

The International College of Angiology is an association of scientists from all parts of the world, working in the field of vascular medicine and surgery, dedicated to the continued advancement and education in Angiology. The College was founded in 1958, in order to encourage, support, and facilitate research and education in the problems of vascular disease.

During the World Congress of Angiology, which was held in Atlantic City in June of 1958, a group of the leading authorities met to discuss an expanded program for the College. Plans were adopted to include as Members of the Scientific Council, all physicians and research scientists in the field of angiology, irrespective of geographic locale, thereby providing a common forum for the interchange of ideas, research and clinical experiences. The International College of Angiology provides the structure for these scientists to cohesively carry out their independent research, as well as to shorten the interval between the translations of research findings into clinical practice.

Angiology is defined as the study of the circulatory or vascular system. Recognizing that we treat patients and not diseases, there is a broad overlapping with present specialties to necessitate that we become more definite in our scope as we progress into specialization. For example, certain problems in neurology and neurosurgery are solely concerned with the circulation of the brain and spinal cord, as are special areas of cardiology, internal medicine, vascular surgery, thoracic surgery, pathology, orthopedics, pharmacology, ophthalmology, nuclear medicine, oncology, diagnostic and therapeutic radiology, etc. The problems associated with the functions of the heart as a muscle are related to, as well as being different from, the vascularization of the heart. There is even a strong view among the anatomists, that the heart is a special "vessel."

The International College of Angiology is an interdisciplinary scientific organization chartered in 1958, and composed of physicians and scientists who have expressed interest and proficiency in the study of the circulation. The College serves the growing need of medical, clinical, and research scientists by providing the opportunity for the convenient interchange of clinical experiences and technical research associated with circulatory diseases. Our programs are designed to enhance the professional capabilities of physicians concerned with the vascular system and the therapy thereof, contributing to patient healthcare on the community level.

With maturity came new responsibilities. The College has accepted the challenge to define and speak for the specialty practice of angiology, in addition to fostering its growth and development, and has earned the recognition in the specialty of angiology by many professional organizations.

ACTIVITIES

The International College of Angiology achieves dissemination of scientific information through its teaching activities which center about clinical, diagnostic, and therapeutic symposia, seminars and workshops. Such teaching conferences are held several

times each year worldwide. The Annual World Congress brings together physicians from all parts of the world, which's scientific and daily activities are concerned with the circulation, enabling them to improve their everyday practice by the exchange of new research findings. Papers presented at our Annual World Congress are submitted for publication consideration in the official journal of the College, the *International Journal of Angiology*. Those papers accepted for publication in our journal, thereby permanently record the information presented at our Annual World Congress, and are available for use as an educational resource for those physicians and scientists unable to attend a particular congress. The teaching efforts of the International College of Angiology concentrate on continuing medical education programs wherein it has made a most significant contribution.

Fellowship is the core around which the International College of Angiology is constructed. Fellowship in the College offers a direct means for individual, professional, and scientific enrichment. It also provides the opportunity to utilize the support and resources offered by international associations, as well as to permit input into shaping and molding the specialty of angiology.

The changing character of community health services worldwide necessitates that we perfect the role of the angiologist at both the international and local level. The International College of Angiology assumes the responsibility to provide a comprehensive program for both the definition and training of the angiologist, as well as to speak for the specialty worldwide, and to develop a program for accomplishing these objectives.

The emerging needs of present day clinical practice require that we formulate new definitions for angiology as well as prepare an updated profile of the angiologist. Recent surveys have indicated that primary angiologic procedures are performed in current practice by different medical specialists. The technological advances in recent years require that we reinforce our own programs to expand the awareness and knowledge of these specialized techniques required for improved patient care, and that unified approaches occur.

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The short range and long range goals and objectives of the International College of Angiology are directed toward making available to the physician the evolving modern medical knowledge of the vascular system for use in his/her daily practice. Underlying the overall program is the fundamental aim to improve the healthcare of the patient. The continuing medical education programs are taught primarily by experienced physicians, most of whom have medical school faculty appointments. Inherent to each program is the multidisciplinary training, experience, and judgment of its teaching faculty.

With today's rapidly expanding data bank of research information and clinical, diagnostic, and therapeutic experiences concerned with the vascular system, the scientific programs presented at our Annual World Congress' afford the opportunity to discuss new concepts, research progress, and technical advances

directly with the scientists who have worked and contributed to these from all parts of the world.

The short range continuing medical education goals are achieved through specific programs which are developed about and around specific areas associated with the circulatory system. These programs are designed to correct outdated knowledge; introduce new concepts, evaluate their adequacy, and to provide the opportunity for the discussion and enhancement of experiences relating to specific criteria and topics. Each seminar is designed by experienced teachers after review of the particular program goals established by the College's Scientific Program Committee. New concepts, approaches, and innovations are emphasized against the frame of reference of our present knowledge. Audience participation through panel discussions and questions and answers, are a strong point of all sessions.

The long range continuing medical education goals and objectives are concerned with changes in clinical, diagnostic, and therapeutic attitudes and the approach by the participant to a solution of medical problems as well as to prepare for the mastery of specific skills. A basic long range goal is the development of new concepts and habit patterns when approaching the patient. The realization of both the short range and long range continuing medical education objective is accomplished through a multidisciplinary interaction, which emphasizes the fundamental concept that the physician treats the patient not a disease.

In summary, the International College of Angiology recognized the need to limit its specialty status in order to avoid duplication, and therefore, has concentrated on continuing medical education. The College represents a group of dedicated physicians who have a common interest in advancing the knowledge of the vascular system. These physicians meet several times each year to exchange their experiences. Through our programs of continuing medical education, an awareness of problems of the vascular system is generated, and the therapeutic means to solve these are made known to the physician. This information is then brought to the community level to result in improved patient healthcare.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

FELLOWS are physicians or scientists with an advanced degree who have valid credentials indicating their professional interest: either medical, paramedical, investigational, or educational, in the scientific or clinical disciplines concerned with cardiovascular medicine and/or surgery. Fellows have the right to hold an elective office.

ASSOCIATE FELLOWS are physicians in training, and who have valid credentials indicating their professional interest in the scientific or clinical disciplines concerned with cardiovascular medicine and/or surgery. Associate Fellows may not have the right to hold an elective office, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors. The maximum term of membership in this category is 3 years. Associate Fellows, *in good standing*, are exempt

from registration fees at the College's annual world congress or other ICA official workshops.

MEMBERS are persons (non-physicians), scientists or technologists with a BA, BS, RVT, RN, or equivalent qualifications who have an active interest in the objectives of the College, and who are not included in the above categories of membership.

Candidates for **FULL FELLOWSHIP** in the College must meet the following qualifications and submit the criteria as listed below when applying for membership.

- Possess a degree of medicine at the doctorate level, or an equivalent scientific degree; said doctoral shall be granted by a medical or graduate school or university at least 3 years prior to election to fellowship.
- Licensed to practice in his/her respective state, province or country (unless candidate is a full-time regular appointee in federal/governmental medical service, teaching faculty and/or clinical research).
- Be a member in good standing of his local, state, provincial, or national medical society or an equivalent professional scientific association.

A candidate for membership must submit the following documents with the application:

- Copy of medical license certificate together with registry number.
- Photocopy of medical school diploma.
- Current and complete curriculum vitae.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Each year at the Annual World Congress, the International College of Angiology sponsors one or more Young Investigator. The purpose of this award is to foster young physicians and research fellows in the field of vascular medicine and surgery, and the continued interest in research and the management of vascular diseases.

The Young Investigator Awards are presented at the annual World Congress of the International College of Angiology. An award is given to an individual(s) whose research reflects new and relevant work in either the basic or the clinical sciences of vascular diseases.

This award is restricted to new and junior investigators holding an academic rank no higher than Associate or Assistant Professor or the equivalent.

DR. JOHN B. CHANG RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A Research Achievement Award is presented annually to a Fellow of the International College of Angiology in recognition of knowledge in the field of cardiovascular medicine or surgery.

Candidates must be Fellows of the International College of Angiology in good standing for five consecutive years. The candidate must demonstrate scholarly activity, which includes cumulative contribution,

seminal article(s) or monograph, significant breakthrough in the individual's research area, and contribution to the training and research activity of clinical trainees, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students.

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ANGIOLOGY

The *International Journal of Angiology*, the official journal of the International College of Angiology, is a journal devoted exclusively to the multidisciplinary approach to all aspects of vascular diseases. The goal of the *International Journal of Angiology* is to provide a medium for the prompt publication of peer reviewed materials to clinicians and scientists in the field of cardiovascular medicine and surgery. Proffered articles describing original experimental investigations, clinical studies, and research or clinical reports, technical notes and letters to the editor are considered for publication. The *International Journal of Angiology* explores the entire spectrum of circulatory disorders, as well as to present preferred methods of treatment and management for the patient, and a pathophysiological basis for therapy. Emphasis is placed on advancing therapy of vascular diseases and direct application of new advances to everyday medical practice.

Edited by an international board of specialists of vascular medicine and surgery, the *International Journal of Angiology* is designed to present the latest clinical and research findings in vascular medicine and surgery. Each issue is keyed to provide new information ready to meet the challenge of modern surgical and medical practice.

LIABILITY HOTLINE

The College's "Liability Hotline" program is designed to automatically provide a college member to review any actions brought against our membership. A call by the member or a member's hospital attorney to our Executive Director will automatically trigger a process to identify members with expertise in the appropriate field. The college, by virtue of its multi-disciplinary nature, can provide authoritative reviews in the fields of:

*Vascular Surgery, Cardiac Surgery,
Interventional Radiology, Cardiology*

This **HOTLINE** process will put you or your legal team in touch with a pertinent expert witness to review your case, without difficulty or embarrassment on your part.

ICA CME MEETING CALENDAR

53rd Annual World Congress—ICA 2011

September 18-20, 2011, Bali, Indonesia

54th Annual World Congress—ICA 2012

Dublin, Ireland

55th Annual World Congress—ICA 2013

Innsbruck, Austria

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Goals • Objectives • Activities



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