM Session 3: AIDS and Global Infections of the Lymphatic System
Moderators: M Witte, C MacKenzie, T Ryan, W Olszewski

Keynote: Nobel Laureate Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, PhD:
“AIDS and the Lymphatic System: Portals of Entry, Reservoirs, Policy, and Parallels to Ebola”

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

3:30 PM Break/Exhibits

4:00 PM Session 4: Surgical and Non-Surgical Approaches to Treatment of Lymphatic Disorders - Clinical Protocols and Treatment Case Presentations
Moderators/Panelists: E Földi, C Campisi, CC Campisi, H Brorson, J Macias, R Baumeister, T Yamamoto, F Boccardo, J Granzow, A Szuba, O Leduc, M Ohkuma, J Feldman, S Thiadens, J Mills

Keynote: Max Itkin, MD:
“New Frontier in Lymphatic Interventional Imaging”

6:00 PM Reception/Posters and Exhibits

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 (Main Sessions)

7:00 AM Breakfast/Exhibits, Meet the Professor

8:00 AM Concurrent Sessions – Session 5: Lymphatic Imaging
Moderators: P Bourgeois, M Itkin, N Liu, M Witte, R Witte, D Vera, P Kuo

Keynote: Alain Pecking, MD:
“Multimodal/Fusion Imaging of the Lymphatic System”

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

Concurrent Sessions – Session 6: Physical Treatments
Moderators: J Belgrado, R Martinez, A Leduc, W Olszewski, K Johansson, M Fu, J Feldman

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

10:00 AM	Break/Exhibits	3:00 PM	Break/Exhibits
10:30 AM	<p>Concurrent Sessions – Session 7: Lymphangiogenesis/Hemangiogenesis and Vascular Growth Factors Moderators: M Dellinger, J Sleeman, J Wilting, S Leong, M Hendrix, L Chen</p> <p>Keynotes: Kari Alitalo, MD, PhD: “Lymphangiogenesis: Molecular and Translational Perspectives” Napoleone Ferrara, MD: “Hem/Lymphangiogenesis and Anti-Angiogenesis: Discoveries and Frontiers”</p> <p>Selected Papers Discussion/Q&A</p> <p>Concurrent Sessions – Session 8: Free Papers Moderators: S Ridner, N Stout</p> <p>Selected Papers Discussion/Q&A</p>	3:30 PM	<p>Session 11: Cancer Metastasis Moderators: S Leong, M Witte</p> <p>Keynote: Mary JC Hendrix, PhD: “Vascular Mimicry and Cancer Metastasis”</p> <p>Discussion/Q&A</p>
		4:00-6:00 PM	Patient Clinic (Expert Panel will lead discussion on Case Presentations, with discussion and Q&A)
		Free Night	
		<u>Tuesday, September 8, 2015 (Patient Summit)</u>	
		7:00 AM	Breakfast/Exhibits
		8:30 AM	General Overview – State of CDT (E Földi, MD)
		9:10 AM	Surgery Update (J Granzow, MD)
12:30 PM	Lunch Break/ Exhibits	9:10 AM	Alternative Therapy (N Piller, PhD)
1:30 PM	<p>Concurrent Sessions – Session 9: Immunology and Frontiers in Immunotherapy Moderators: E Okada, W Olszewski, S Leong, F Becker</p> <p>Keynote: David Jackson, PhD: “Immune Cell Trafficking and the Lymphatic System: Signals and Processes”</p> <p>Selected Papers Discussion/Q&A</p> <p>Concurrent Sessions – Session 10: Basic Lymphology (Anatomy and Physiology, Regional Lymph) Moderators: M Amore, A Pissas, S Alexander, Y Dori, M Andrade</p> <p>Selected Papers Discussion/Q&A</p>	9:30 AM	Q & A
		9:45 AM	Break/Exhibits
		10:15AM	Assessment
		10:40 AM	“Lipedema” (K Herbst, PhD, MD)
		11:00 AM	“Lymphangioliomyomatosis and the Lymphatic System” (F McCormack, MD)
		11:20 AM	“Lymphatic Malformation and Primary Lymphedema” (M Dellinger, PhD)
		11:40 AM	“Reimbursement” (B Lobosco)
		12:00 N	Q & A
		12:30 PM	Lunch Break/Exhibits/Special Interest Groups

	Special Interest Groups (sign up if interested)- Head and Neck, Radiation-Induced Brachial Plexopathy (RIBP), Lipedema, Young Thrivers, Geriatrics, Exercise, Surgery	10:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions – Session 14: Rare Diseases (LAM, Gorham-Stout, LMI, NOR, Angiogenesis Foundation) Moderators: F McCormack, M Dellinger, C Papendieck, M Witte, D Stea
2:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions – Self-Care Strategies for persons with Lymphedema		Selected Papers Discussion/Q&A
	Concurrent Sessions – Risk Reduction Strategies for persons with Lymphedema (J Kepics, PT)	12:30 PM	Lunch Break/Exhibits
3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions – Coping Mechanisms/ Dealing with Lymphedema (E McMahon, PhD)	1:30 PM	Session 15: Lymphatic Development and Pediatric Lymphology Panel: C Papendieck, R Hennekam, C Bellini, M Dellinger, J Wilting, E Földi
	Concurrent Sessions – Starting a Lymphedema Support Group In Your Community (B Sharp)		Keynote: Guillermo Oliver, PhD: “Development of The Lymphatic System: Models, Mechanisms, and Unanswered Questions”
4:00 PM	Patient Clinic (Expert Panel will lead discussion on Case Presentations, with discussion and Q&A)		Selected Papers Discussion/Q&A
<u>Wednesday, September 9, 2015</u>			
<u>(Main Sessions)</u>			
7:00 AM	Breakfast/Exhibits	3:00 PM	Break/Exhibits
8:00 AM	Session 12: Free Papers Moderators: K Johansson, A Szuba	3:30 PM	Session 16: Quality of Life/ Prevention Moderators: S Thiadens, J Feldman, S Ridner
	Selected Papers Discussion/Q&A		Selected Papers Discussion/Q&A
10:00 AM	Break/Exhibits		Free Night
10:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions – Session 13: Surgical Treatment of Lymphatic Disorders Panel: C Campisi, CC Campisi, H Brorson, E Földi, J Macias, R Baumeister, T Yamamoto, Y Demitras, M Topalan, F Boccardo, J Granzow	<u>Wednesday, September 9, 2015</u>	
	Selected Papers and Panel Discussion	<u>(Instructional Sessions)</u>	
		7:00 AM	Breakfast/Exhibits
		8:00 AM	Concurrent Instructional Session 1: Risk Reduction for Secondary Lymphedema. Are We there Yet? (R Box, PhD, J Binkley, PT, F Boccardo, MD)
			Concurrent Instructional Session 2: Practical Genetics for Lymphedema

8:00-5:00	Full Day Session – Concurrent Instructional Session 9: Use of Compression in Lymphedema Treatment	7:30 AM	Breakfast mini-symposium: Current and Emerging Technologies for Imaging Sentinel Lymph Nodes Brief Presentations and Panel Discussion: A Pecking, D Vera, M Itkin, R Witte
10:00 AM	Break/Exhibits		
10:30 AM	Concurrent Instructional Session 3: Exercise: What Does the Evidence Say about Its Role in Prevention and Management of Lymphedema (K Johansson, PT, S Hayes, PhD)	8:30 AM	Controversies and Horizons in Detecting, Preventing, and Treating Lymph/Hematogenous Spread of Cancer “Sentinel Node or Lymphadenectomy: What is the Future?” (Debate: B Cady and M Faries) “Is Sentinel Lymph Node Micrometastasis Important in Breast Cancer?” (S Klimberg) Discussion/Q&A
10:30 AM	Concurrent Instructional Session 4: The Role of Imaging in Patients with Lymphedema (M Bernas, MS, M Itkin, MD, E Sevick-Muraca, PhD, N Liu, MD, A Pecking, MD)		
12:30 PM	Lunch Break/Exhibits		
1:30 PM	Concurrent Instructional Session 5: Novel Therapeutic Interventions for Lymphedema Treatment Instructional (B Smoot, PT, DPTSc)		“Lymph/Hemangiogenesis and use of Anti-Lymph/Hemangiogenesis Agents in Cancer Treatment” – Brief Presentations and Panel Discussion/Debate: K Alitalo, N Ferrara, M Dellinger, M Witte, K Kim Discussion/Q&A
1:30 PM	Concurrent Session 6: Lipedema: Differential Diagnosis and Treatment (K Herbst, PhD, MD, LA Kahn, PT)		
3:30 PM	Break/Exhibits	10:00 AM	Break/Exhibits
4:00 PM	Concurrent Session 7: Current Measurement Tools and Clinical Outcomes (N Stout, DPT, CLT-LANA, N Piller, PhD, P Viehoff, S Ridner, MSN, RN, PhD)	10:30 AM	The Cancer Microenvironment: Immune Responses, Immunotherapy, Stem Cells, EMT/MET, and implications for Therapy “A Journey through the Immune System: New Insights for Cancer Immunotherapy” (S Leong) Brief Presentations and Panel Discussion: “Reregulating” the Immune System and Lymphocyte Trafficking, Stem Cells and EMT/MET, Modulating the Cancer Microenvironment, and Attacking Embryonic Pathways (D Jackson, MJC Hendrix, R Runyan, S Leong, J Sleeman, G Oliver, F Barré-Sinoussi, B Cady)
4:00 PM	Concurrent Instructional Session 8: Global Management Strategies for Underserved Areas (T Ryan, MD)		
<u>Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (Cancer and the Lymphovascular System: Molecules, Mechanisms, Metastasis, Sentinel Nodes, and Therapeutic Frontiers Symposium)</u>			
7:00 AM	Breakfast/Exhibits		

	Discussion/Q&A	3:45 PM	Late-Breaking and Free Papers on Cancer Metastasis, Sentinel Nodes, and the Lymphatic System Moderators: B Pockaj, R White, S Moses
12:00 PM	Lunch Mini-symposium: “Melanoma as a Cancer Model for Multidisciplinary Therapy Clinical and Molecular Subgrouping of Primary Melanoma” (M Kashani-Sabet) “Therapy against In-Transit Metastatic Melanoma” (J Zager) “Role of Lymph Node Dissection in Melanoma” (C Balch) “Adjuvant and Systemic Therapy against Metastatic Melanoma” (K Kim)		Selected Papers Discussion/Q&A
	Discussion/Q&A	5:00 PM	Festschrift Memoriam and Presentation of Donald Morton Distinguished Investigator Award (S Leong) Summary
	Discussion/Q&A	5:30 PM	Adjourn
1:00 PM	Break/Exhibits	<u>Wednesday, September 9, 2015</u> <u>(Patient Summit)</u>	
1:30 PM	Frontiers in Primary/Metastatic Cancer Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Targeted Therapy “Cancer Diagnosis: A Liquid Biopsy Now and in the Future?” (S Rulli) “Biomarkers and Targeted Cancer Therapy: Insights from Melanoma, Breast, Lung, and Other Cancers” Presentations and Panel Discussion (BD Stea, D Alberts, S Leong, M Dugan, M Demeure, C Balch)	7:30 AM	Breakfast/Exhibits
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	Discussion/Q&A	10:00 AM	Break/Exhibits
2:30 PM	Horizons for Prevention and Reduction of Cancer-Related Lymphedema Morbidity “Reverse Axillary Mapping” (S Klimberg) “LYMPHA Surgical Technique” (F Boccardo) “Radiation-Oncology Perspective” (BD Stea)	11:00 AM	Concurrent Sessions: Coping Mechanisms/ Dealing with Lymphedema (E McMahon, PhD)
	Discussion/Q&A		Concurrent Sessions: Starting a Lymphedema Support Group In Your Community (B Sharp)
	Discussion/Q&A	12:00 N	Lunch (lunchbox)
	Discussion/Q&A	12:30 PM	Vendor Demonstrations (total 1-6 vendors)
	Discussion/Q&A	1:30 PM	Break/Exhibits
3:30 PM	Break	2:00 PM	Talk Show for persons with Lymphedema

3:00 PM Walk for Lymphedema
Advocacy to Union Square AND
Yoga in Union Square or
exercise with faculty options

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

Concurrent Sessions – Session 21:
Lymphatic Filariasis and
Other Parasitic Disorders and
Infections

Moderators: G Manokoran,
C MacKenzie, W Olszewski,
T Ryan

Thursday, September 10, 2015
(Main Sessions)

7:00 AM Breakfast, Meet the Professor

8:00 AM Concurrent Sessions – Session 17:
Lymphedema – Diagnosis,
Measurements, and Protocols
Moderators: A Szuba, J Armer,
M Fu, A Munnoch, M Andrade,
E Dimakakos

12:30 PM Lunch Break

1:30 PM Concurrent Sessions – Session 22:
Education in Lymphology/
Networks

Moderators: S Thiadens, K
Johansson, J Feldman

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

Concurrent Sessions– Session 18:
Lipedema

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

Keynote: Karen Herbst, PhD,
MD

Concurrent Sessions – Session 23:
Basic Lymphology Free Papers
Moderators: L Chen, M Amore,
J Sleeman

Panel: G Szolnoky, H Brorson,
S Michelini, A Szuba, LA Kahn

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

3:00 PM Break

10:00 AM Break

3:30 PM Session 24: ISL Consensus
Document
Moderator: M Bernas

10:30 AM Concurrent Sessions: Session 19:
Chylous and non-Chylous
Syndromes: Mechanisms,
Diagnosis, and Treatment
Moderators: C Campisi,
F Boccardo, CC Campisi,
M Itkin, C Papendieck, E Földi,
Y Dori, M Witte

6:00 PM -10:00 PM
Gala Dinner excursion with Music and
Awards/ Prizes/Special Recognition on
San Francisco Bay

Friday, September 11, 2015

7:00 AM Breakfast

Selected Papers
Discussion/Q&A

8:00 AM Session 25: Lymphology –
The Next 50 years:
Research/Action agenda:
Lingering Questions
Moderator: M Witte, S Thiadens,
S Leong

Concurrent Sessions: Session 20:
Quality of Life and
Rehabilitation II
Moderators: B Lasinski,
B Smoot, S Michelini, M Fu

10:00 AM Break
 10:30 AM ISL General Assembly
 12:30 PM Conference Adjourns

Program Agenda and speaker selection are subject to change. Abstracts will be selected for oral and poster presentations in relevant sessions. Short template-ready papers based on all selected abstracts will be published in the Proceedings of the 25th World Congress of Lymphology.

PATIENT SUMMIT

Two days of this international conference will be devoted to presentations and workshops to educate and inspire patients living with lymphatic diseases. The presence of patients at the Conference is important, as it is their experience that gives direction to research and development in the field. Whether clinician or basic scientist, please plan to participate in this unique opportunity.

Workshops throughout both days will cover topics of self-care and risk reduction strategies, coping with the psychosocial aspects of chronic lymphatic conditions, and a how-to session on starting patient support groups and other advocacy efforts in communities. In between all these learning opportunities, the Exhibit Hall will be available where patients can linger over displays of all the latest products related to lymphedema and other lymphatic disorders and discuss ideas with the creative people who design and make them.

Poster and patient case history applications will be reviewed and selected for presentation by the Patient Committee. The special link for the Patient Clinic and poster presentations has been designated, which also provides patient registration information. Demonstration exercise classes designed especially for patients, and an Advocacy Walk to San Francisco's famous Union Square will also be featured. This opportunity is unique for patients with lymphatic disorders and their

families to meet the professionals at the forefront of advances in lymphology and make plans to work together.

SOCIAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: EVENING CRUISE AND MUSIC ON SAN FRANCISCO BAY

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25th WCOL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

International Society of Lymphology Presidential Prizes

Several ISL Presidential Prizes valued at USD \$750 each will be awarded to young lymphologists to allow them to be able to participate in the 25th World Congress of Lymphology.

Nominee Qualifications:

Nominees must currently be in training or within five years of having completed training (PhD/Medical Residency/Fellowship) to be eligible for a Presidential Prize.

Nominees should submit to ISL Central Office: The nomination packet should contain:

- The nomination letter (1 page in length and addressed to the Secretary-General, ISL) from an active ISL member.
- Submitted abstract(s) .
- Abbreviated curriculum vitae of the nominee (maximum 2 pages)

Closing Date: **May 1, 2015**

For more information please contact:
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Call for 2015 ISL Officer Nominations

Nominations are now being received in the Central Office for ISL President-Elect (2-year term) and for 5 Executive Committee members for 4-year terms (maximum of 2 consecutive terms or 8 continuous years permitted), 2 members of the Nominating Committee, and 2 ISL-member Auditors. Nomination packets should include the nomination letter from an Active Member of the ISL (self-nominations are allowed) and a full biographical sketch (curriculum vitae), along with specific information on service and/or contributions to the ISL or ISL-

affiliate chapters/societies (e.g., serving as ISL officer, or on ISL committees/taskforces, ISL and affiliate Congress organizer, Editor or reviewer of manuscripts for the journal *Lymphology*). Nomination packets should be sent to the Central Office for review by the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be accepted up through the time of the 25th World Congress of Lymphology, and elections will be held during the General Assembly on Friday, September 11th, the last day of the main Congress in San Francisco.

Nomination packets should be e-mailed to or turned in at the ISL membership booth at the Congress.



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Art. 6-ISL Constitution: *Membership in the Society can be obtained on the basis of a written application. Names of new applicants will be published in the Society's Bulletin [ISL News]. Any member who objects to the admittance of a candidate must state the objections in writing to the Secretary-General no later than one (1) month after publication of the Bulletin [ISL News]. The reasons for the objection must be stated...*