

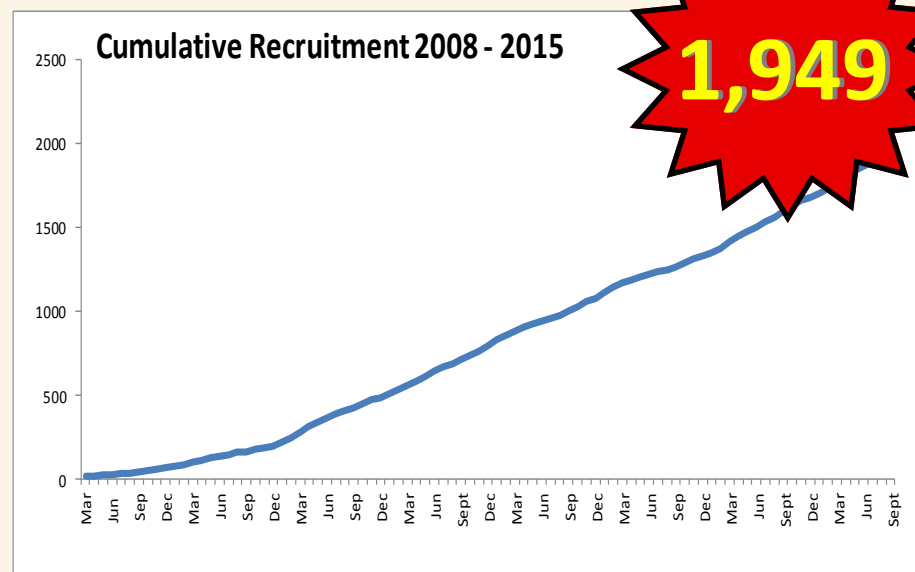
October 2015 Newsletter

Dear ACST-2 Collaborators,

We have recruited **273** patients so far in 2015. Our goal is **one patient per day**, so please enroll as many patients as you can.

The next Collaborators' Meeting is in Belgrade, Serbia on the 20th - 21st April 2016. There will be **NEW** prizes for recruitment and data including:

- All Centres that achieve their recruitment targets
- Best overall recruiting centre
- Best NEW recruiting centre
- Centres who double their monthly recruitment rate
- Centres who move from single to double recruitment figures
- Data submission and form completion



Individual feedback on your screening logs will be coming this month. Thank you to those centres who completed this.

Thank you also for the return of your initial and annual follow up forms—please do keep those coming!

Best wishes from all of us,

Alison Halliday, Richard Bulbulia, Richard Peto, Leo Bonati & the ACST-2 Team

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Newly Active Centres

We welcome **3** new centres to ACST-2:

Central Military Hospital— Prague, Czech Republic



Team: Dr D Netuka, Dr V Benes, Dr F Charvat, Dr F Kramar, Dr J Lacman, Dr M Mohapl and Ms H Pessrová

Universitätsklinikum Leipzig— Leipzig, Germany



Team: Prof D Scheinert, Dr U Banning-Eichenseer, Dr Y Bausback, Dr D Branzan, Dr S Bräunlich, Dr A Schmidt, Dr M Ulrich and Ms V Büttner

Medical University Innsbruck— Innsbruck, Austria



Team: Prof G Fraedrich, Dr B Rantner, Prof E Gizewski, Dr I Gurber, and Dr S Kiechl

St Anne's, Brno recruits 5000th ACST patient

Congratulations to the team at **St Anne's University Hospital, Brno** for randomising the 5000th patient for the ACST-1 and ACST-2 trials. We presented Professor Staffa and Dr Vlachovský with a bottle of champagne for their team at Porto 2015 ESVS meeting...



Congratulations

ESVS Porto, 2015

Last month, we attended ESVS in Porto; thank you to all who came to see us at the stand. Dr Anne Huibers (Utrecht) presented at the prize presentation session and Dr Valerio Tolva (Auxologico) in the poster session— a very successful meeting.



Porto - September 2015



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Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial (ACST-2)



4th Collaborators' Meeting

20th - 21st April 2016



Our next ACST-2 Collaborators' Meeting is in Belgrade, Serbia on the 20th - 21st April 2016. The meeting will start at 4pm on Wednesday 20th April and finish at 2pm on Thursday 21st April.



FULL PROGRAMME

Belgrade speakers include:

Alison Halliday, UK	Djordje Radak, Serbia	Isabelle Van Herzeele, Belgium
Peter Rothwell, UK	Veronika Palmiste, Estonia	Jeroen Hendricks, Belgium
Tom Brott, USA	Henning Eckstein, Germany	Peter Gillgren, Sweden
Richard Peto, UK	Vesko Petrov, Bulgaria	Anders Gottsäter, Sweden
Hongchao Pan, UK	Nicola Tusini, Italy	Robert Vlachovský, Czech Republic
Sumaira McDonald, USA	Vladimir Starodubtsev, Russia	Jiri Fiedler, Czech Republic
Erasmus Da Silva, Brazil	Gianluca Faggioli, Italy	Lazlo Entz, Hungary
Grzegorz Oszkinis, Poland	Sonia Ronchey, Italy	Bela Fulop, Hungary

Please arrive in Belgrade on Wednesday afternoon, the 20th April 2016. The meeting starts at 4pm and after we have planned a wonderful collaborators' dinner, followed by the **Great Table Football Match!**

The following day, Thursday April 21st, we will continue with the remainder of the Collaborators' Meeting, finishing at 2pm.

Please confirm as soon as possible who will be attending from your centre.

email: acst@nds.ox.ac.uk

For those of you who stay for the **ESCVS** meeting (22nd - 24th April 2016), a reduced registration fee (200€ instead of 500€) is available. For any queries please contact Dr Igor Koncar (escvs2016@gmail.com).



Presentations for your CV

Presentations:

LIVE May 2015, Heraklion (Greece) Prize Session Presentation - **‘Antithrombotic therapy in carotid artery stenting and carotid endarterectomy within the Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial-2 (ACST-2).’** Authors: A. Huibers, G.J. de Borst, R. Bulbulia, A. Halliday on behalf of ACST-2 Collaborative Group.

ESVS September 2015, Porto (Portugal) Prize Session Presentation - **‘Definite plaque echolucency is associated with a higher risk of ipsilateral ischaemic stroke during early follow up in the Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial-1 (ACST-1).’** Authors: A. Huibers, G.J. de Borst, R. Bulbulia, A. Halliday on behalf of ACST-2 Collaborative Group.

Posters:

ESVS September 2015, Porto (Portugal) Poster Session - **‘Antithrombotic therapy in carotid artery stenting and carotid endarterectomy within the Asymptomatic Carotid Surgery Trial-2 (ACST-2).’** Authors: Valerio Tolva, Anne Huibers, Renato Casana, Richard Bulbulia and Alison Halliday, on behalf of the ACST-2 Collaborative Group.



Trial & Office News

Centre payments:

The last 3 month's patient payments will be coming to centres who have completed their MoI contract and sent us all outstanding initial forms. A few centres still need to send us these documents and you know who you are!

Already in 2015, we have paid centres £30,000 (**€40,000**) for forms and work on their patients recruited, so . . .

please keep randomising!

Last, but not least,

We welcome a new member to the ACST-2 office in Oxford: **Dr Djurre de Waard** (University of Utrecht) who will be working with us as part of his PhD.



We will be at these Upcoming Meetings

Symposium on Vascular Surgery, Berlin

(5th-7th November 2015)

UK Vascular Society, Bournemouth

(11th-13th November 2015)

VEITH Symposium, New York

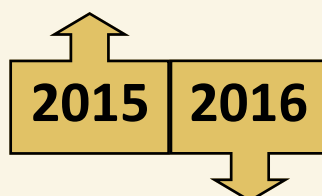
(17th-21st November 2015)

Munich Vascular Conference, Munich

(27th-28th November 2015)

UK Stroke Forum, Liverpool

(1st-3rd December 2015) - *we will have a stand *



Controversies and Updates in Vascular Surgery (CACVS), Paris

(21st-23rd January 2016)

Leipzig Interventional Course (LINC), Leipzig

(26th-29th January 2016)

Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery (SCVS), Las Vegas

(12th-16th March 2016)

4th ACST-2 Collaborators' Meeting, Belgrade

(20th-21st April 2016)

European Society for Cardiovascular & Endovascular Surgery, Belgrade

(21st-24th April 2016)

European Stroke Organisation Conference (ESOC), Barcelona

(10th-12th May 2016)