History of the International Union of Angiology
1958 - 2014
In 1952, during an international symposium organized by the French Angiological Society, in Paris, Dr. Louis Gerson, secretary of the Society, initiated the idea of bringing together the various national angiological societies and proposed the organization of an international society under the leadership of

Prof. Marcello Comel, (*Pisa, Italy*)
Glauco Bassi, (*Italy*)
Adams Ray, (*Sweden*)
Kreyberg, (*Norway*)
J. Lambert, (*Belgium*)
F. Martorell and V. Salleras, (*Spain*)
Barcoff, (*UK*)
Kaindl, (*Austria*)
International Congresses of Angiology

I 1955, Fribourg, (Switzerland)
President: Louis Gerson,
participation of 19 countries

II 1955, Darmstadt, (Germany)
President: M. Ratschow

III 1958, San Remo, (Italy)
President: M. Comel
The International Union of Angiology

was established after the previous 3 international angiological congresses organized from 1955-1958, through the devoted and persistent work of the founder and later secretary-general of the French Angiological Society Dr. Louis Gerson, Paris, France.
In 1958 a group of French and other angiologists, phlebologists, dermatologists and vascular surgeons from various countries organized “La Société Internationale d’Angiologie – International Union of Angiology (IUA)” as a Federation with a national delegate from every national angiological society.

Founding members

C. Olivier, J. Merlen, R. Rettory, (France)
M. Ratschow, (Germany)
D. Antonopoulos, (Greece)
M. Comel, (Italy)
J. McCook Martinez, (Cuba)
R. Mayall, M. Denis, (Brasil)
K. Ishikawa, Y. Mishima, (Japan)
and others
The official Journal of the French Angiological Society also became the official journal of the International Union of Angiology.

Dr. Louis Gerson

Editor of the journal and Secretary of IUA

At the XIIth World Congress of IUA in Athens he was elected the First Honorary Member of the Union
International Congresses of Angiology

IV 1961 Prague, (Czech Republic)

President: B. Prusik
International Congresses of Angiology

V 1964 Paris, (France) together with a meeting of the 20th anniversary of the French Angiological Society

President: M. Audier
Vice-President C. Olivier

In this Congress Professor D. Antonopoulos was National Representative of Greece and Dr. P. Balas Associate National Representative.

Since then and for 50 continuous years P. Balas has been associated with IUA in various positions.
VI 1967 World Congress of IUA

Barcelona, Spain
VI 1967 World Congress of IUA

Barcelona, Spain

President
Fer nand Martorell

Japanese delegation
VII 1970 World Congress IUA

Liege, Belgium

President: Prof. Orban
VIII 1972 World Congress IUA

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

President
R. C. Mayall

Secretary
M. Degni
IX 1974 World Congress of IUA

Florence, Italy

President
F. Pratesi, Italy

Secretary General of IUA & The Congress
M. Tesi, Italy
X 1976 World Congress IUA

Tokyo, Japan

President
K. Ishikawa

Secretary
Y. Mishima
XI 1978 World Congress IUA
Prague, Czechoslovakia

Opening Ceremony

President
Z. Reinis

Secretary
J. Pokorny
XII 1980 World Congress IUA

Athens, Greece

President
Panagiotis Balas

Acropolis
XII 1980 World Congress IUA
Athens, Greece

Opening Ceremony

Ancient Odeon Herodus of Atticus
XII World Congress of Angiology
Athens, Greece, September 1980

President: P. Balas

More than 1500 participants from 50 countries world-wide
Round Table Discussions
Discussions de Table Ronde

Monday, 8 September 1980, 9.30-12.00,
Lundi, 8 Septembre 1980, 9h30-12h00,

Room A
Salle A

1) Transluminal Dilatation of the Stenosed Arteries
Dilatation Transluminale des Artères Sténosées

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XII World Congress of Angiology
Scientific program
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Athens, Greece

Executive Board Meeting IUA

F. Pratesi
Italy

L. Gerson
France

Z. Reinis
Chechoslovakia

P. Balas
Greece

M. Tesi
Italy

C. Olivier
France
XII 1980 World Congress IUA
Athens, Greece

One Day post-congress Pilgrimage to the island Cos

The Oath of Hippocrates is presented at the Altar of the Asclepeion
P. Balas, Athens, Greece

President of the IUAA 1980-1983
& Secretary General 1983-1989
During the General Assembly of the Congress, following the proposal of the President P. Balas, the structure of the IUA was changed and, from Federation it became International organization, with individual members from various countries around the world. Every 50 members from every country could elect one national representative.

All the national representatives formed the Administrative Committee which elected the president and the officers of the Executive Committee of the IUA and propose them for confirmation to the General Assembly of the IUA.

Also, during the Assembly the President proposed and accepted by the participants, the proclamation as the first Honorary Member of the IUA Dr. Louis GERSON
In 1981 the IUA was re-organized with a new Constitution as a Membership International Organization and a new logo.

The new logo of the IUA was designed by P. Balas - A. Katsogiannis.
The working group for the preparation of the new constitution

**President**  
P. Balas *(Greece)*

**Secretary General**  
M. Tesi *(Italy)*

**Members**  

The new Constitution was approved during an interim angiological congress.
Members of the Working Group for the New Constitution of the IUA

J. F. Merlen
France

D. Clement
Belgium

J. Linhart
Czechoslovakia
Members of the Working Group for the New Constitution of the IUA

J. F. Merlen
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International Angiological Congress 1981
Trieste, Italy
International Angiological Congress was organized in Trieste, Italy in 1981
Under the auspices of the IUA & Support of the President of “Minerva Medica” Edizione

A. Oliaro for the
Inauguration of the “International Angiology” official journal of IUA

President IUA: P. Balas
President of the Congress: P. Pietri, (Italy)
Secretary: G. Biasi, (Italy)
The Inauguration of the Journal “International Angiology”
XIII 1983 World Congress IUA

Rochester, Minn. USA, Mayo Clinic
XIII 1983 World Congress IUA

Rochester, Minn. USA, Mayo Clinic

Honorary President of the Congress
Dean Mayo Clinic Medical College
J. Shepherd

President of the Congress
A. Schirger
XIV 1986 World Congress IUA
Munich, Germany

Presentation of Honorary Diploma to the President P. Maurer on behalf of the IUA

President
P. Maurer

Secretary General IUA
P. Balas
XV 1989 World Congress of IUA

Rome, Italy

President
Antonio Strano
XV 1989 World Congress of IUA

Rome, Italy

Prof. A. Strano

with the past and future Presidents of the IUA
XVI 1992 World Congress IUA

Paris, France

16th WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ANGIOLGY

PARIS SEPTEMBER 13-18
PALAIS DES CONGRES

OFFICIAL CONGRESS PROGRAM

President
Henry Boccalon
XVI 1992 World Congress IUA
Paris, France

Gala Dinner

Mrs. & R. Aktsurin
S. Novo
L. Castellani
P. Gloviczki
Prof. Balas’ family
XVII 1995 World Congress IUA

London, UK

President
Andis Nicolaides
A. Nicolaides
Princess Alexandra of Greece
P. Balas
H. Boccalon
XVIII 1998 World Congress IUA

Tokyo, Japan

18th World Congress of the International Union of Angiology

PROGRAM

September 14-18, 1998
Keio Plaza Hotel, Tokyo, Japan
Yoshio Yazaki, President Elect

President
Y. Yasaki

P. Balas
XVIII 1998 World Congress IUA
Tokyo, Japan

The Prince of Japan
( brother of the Emperor )

Addressing the Congress
Executive Board Meeting IUA
XIX 2000 World Congress IUA
Gent, Belgium
XIX 2000 World Congress IUA
Gent, Belgium

President
D. Clement
XIX 2000 World Congress IUA
Gent, Belgium

Official Reception of the congress

Queen Fabiola of Belgium
D. Clement
Official Journal
International Union of Angiology
Union Internationale de Phlebologie
Central European Vascular Forum

Editor-in-Chief since 2000
Andis N. Nicolaides
XX 2002 World Congress IUA
New York, N.Y, USA

President
Peter Gloviczki
XX 2002 World Congress IUA
New York, N.Y, USA

Presentation of Distinguished Service Award of the IUA to P. Balas
XXI 2004 World Congress IUA
Rome, Italy

President
Salvatore Novo
XXIV 2010 World Congress IUA

Buenos Aires, Argentina

President
Roberto Simkin
Past Presidents of IUA and Guests
XXIV 2012 World Congress IUA
Prague, Czech Republic

XXV WORLD CONGRESS of the International Union of Angiology

President
Karel Roztocil
XXVI 2014 World Congress IUA
Sydney Australia

The President addressing the congress.
The Expansion of the I U A during the last 32 years
Chapters IUA

From 1958-1986 four chapters
European, North American, S. American, Asian

Since 1997 four additional chapters
Asian, Australian & New Zealand
N. African & Middle East
Southern Africa
Multinational
Chapter Congresses of IUA

The European Chapter of the IUA organized 16 Congresses EUROCHAPS in various cities of Europe.

The North American Chapter

The Asian Chapter organized Chinese Angiological congresses.

The Australian & N. Zeeland Chapter
Societies affiliated with the IUA

IASACO
(international Angiology Scientific Activities Congress Organization)

Mediterranean League of Angiology & Vascular Surgery – MLAVS -

International Union of Phlebology
Central European Venous Forum
Latin American venous Forum
I A S A C O

International Angiology Scientific Activities
Congress Organization

It was established in Monte Carlo by A Strano with Founding Members

P Balas, D Clement, P Mauer, A Shirger, S Novo.

IASACO organized in Monte-Carlo a series of International Angiological Congresses
I A S A C O
International Angiology Scientific Activities
Congress Organization

Professor A. Strano with distinguished participants

Congresses organized in Monte-Carlo
Mediterranean League of Angiology & Vascular surgery – MLAVS -
Established in 1988 under the Auspices of the IUA

Founding Members

P. Balas, V. Dalainas, A. Katsogianis (Greece)
A. Strano, G. Biasi, G. Deriu, S. Novo (Italy)
J. Fernandes e Fernades (Portugal)
L. Castellani (France)
N. Angelides (Cyprus)
and others
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Balas P. (Greece)

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Strano A (Italy)
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Yazaki Y (Japan)
Deriu G (Italy)
Castellani L (France)
Roztocil K. (Czech Rep)
1st Congress of MLAVS 1988
Corfu, island, Greece
1st Congress of MLAVS 1988
Corfu, island, Greece

Opening Ceremony

P. Balas
President of the Congress
7th Congress European Chapter IUA and 3rd Congress MLAVS 1991

Rhodes, Greece
Presentation of an Honorary Diploma to Academician E. Chazov
Nobel Prize Laureate, Minister of Public Health of USSR
7th Congress  MLAVS 1996

Limassol Cyprus

N. Angelides
President of the Congress
17th European Chapter IUA & 17th MLAVS Congress 2007

Limassol Cyprus

N. Angelides
President of the Congress

Opening Ceremony
8th International Congress on Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
Beijing, China
8th International Congress on Vascular and Endovascular Surgery
Beijing, China

Professor P. Balas, Honorary member of the Chinese Angiology Society addressing the Congress
1st meeting of the Multinational Chapter of IUA and the 24th Meeting of MLAVS
Palermo, Italy  October 2-4, 2014
Chairman: Salvatore Novo

President & Past Presidents of IUA & President of MLAVS
Professor P. Balas holding the honorary metal of the University of Palermo with Evi Kalodiki, his former student.
Latin American Congress of Angiology under the Auspices of IUA, 1987

Havana, Cuba
Latin American Congress of Angiology under the Auspices of IUA, 1987
Havana, Cuba

Organized by the Cuban angiological Society, McMartinez and the Secretary General of the IUA P. Balas

With the brother of Fidel Castro, Raymond and the founder member of IUA Professor Mc Cook Martinez
Roster of Presidents IUA

† Luis Guerson, France, 1958-64
† M. Audier, France, 1964-67
† F. Martorel, Spain, 1967-70
† F. Orban, Belgium, 1970-72
† Ruben Mayal, Brazil, 1972-74
† Franco Pratesi, Italy, 1974-76
† K. Ishikawa, Japan, 1976-1978
† Z. Reinis, Czechoslovakia, 1978-1980

Panagiotis Balas, Greece, 1980-83
† Alex Schirger, USA, 1983-1986
Peter Maurer, W.Germany, 1986-1989

† deceased
Roster of Presidents IUA

† Antonio Strano, *Italy*, 1989-92
Henry Boccalon, *France*, 1992-95
Andis Nicolaides, *UK*, 1995-98
Denis Clement, *Belgium*, 2000-02
Peter Gloviczki, *USA*, 2002-04
Salvatore Novo, *Italy*, 2004-06
  Jose Fernandez-Fernandez,
  *Portugal*, 2006-08
  Elias Bastounis, *Greece*, 2008-10
Roberto Simkin, *Argentina*, 2010-12
Karel Roztocil, *Czech Republic*, 2012-14
John Fletcher, *Australia*, 2014 - 16

† deceased
The International Union of Angiology

At present is a Society for Vascular Medicine, Vascular Surgery & Endovascular Interventions
The International Union of Angiology

At present is associated with 19 national, continental, and international societies, in the field of angiological sciences.
The International Union of Angiology

Membership is extended to over 70 countries worldwide with more than 2000 members.
The International Union of Angiology

Objectives
To stimulate at the international level, scientific knowledge in the whole field of angiological sciences, by organizing congresses, symposia, seminars, at national, continental, and international level, and by using all the available media of communication.
The International Union of Angiology during its 57 years of existence has contributed tremendously to the world wide development of the angiological sciences.
This short historical contribution is a Tribute to the Founders, the Presidents, the Officers, the Members, of the IUA and to the Angiologists from all over the world who had worked for the progress of the International Union of Angiology.
We trust that the new generations of angiologists will continue to carry the torch of the future progress of the IUA.
This historical review was prepared by Professor P. Balas, Honorary President of the I U A, from his achievements kept during his 50 years association with the Union in various positions.

Athens Greece, 31 October, 2014
pbalas@otenet.gr