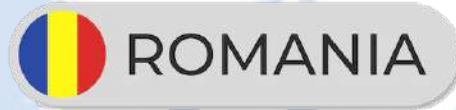


# Le. Gathering 2026 global events

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Multi-specialty Global event  
in the Heart of Europe



**v-WIN Meets**

**Caprini**

World Thrombosis Day



Global Event with a special focus  
on thrombosis, edema, vein-lymphatic interaction,  
meeting with prof. Caprini **IN PERSON**



**v-AFRICAAct**



in

**KENYA**



The first vein-lymphatic  
multi-specialty  
Global Congress in Africa





3 connected  
large events, in  
3 different  
continents with  
1 common  
**RATIONALE**

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1.

**MULTI-  
SPECIALTY**



2.

**GLOBALIZATION**



**3. Theoretical &  
Practical**



4.

**Le.G.athering  
GRAND FINALE**



v-AFRICAAct @ Le.G.athering by v-enous lymphactic **World International Network** foundation (**v-WIN**)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** North America and Europe road to v-AFRICAAct @ Le.G.athering World Congress

**2026** will remain as the **historic year** in which the vein-lymphatic world, together with many other specialties, got together in **Africa** (December 17-19, 2026) to celebrate all the previous months dedicated to gather the different experts from all continents in a **common holistic mission** to health. Along the road to the **Kenya Grand Finale**, many are the **national events** following the same multi-specialty vision at the national level, while **2 major happenings** are scheduled in the **United States** (Chicago, Oct 11-13, 2026) and in **Europe** (Timisoara, Oct 14-17, 2026). The **dates** and **locations** are not by coincidence: **October 13** is **World Thrombosis Day** and, considering **prof. Joseph Caprini** is from Chicago and is the scientific and spiritual global hero for clot awareness, the choice of time and space becomes obvious. October 14-17 is the date in which the Balkan Venous Forum will gather together 12 different European nations from the region: the decision of coupling with this initiative is based on the will of **maximizing the number of European and all other continents nations** involvement, on purpose in the city they represent the **European culture capital** according to the same Unesco identification. The twinning between these two events on the road to the Grand Finale in Kenya provides the opportunity to **register to one event** and **attend two**, therefore maximizing the chances of being a **protagonist** during **historic moments** in vein-lymphatic and multi-specialty healthcare, all while honoring a **Giant** in the field like **prof. Caprini** and the not anymore **"Sleeping Giant"** of Africa.

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Venous-lymphatic World International Network (v-WIN) foundation em. President  
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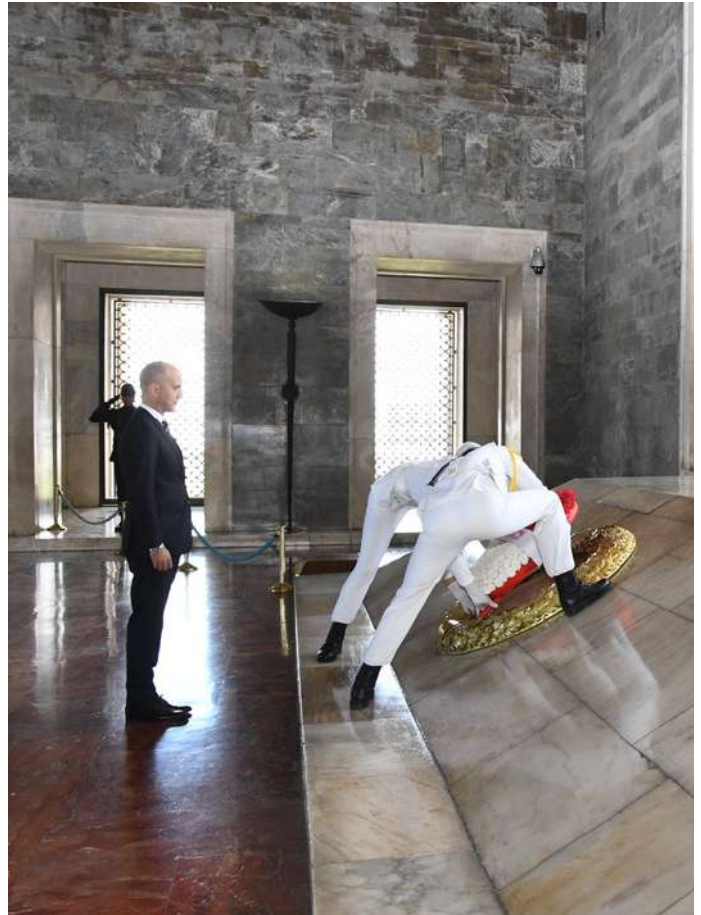
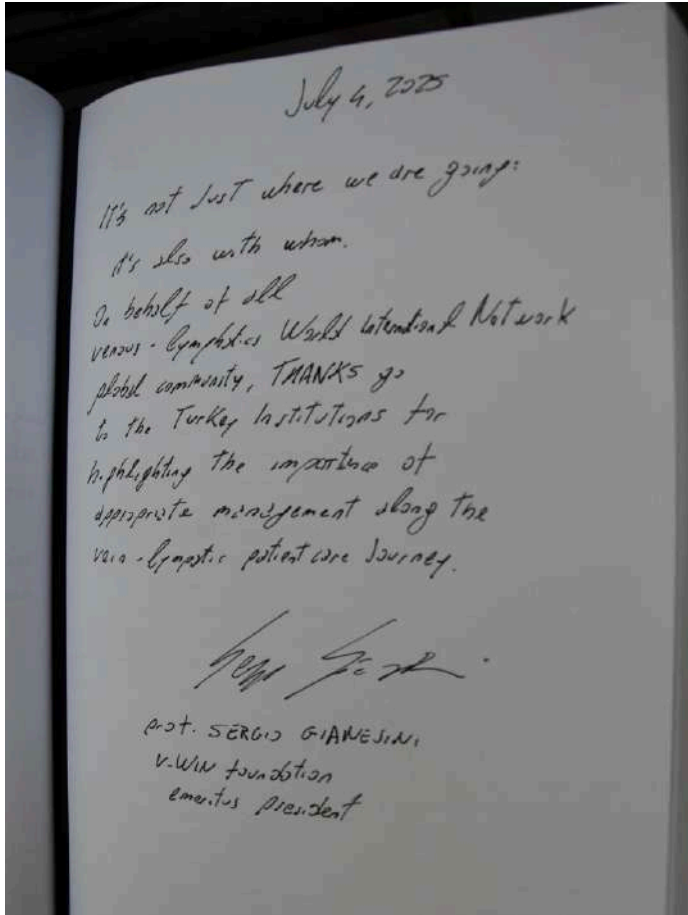
# v-WIN: Venous-lymphatics World International Network (v-WIN) foundation



>43.000 VEIN-LYMPHATIC EXPERTS  
in ALL continents



SCIENCE – EDUCATION – HUMANITARIAN – PUBLIC AWARENESS - ADVOCACY



## TURKEY 2025

### Governmental recognition

v-WIN has been honored by collaboration with Ministries and Institutions of different countries, constantly striving for promoting appropriate clinical governance in vein-lymphatic care. The same is happening during the events on the road to Le.G.athering World Congress.

**Le.G.athering World Congress** represents the first global event dedicated not just to the venous system of the lower limb, rather to the appropriate **holistic management** of the whole **LEG**, by **GATHERING** together all the **healthcare** and **non-healthcare** professionals exposed to its management. Together with this innovative approach, the event includes the historic **v-AFRICAAct initiative**, developing the first Global Congress engaging **all the African continent**, while acting in conjunction with **all the rest of the world**, including a dedicated **v-HELP (v-WIN Humanitarian Education in Lymphology & Phlebology) mission**. **v-AFRICAAct World Congress (Dec 17-19, 2026)** is the **Grand Finale event** following many other **national Le.G.athering initiatives**, including 2 major events dedicated to honor of the presential attendance of **prof. Caprini** in **multi-specialty thrombosis management**, in the heart of **European culture** during the Balkan Venous Forum (**Chicago, Oct 11-13,**) and to **Global Synergy** in Venous Forum (**Timisoara, Oct 14-17.**)

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2026 World Congress



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## Latest Major Scientific Publications following v-WIN events



46 affiliations from all around the world

**Global guidelines trends and controversies in lower limb venous and lymphatic disease.**

Phlebology. 2019 Sep;34(1 Suppl):4-66.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31495256/>



68 affiliations from all around the world

**Fake-news-free evidence-based communication for proper vein-lymphatic disease management.**

Int Angiol. 2023 Apr;42(2):89-189.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36930179/>



Clinical Governance document lodged at the Italian Ministry of Health

**Multi-specialty recommendations for the appropriate and affordable lower limb vein-lymphatic disorders management.** Int Angiol. 2026 Feb;45(1):1-64.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/41670291/>

**+ Educational material Layman's Terms for the publications for patients**

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Following **Le.G.athering 2026**, publications will be done on vein-lymphatic appropriateness, with a particular focus on multi-specialty management of **PAIN**, **EDEMA** and **THROMBOSIS**.



# V—WIN CAPRINI Meeting PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

(Loyola University  
Water Tower Campus,  
Chicago,  
Oct 11-13, 2026)  
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road to  
**KENYA**  
Dec 17-19, 2026



date	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13 (World Thrombosis Day)
08.00	THE breakfast with JOE Caprini (meet & greet)	08.00 THE breakfast with JOE Caprini (meet & greet)	8.00 THE "almuerzo" with JOE Caprini & LECTURE "Race and Ethnicity influence in VTE".
09.00	KEYNOTE SESSION	09.00 THROMBOSIS ACROSS SPECIALTIES: the elephant in the room	09.00 LATIN AMERICA COMMUNITY MET & UNMET NEED IN THROMBOSIS CARE
09.10	Joe's Life, collection of Pictures and honor trajectory	09.05 Aortic stiffness, Why should I measure it?	09.05 Hispanic Paradox, truth or legend?
09.20	KEYNOTE: Why Caprini changed clinical decision-making	09.20 Pelvic Venous Thrombosis: let's not forget about it	09.20 Implementation science. How did we implement Caprini
10.00	Open Contributions	09.35 Cardiac Device Thrombosis	09.35 Call to action, Where to go next in Latina American VTE research
10.20	Joe the Man: "real learning happens when you are having fun"	09.50 why is IBD in Caprini Score?	09.50 Role of global thrombosis networks. VWin mentorship collaborative
10.30	healthy coffee break	10.05 Monitoring my patient in the era of wearables.	10.05 Varicose veins, Latam experience.
11.00	THROMBOSIS BASIC SCIENCE ALL SPECIALTY SHOULD KNOW	10.20 Mistakes to avoid in thrombosis risk studies methodology	10.20 Clinical Cases
11.05	Translational biomarkers beyond D-dimer	WRAP UP	
11.20	Lpa here to stay	10.30 healthy coffee break	10.30 healthy coffee break
11.35	PRS, is it useful ?	11.00 COMPRESSION FOR THROMBOSIS in VENOUS & LYMPHATIC DISORDERS	11.00 BEYOND CARE
11.50	Arterial Endothelium as an organ (glycocalyx, injury, repair)	11.05 Thrombotic risk in Lymphedema & Lipedema	11.05 Integrative medicine in Vascular health
12.05	What makes venous endothelium unique	11.20 Compression in acute & chronic thrombosis	11.20 How can AI change my Diagnostic workflow
12.20	Doc, Rejuvenate my endothelium	11.35 Upper limb lymphedema compression	11.35 Medication in medicine, why now?
11.20	WRAP UP	11.50 Compression in Lipedema	11.50 Metabolic Flexibility & Vascular Health: Fasting, Ketones, and Time-Restricted Eating
12.30	Lunch	12.05 Adjustable compression wrap: state of the evidence	12.05 Endothelium as a Trainable Organ: Beyond Exercise Prescriptions
13.30	VASCULAR INFLAMMATION & THROMBOSIS RELATED DRUGS: state of the evidence	12.20 WRAP UP	12.20 Microbiome—Vascular Axis: From TMAO to Targetable Ecology
13.35	Provoked – Unprovoked Dichotomy. Has the wall fallen?	12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch Symposium
13.50	Cancer Thrombosis Challenges	13.30 DEVICES FOR THROMBOSIS MANAGEMENT	13.30 POST-THROMBOTIC SYNDROME MANAGEMENT
14.05	Duration of Anticoagulation	13.35 Indication to ilio-femoral thrombosis aspiration	13.35 Pathophysiology of chronic venous damage
14.20	Arterial events in CAT	13.50 Pro-con on PE thrombolysis vs suction thrombectomy: will there be a winner?	13.50 Compression vs intervention vs rehab
14.35	Integrating decision making. How to predict recurrence in Today's Medicine	14.05 Thrombectomy and procedures for splanchnic system	14.05 Medical therapy in PTS
14.50	Dose reduce or not. Data Update	14.20 Pelvic embolization periprocedural thromboprophylaxis	14.20 From ATTRACT to CTRACT, What now?
15.05	AI in prediction and Digital twins in VTE	14.35 Complex IVC filter extraction	14.35 Quality of life as primary endpoint
15.20	v-Registry & Le.G.athering AFRICA for appropriate RWD management in the thrombotic field	14.50 "Yourself": isn't it the best bypass?	14.50 PERTinent
15.30 - 16.00	Joe Caprini TAKE HOME MESSAGE & LECTURE: "Summary of Top VTE clinical trials of 2026"	15.05 Partnering Thrombophilia experts in Cryptogenic stroke care	15.05 Data Update, PE direct therapy
17.30 - 18.30	Dry/wet Leg Health, Live Caprini scoring booth, Community screening activation, Vein Walk / Run public awareness initiative	15.20 Keynote Lecture: Vascular Malformations and thrombotic risk	15.20 Implementation, How to make this happen
19.00	Gala dinner: Show me your socks. Best socks competition	Joe Caprini TAKE HOME MESSAGES "Top trials this year in arterial care"	15.30 Joe Caprini TAKE HOME MESSAGE: "The future of thrombosis: dynamic, personalized, global"; Transition: Risk Scores → Systems → Digital Twins
		Public Awareness Initiative (dinner with Chicago Marathon athletes)	19.00 Vein Dance Public Awareness initiative; Movement + vascular health awareness
		Post marathon leg care LECTURE: "I am a Runner, I know!"	High-visibility community engagement

# the VENUE



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✓ **Institutional Academic Venue (Loyola University)**

Kasbeer Hall - Corboy Law Center - 25 E. Pearson St. – CHICAGO

<https://www.luc.edu/conference/campusvenues/watertowercampus/corboylawcenter/kasbeerhall/>

✓ **Exhibition area available also for Scientific Societies & projects showcasing**

✓ **Exhibition and networking areas**

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# BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON

Public venous-lympahtic awareness event during the CHICAGO MARATHON (Oct 12)



Le.athering @

# The XVI Congress of the Balkan Venous Forum

The 19th Romanian Congress of Phlebology



October 14-17, 2026, all roads lead to **ROMANIA!**



Under the auspices of:  
**v-WIN**  
Foundation, ONLUS

**We learn... from each other!**



**3** days of global interaction with top KOLs

**2** days of full practical activities in the OPERATING ROOM + WORKSHOPS + FRONTAL LECTURES

**1** institutional day in the university

theme	VIPP & v-HELP Hospital Activities						Le.G.athering Global Event						
	Operating Room 1	Operating Room 2	Office Room 1	Office Room 2	Office Room 3	Office Room 4	Timisoara Congress Center						
date	Oct 14 - 15						Oct 16						
8	PROCEDURES Thermal Tumescet	PROCEDURES Non Thermal Non Tumescet	PROCEDURES Ultrasound school	PROCEDURES Sclerotherapy school	Compression on PATIENTS	Woundcare on PATIENTS	<b>VENOUS ACTIVE DRUGS:</b> all we (must) know						
08.30													
9							<b>Coffee break</b>						
09.30							<b>COMPRESSION:</b> all we (must) know						
10							<b>SCLEROTHERAPY:</b> from the lab to the best clinical practice						
10.30							<b>LUNCH</b>						
11							Workshop TT	Workshop NTNT	Workshop Ultrasound	Workshop SCLERO	Workshop VENOUS ACTIVE DRUGS / COMPRESSION	Workshop WOUND CARE	<b>VENOUS / LYMPHATIC / LIPEDEMA DEVICES:</b> science & technical notes
11.30													
12													
12.30													
13													
13.30							Vein Walk / Run public awareness initiative						<b>Le.G.athering MULTI-SPECIALTY SYNERGY</b> in vein-lymphatic care

Balkan Venous Forum  
Global Le.G.athering

1. Live experience in the Hospital in ALL must know techniques.
2. Diving into European vein-lymphatic multi-specialty Culture, while interacting with the World.
3. Public venous-lympahtic awareness initiatives

# the VENUE



- ✓ **Institutional Academic Hospital:** "Pius Brînzeu" Emergency County Hospital, Timișoara
- ✓ **Victor Babes University**
- ✓ **Nearby hotels** from 60 to 150 euro.



# VIPPP

2026 CALENDAR

On the road to Le.G.athering Global event it's also possible to develop synergy during the 2 days practical courses called Venous Insufficiency Personal & Practical (VIPPP). All supporters of at least 1 Le.G.athering global event enjoy a discount in the support to one or more VIPPP courses.

Mar 27-29, CANTON (CHINA)  
Apr 9-10, BERLIN (GERMANY)  
June 19,20, ANKARA (TURKEY)  
June 22-23, TBLISI (GEORGIA)

September 4-5, TAIPEI (TAIWAN)  
Sept 25-26, WARSAW (POLAND)  
Oct 22-24 GRANADA (SPAIN)  
Nov 30 – Dec 1, ROME (ITALY)



v-HELP humanitarian educational missions  
are planned in BRAZIL (MARCH 15-16) & KENYA (DEC 17)

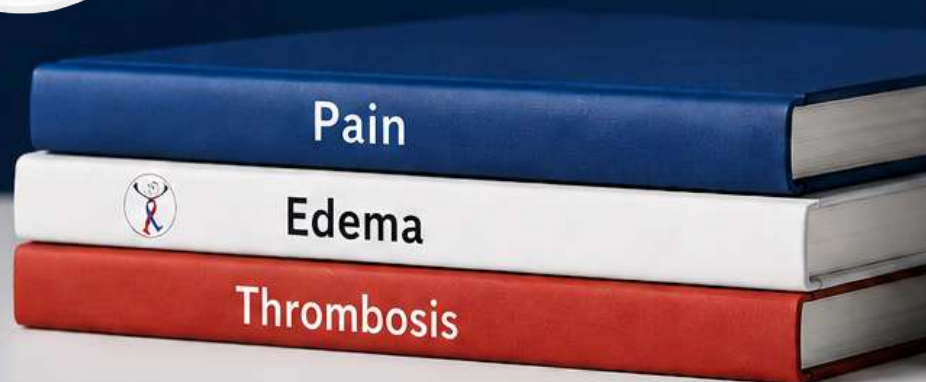


# UPCOMING PUBLICATION

*Le.G.athering World Project*



MULTI-SPECIALTY  
GLOBAL  
EVIDENCE-BASED



## P.ain E.dema T.hrombosis **RECOMMENDATIONS DOCUMENT**

*Le.G.athering World Project*





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the **VENUE**



The Kenyatta International  
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- ✓ The most institutional ballroom
- ✓ Speaker at the center
- ✓ 360 degree Perspectives from all continents (800 seats)



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