

Press release

UIP Research Fellowship and Travel Award 2015 Kreussler supports young phlebologists

Wiesbaden, 20th October 2015 – During this year's UIP World Meeting from 27th to 29th August in Seoul, South Korea, the International Union of Phlebology (UIP) and Kreussler Pharma announced the winner of the Kreussler Young Scientists' Sclerotherapy Award 2015. The research fellowship is endowed with 10,000 euros and awarded to young scientists to enable them to conduct a clinical, preclinical or experimental study on the subject of sclerotherapy of varicose veins. In the run-up to the conference, the applicants submitted a summary of the research work they were planning, which was then assessed by a committee of experts from the UIP.

This year's winner was Dr. Roshan Bootun from the Academic Section of Vascular Surgery of the Charing Cross Hospital in London, UK.

4rd Kreussler UIP Research Fellowship

This year's winner, Dr. Roshan Bootun from London, UK, is planning a randomised, controlled clinical study on the effect of compression therapy after endovenous treatment of varicose veins with foam sclerotherapy using polidocanol (commercially available under the name Aethoxysklerol in Germany). Despite many guidelines recommend the use of compression for certain indications, there remains uncertainty about the use of compression stockings following treatment of varicose veins with sclerotherapy. Thus, the NICE guidelines on varicose veins (2013) recommend further research to evaluate the clinical and cost effectiveness of this post-procedure intervention. The main objectives of Dr. Bootun`s study are to investigate the patient`s pain score for the first 10 days post-procedure using a validated visual analogue scale, to compare the two treatment groups with respect to quality of life scores, clinical scores, degree of phlebitis and other side effects, the time to return to normal activities and the occlusion rate at 6 months. 350 patients will be randomised to either a compression group or a no compression group after treatment with foam sclerotherapy. The study is expected to recruit over a period of 12 months, with patients followed up for 6 months.

The results of the study will be presented during the next UIP Meeting in 2018 and should yield new findings regarding the benefit of compression after the treatment of varicose veins with foam sclerotherapy.

"For young phlebologists, the Kreussler Young Scientists' Sclerotherapy Award represents an excellent opportunity to implement their creative ideas on phlebological issues in clinical medical research," said Prof. Eberhard Rabe, MD, former President of the UIP, who selected this year's winner together with a committee of experts.

Presentation of the Kreussler Travel Award

Kreussler Pharma also showed its commitment to young phlebologists during the 57th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Phlebology from 23th to 26th September in Bamberg. Together with the president of the German Society of Phlebology, Prof. Markus Stücker, MD, the company once more presented the Kreussler Young Phlebologists' Travel Award to two young phlebologists for their scientific work. The travel award to the amount of 1000 euros for each winner enables phlebologists to take part in important specialist conferences and present their scientific work. In order to qualify for the award, the applicants had to submit a scientific paper to the organisers in the run-up to the conference.

This year, the executive committee of the conference and Kreussler Pharma presented the Kreussler Young Phlebologists' Travel Award to the following winners:

- **Christine Blome**
- (Development and validation of a short version of the Freiburg Life Quality Assessment for chronic venous disease (FLQA-VS-10))
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- **Rebecca Hadrian**
(Animal models for the study of lymphatic insufficiency - new therapeutic approaches)

A photo of the UIP Award winner Dr. Roshan Bootun (right) being presented the award at the UIP in 2015



A photo of the winners of the Travel Award in 2015: Rebecca Hadrian (right) und Christine Blome (second from left)

