Welcome to the 1st Vienna Vascular Surgery Symposium

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you in Vienna at our first international symposium on vascular surgery with an emphasis on abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) research. The symposium program features an exciting blend of translational and clinical science.

The carefully selected speakers are prominent scientists in the fields of vascular biology and surgery. Together we aim to refine standards for diagnosis and treatment and to coordinate clinical studies.

All participants are welcome to contribute to our joined efforts.

Yours sincerely,

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The admission is free. Please confirm your attendance to Doris Jurina, Tel.: +43 (0)1 40400-69560 or E-Mail: doris.jurina@meduniwien.ac.at
Program

1.30 pm
**Introduction**
Michaela Fritz, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, MedUni Vienna, Austria

1.40 – 3.30 pm
**Session I**
Chairs: Christoph Neumayer, Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery, MedUni Vienna/Vienna General Hospital, Austria and Svitlana Demyanets, Department of Laboratory Medicine, MedUni Vienna/Vienna General Hospital, Austria

**Limiting AAA with Metformin Trial overview**
Ronald L. Dalman, Division of Vascular Surgery, Stanford, US

**Metformin therapy to inhibit progression in patients with abdominal aortic aneurysm (The Vienna MetAAA-study)**
Christoph Neumayer, Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery, MedUni Vienna/Vienna General Hospital, Austria

3.30 – 4.00 pm
**Break**

4.00 – 6.00 pm
**Session II**
Chairs: Christine Brostjan, Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery, MedUni Vienna/Vienna General Hospital, Austria and Wolfgang Weninger, Center for Anatomy and Cell Biology, MedUni Vienna, Austria

**RNA-based therapies and biomarkers in AAA disease**
Lars Maegdefessel, Technical University Munich, Germany

**Translational AAA in vivo research using small and large animal models**
Albert Busch, Department of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, Technical University Munich, Germany

**The vascular smooth muscle cell in abdominal aortic aneurysm disease: really just an innocent bystander?**
Marc Bailey, Cardiovascular Research, University of Leeds, UK

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**Neutrophils and NETs in thrombosis**
Irene Lang, Department of Medicine II, Division of Cardiology, MedUni Vienna/Vienna General Hospital, Austria

**Biomarker and therapy potential of neutrophil extracellular traps in abdominal aortic aneurysm**
Christine Brostjan, Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery, MedUni Vienna/Vienna General Hospital, Austria

**Novel screening tool for abdominal aortic aneurysm based on plasma D-dimer and myeloperoxidase**
Wolf Eilenberg, Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery, MedUni Vienna/Vienna General Hospital, Austria