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**SUBJECT: 2020 final report**

Dear all,

2020 surely has been a year characterized by the pandemic difficulty, but also by the opportunity of showing that adaption is a natural selection demand.

The lock-down related impossibility of in person educational activities was immediately perceived by the **venous-lymphatic World International Network (v-WIN)** foundation as a call to promptly reorganize the reaching out format to both colleagues and patients, including and even enhancing public health awareness projects.



Thus, back in March, thanks to the teamwork with key opinion leaders from all around the world, v-WIN released the **Chronic Onsite Venous Insufficiency Damage (COVID)** control project: a series of evidence-based educational videos delivering proper information on how to manage at best venous and lymphatic disease during the containment days, addressing veins & lymphatics experts, GPs and non-health professionals.

([www.vwinfoundation.com/covid](http://www.vwinfoundation.com/covid)).

Following the report on Lancet about the COVID vulnerability redefinition of the poor classes during the lockdown time, in April v-WIN begun the organization of the

**Food for Veins – Veins for Food** project (<https://youtu.be/Wq9jBxOjsdc>), gathering

together the biggest experts from all around the world for a teamwork providing top venous-lymphatic education and humanitarian action in support of the World Food Programme, which in September won the Nobel peace prize ([LINK](#)).

**23.172** health professionals from **87 countries** joined the initiative.

Meanwhile, the main v-WIN global project, in conjunction with the universal Expo and with the mission of “connecting Experts, informing Patients” against medical fake news (<http://vwinfoundation.com/fake-news-free-project/>), has kept moving forward with the ongoing creation of a **Delphi Consensus** document and with the preparation of the related

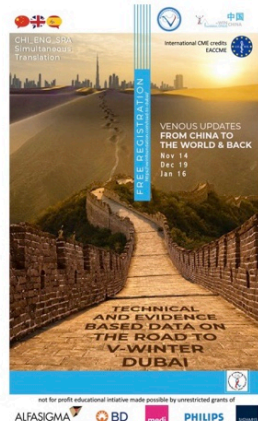


**v-WINter DUBAI 10th international interuniversity meeting in Phlebology & Lymphology** (Feb 3-5, 2022)([LINK](#)). The initiative is already under the auspices of **70 international scientific organizations** and scheduled during the week of health of the universal Expo.



An online “**venous road to v-WINTER DUBAI**” has been developed by means of online top quality educational initiatives, broadcasted even inside the same universal EXPO channels (192 countries involved)([LINK](#)).

Inside this educational path, we would like to deeply thank in particular the involved colleagues, friends & supporters from Latin America and Africa (**LAT-AF project**), from China (**v-WIN CHINA project**) and from all around the world (for the **ACHIEVE** and **POP** projects)



We would also like to deeply thank the **Japanese Society of Phlebology**, the **Latin America Venous Forum**, the **Panamerican Society of Phlebology**, the **American Venous Forum** and the **St. Petersburg Venous Forum** for the dedicated joint initiatives along the same “**venous road to v-WINTER DUBAI**”.

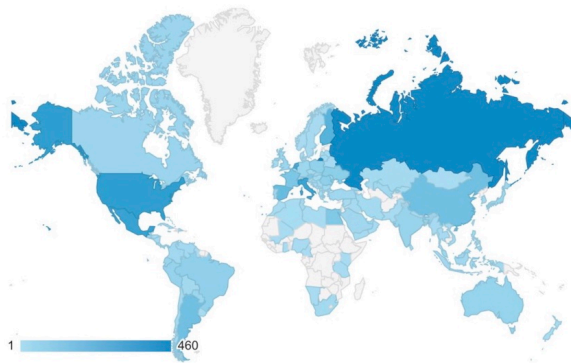
Along this virtual educational path, the interactive **v-learning** online platform was created, including now a significant amount of recorded video lessons and a dedicated software, allowing experts professional exchanges.





Just in the months of October and November, the platform including the recorded educational videos was accessed by **17.074** colleagues, with the geographical distribution reported herein. An average of **1.775±353** attended LIVE the v-WIN webinars.

#### Geographical distribution



Following these educational initiatives, v-WIN has been honored by a not for profit educational partnership with the **Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research**.

In conclusion of the year, we look forward for a progressive post-covid normalization and for the opening of the national customs. At the same time, we feel the post-covid time will have to include the online benefit experienced during the 2020, in a productive **hybrid enhanced educational format**.

With this vision v-WIN is closing the year releasing the **VEIN WEEK** project: an **educational and public health awareness format** including a **custom-made software** allowing GPS localization and **global visibility** of all the venous and lymphatic initiatives around the world: a first step toward **the restart of in person activities**, with the benefit of the **online global visibility**. A tool at disposal of whoever colleague and organization around the world willing to be active in venous-lymphatic advocacy during the week dedicated to health (April 5-11). All details are available here: [www.vwinfoundation.com/vw](http://www.vwinfoundation.com/vw).



Deeply thanking all the colleagues, friends, donors and supporters of 2020 v-WIN initiatives, we remain at full disposal, wishing you a surely different than the usual yet still meaningful and pleasant holiday season.

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