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### **WoCoVA**

The second *World Congress on Vascular Access* - in short WoCoVA - will be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands from 27 -29 June 2012. WoCoVA was established in 2009 as a foundation to create an independent platform to organize worldwide congresses on vascular access. WoCoVA 2012 will be the second congress of its kind and is a unique process in bringing vascular access professionals together from around the globe.

### **Organisation**

WoCoVA foundation is a non-profit organization registered in the Netherlands especially to organize seminars, congresses and improve Vascular Access. The main goals of WoCoVA is sharing knowledge and bring vascular access to a higher level. A specialized global scientific committee will offer scientific programs with experienced speakers, workshops and product presentations. The WoCoVA foundation works with highly trained specialists who are constantly improving skills and expanding knowledge by research and innovations. For WoCoVA 2012 in Amsterdam we are working with a Local Organizing Committee, a Global Scientific Committee and an Organizing Secretariat.

### **What is Vascular Access?**

About 90% of patients visiting a hospital will have a need for some sort of vascular access. Vascular Access is described as “the ability to enter the vascular system” for administering drugs, fluids or obtaining blood for testing or haemodialysis. The focus during WoCoVA is on venous or vein access! A venous *catheter* is a tube placed in a vein in the arm, neck, chest or groin area. Vascular access has a potential risk of infections, thrombosis and tissue damage with long term discomfort.

### **Program**

WoCoVA will cover all aspects of vascular access: indications for the choice of the device, insertion techniques, tip location methods and prevention and management of all Vascular Access Device (VAD) related complications, like infection, thrombosis, occlusion, pneumothorax, etc.

WoCoVa offers a scientific program, workshops, educational courses, satellite symposia and posters sessions. Discussion will focus on the issues of safety, cost effectiveness and efficiency of vascular access, as well as on the need for world-shared guidelines for clinical practice.

Day 1: Wednesday 27th June 2012:

Day 2: Thursday 28th June 2012:

Day 3: Friday 29th June 2012:

### **Venue**

This second edition of WoCoVA will be held in the Beurs van Berlage in the center of Amsterdam. More details about the venue can be found on the Beurs van Berlage website ([www.beursvanberlage.nl](http://www.beursvanberlage.nl)).

### **Visitors**

WoCoVA expects to welcome more than 800 guests from all over the world.

### **Visitor profile**

WoCoVA is a multi-disciplinary and multi-professional event and will attract visitors accordingly. A percentage of 80-90% of the visitors will be from outside the Netherlands. Colleagues from all national sister organizations on vascular access will be present at the WoCoVA.

**Sponsors and Exhibitors**

All major companies with innovative products on vascular access will take part as sponsor and/or exhibitor during the WoCoVA. A recent update can be found on the WoCoVA-website.

**Deadlines**

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| October 2011     | Early registration & abstract submission open |
| February 1, 2012 | Deadline early bird registration              |
| April 2012       | Deadline for exhibitor registrations          |
| April 1, 2012    | Deadline for abstract submission              |
| June 10, 2012    | Deadline advanced rates registration          |
| June 11-29, 2012 | WoCoVA 2012, late registration                |

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