In 2013 the Phlebology Foundation of Australia (PFA) was formed as a charity dedicated to the field of phlebology through clinical, educational and research initiatives.

The Foundation is collaborating with the Australasian College of Phlebology (ACP) to establish Australia's first Phlebology Centre. This centre will share the name 'Phlebology Foundation of Australia' and will be a clinical and research based centre of excellence. The Foundation endeavours to form a Phlebology Centre in every capital city. These centres will have hand-picked clinical specialists within the state participating in an Outreach Programs to treat chronic venous disease in the Indigenous communities and in remote locations of Australia.

The Foundation is determined to better advance the highest standards of care for patients and to service the needs of the socially disadvantaged through the provision of free medical treatment of various chronic venous diseases and vascular anomalies, expand clinical education capabilities and to broaden current research in the field of phlebology. This will be achieved through proactive collaborations with the ACP in both research and education initiatives.

For many patients, chronic venous disease is rarely understood as a treatable condition that can be managed and not just endured. For the socially disadvantaged population, this treatment is virtually inaccessible as they lack the resources or knowledge that such treatments exist. The Phlebology Centre, once established is determined to raise both public awareness of research and treatments available in the field, and to provide medical treatment for various chronic venous diseases for the socially disadvantaged at no cost.

For further information on the foundation or to make a donation please visit the PFA website [www.phlebologyfoundation.com](http://www.phlebologyfoundation.com)
ACP 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting

The Australasian College of Phlebology Annual Scientific Meeting for 2014 will be held in conjunction with the XXVIth World Congress of the International Union of Angiology (IUA). The meeting will take place at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney, Australia from Sunday 10th to Thursday 14th August 2014.

The IUA is a Society for Vascular Biology, Medicine, Surgery and Phlebology, with the red, blue and yellow rings of the IUA logo signifying the full spectrum of arterial, venous and lymphatic disorders which will be presented at the Sydney meeting.

The program will feature multidisciplinary symposia, key-note lectures, free paper sessions, consensus meetings and workshops on a wide range of topics, including arterial and venous thrombosis, anti-thrombotic and anti-platelet drugs, aortic and arterial aneurysms, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disease, atherosclerotic risk factors and screening, prevention and management of acute stroke, hypertension, peripheral arterial disease, critical limb ischaemia, diabetes and related complications, endovascular treatment of arterial and venous disease, vascular malformations, lymphoedema, wound management, evidence based medicine, vascular imaging, prevention and management of venous thromboembolism and chronic venous disease.

For further information and program details go to the meeting website http://iua2014.org
I was very much looking forward to attending the UIP World Congress to be held in Boston USA. To attend a meeting with the number of delegates approaching 2000 captured my curiosity. I was thrilled with the prospect of meeting many of the internationally respected Phlebologists that have been responsible for the research that has led to the knowledge upon which we base our treatment and management protocols that provide better outcomes for our patients. Also I was very much interested in seeing how such a large event was organised. A daunting task to say the least. I have been involved over the last few years in the organisation of our Australasian College of Phlebology Annual Scientific Meeting which has delegate numbers between 150 to 200, but numbers approaching 2000 poses many new challenges. Why this interest you might ask? Our college board had agreed to bid for the next UIP World Congress to be held in 4 years and the host city chosen was Melbourne.

So I left for Boston in anticipation of a great event with a lot of social activity and lobbying for the World Congress bid. Boston is a lovely city. I thought it would be high rise but in fact was quaint and charming and the home of a lot of important American history. You could almost feel Paul Revere riding past screaming the “British are coming” which I was shocked to be told may not have happened. There is a rumour that you could feel the shock wave of the Boston tea party explosion if you find the right spot which unfortunately eluded me. I also visited Harvard in Cambridge. Wow!!!! It made me almost want to go back to University to experience attending Harvard.

The meeting was massive but did not feel congested as there were many conjoint sessions which dispersed the delegates to different rooms. I don’t like conjoint sessions but at such a meeting I concede it is a necessary evil.

We had a good contingent of Australian delegates and with the direction of President Parsi we worked well as a team to help push the bid for the World Congress. I was a guest on the bidding day. Imagine a UN meeting but on a smaller scale. The room had tables lined up in an oval pattern with the countries and societies name cards in front of the representative of each society. There were several countries bidding that included Vienna, Austria; Brussels, Belgium; Rome, Italy Florence, Italy; Madrid, Spain; and Istanbul, Turkey which had two separate bids. The process started with a presentation by each bidding country. Ours was first and the video presentation was excellent and featured the Health Minister of Victoria, the Honourable David Davis personally inviting the delegates to Melbourne. No country received an absolute majority but Australia received the relative majority and was awarded the World Congress.

All in all I thoroughly enjoyed this meeting and with our successful bid I left Boston with a smile on my face until I realised I would have to be involved in the organisation over the next 4 years. I may have to take an early retirement.
The beautiful Boston city skyline

The College stand at the UIP World Congress in Boston

UIP World Meeting Gala Dinner
We are delighted to be hosting the next World Congress of Phlebology in Melbourne in 4 years’ time. The bid was held in Boston during the Council meeting of the UIP. We were competing against the following cities and societies:

- Brussels, Benelux Society of Phlebology
- Florence, Italian Society of Phlebology
- Istanbul, Turkish Society of Phlebology
- Istanbul, Serbian Society of Phlebology
- Madrid, Spanish Society of Phlebology
- Rome, Italian College of Phlebology
- Vienna, Austrian Society of Phlebology

Our bid received 48% of the votes with the nearest competitor in the 20th percentile. We were very pleased with the support we received.

The Australasian team was well represented and I would like to thank the following for their hard work and invaluable contribution to making the bid successful:

- Prof. Masoud Behnia, University of Sydney (Sydney, NSW)
- Dr David Connor, St. Vincent's Centre for Applied Medical Research (Sydney, NSW)
- Dr Osvaldo Cooley Andrade, St. Vincent's Centre for Applied Medical Research (Sydney, NSW)
- Dr Chris Lekich, Queensland Faculty, Australasian College of Phlebology (Gold Coast, QLD)
- Dr Lois Loizou, Vice President, Australasian College of Phlebology, Melbourne (Melbourne, VIC)
- Ms. Sabrina Melon, Sydney Skin and Vein Clinic, Sydney (Sydney, NSW)
- Ms. Yana Parsi, Sydney Skin and Vein Clinic, Sydney (Sydney, NSW)
- Dr Andrew Stirling, Tasmanian Faculty, Australasian College of Phlebology (Hobart, TAS)
- Ms. Zivka Nichols, Administration, Australasian College of Phlebology (Sydney, NSW)
- Ms. Jaclyn Weinstein, Melbourne Convention and Visitors Bureau (Boston, USA)
- Ms. Beverly Williamson, Melbourne Convention and Visitors Bureau (Melbourne, VIC)

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the senior members of the College and the profession and in particular Prof. Ken Myers, Prof. Andre van Rij, Prof John Fletcher, Dr Paul Thibault, Dr Paul Dinnen and Dr Mark Malouf for their support and advice.

We look forward to organizing a great World Congress in Melbourne!
Vein Specialists to Descend on Melbourne in 2017

Melbourne has secured the right to host the 2017 XVIII World Meeting of the International Union of Phlebology (UIP), succeeding against strong competitor destinations Brussels, Florence, Istanbul, Madrid, Rome and Vienna, Victorian Minister for Health and Ageing, David Davis, announced today.

The World Meeting will inject an estimated $8 million into the Victorian economy and will attract approximately 1200 medical and health professionals in the field of phlebology; a medical discipline that involves the diagnosis and treatment of vein disorders.

Mr Davis said that Melbourne’s reputation as a cosmopolitan city and its strengths in medical research, innovation and infrastructure, had been a major drawcard in attracting the UIP World Meeting to Melbourne.

"The UIP World Meeting is one of many international conferences the Melbourne Convention Bureau (MCB) has secured for Melbourne that the Victorian Coalition Government is supporting through the Department of Health. In December, we look forward to welcoming the 22nd World Diabetes Congress, and in July 2014, the XX International AIDS Conference.

"The Victorian Coalition Government will continue to back MCB and its mandate to procure business events for Melbourne, which not only reap benefits for the state’s economy but also our extensive knowledge base and research capabilities for which the city is renowned for."

MCB’s Chief Executive Officer, Karen Bolinger, said the UIP World Meeting provided a perfect example of the effort that goes into winning a bid for Melbourne.

"Held every four years, the UIP World Meeting was considered a low chance of conversion for Melbourne, as the Meeting was held in Sydney in 1998, meaning only four events in between," Ms Bolinger said.

"MCB undertook a number of activities to secure the event for the city, including a national bid off against Sydney, hosting the International President on a site visit of Melbourne, exhibiting in the form of a lobbying booth at the World Meeting in Boston earlier this year, and producing a DVD complete with a welcome message from Minister Davis.

"I would like to thank Minister Davis for his assistance in securing this bid for Melbourne, which will deliver exceptional results for the city."

MCB worked closely with the Australasian College of Phlebology (ACP) to secure the UIP World Meeting for Melbourne, which will be held at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC).

Associate Professor Kurosh Parsi FACD, FACP, President of the ACP, said that the 2017 UIP World Meeting will enable Australia’s research capabilities in phlebology to be recognised on an international scale.

"The UIP is an international entity charged with strengthening communication between societies and associations all over the world, which have a special interest in the study and therapy of venous disorders," he said.

"In 2017, the work of Australian-based phlebologists will be in the limelight. Through the UIP World Meeting, local health care professionals will be able to engage, network and share research and ideas with great minds from around the world.

"I am most grateful to Minister Davis, whose confident and inspiring message broadcasted to the Council of UIP was critical in securing the votes for Melbourne. We will put on a spectacular show and make sure the meeting achieves the highest scientific, educational, and organisational standards ever seen in a UIP World Congress."

MCEC’s Chief Executive, Peter King, said, “MCEC works effectively to customise every event, large or small.

“For the UIP World Meeting, we have leveraged the translation capabilities in our Plenary to ensure the most integrated communication platform, and we very much look forward to welcoming delegates to MCEC in 2017.”
Research Grant Awarded to Dr David Connor

During the UIP World Congress in Boston our very own Dr David Connor received a research grant from Kreussler for the Young Scientist's Sclerotherapy Award.

The title of the grant was "The in vivo and in vitro effects of detergent sclerosants on endothelial cells."

Upcoming Events

2014 Training Enrolments

Training applications are now open for the 2014 enrolment. The College offers the Certificate, Diploma and Fellowship training programs as well as the online ultrasound training and online Sclerotherapy Module Training courses. For more information about training opportunities please contact the college office.

2014 Annual Scientific Meeting

The next Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in conjunction with the IUA World Congress at the Hilton Sydney from the 10 - 14 August 2014.

Dr David Connor receiving award from Kreussler
The Phlebology Foundation of Australia is proud to announce that the first research training scholarship (for PhD or Research Masters) in the field of Venous Disease has been established at the University of New South Wales. The scholarship is awarded to a postgraduate student enrolled in a formal postgraduate research degree (PhD or Research Masters) within the University of New South Wales in the Faculties of Medicine or Biomedical Engineering.

The first scholarship was awarded in 2013 to Dr Osvaldo Cooley Andrade. His PhD title is "Biochemical and Morphological Effects of Detergent Sclerosants on Vascular Cells."

ACP Examination Results

After a year of study and examinations we would like to congratulate the following trainees on successfully completing the Sclerotherapy Certificate examinations:

- Dr Alfredo Aiello
- Dr Shona Dalzell
- Dr Anuya Deshpande
- Dr Eugenia Haller
- Dr Heather McIntyre
- Dr George Nicola
- Dr Eduardo Rodriguez