

Italian Chapter of VAS report on you on the Chapter activities during 2019-2020.

The board is composed as follows (as to the election issued on 2019):

President Nicola Pirozzi

Secretary Matteo Tozzi

Past President Maurizio Gallieni

President elect Daniele Savio

During the year we have organized and started the 2nd Congress of the Chapter, which turned to be an asynchronous meeting due to the covid emergency. The Congress has been held with the National Congress on Vascular Access from the Gruppo di Progetto AV of the Italian Society of Nephrology. The participation to the congress is up to now satisfactorily, but a definitive line would be drowned at the end of the meeting (November 2021). At the 31/12/2020 120 inscriptions have been recorded.

Due to the good results of the congress the Chapter will be able to confer to the Vascular Access Society a total amount of 5000 euros vat included. We will be glad to give our contribution to VAS for the development and spread of the knowledge about vascular access for haemodialysis; hopefully with the scope of promoting the VAS Chapter initiatives too.

Some of the Chapter members have contributed to the special issue on ultrasound for JVA, in cooperation with other members from VAS.

We did not produce, as a Chapter, other scientific peer reviewed papers, the reason being mostly the covid19 emergency that rather involves heavily all of us.

Some video contributions to the VAS website have been provided.

A proposal to the Board is to organize a meeting with the representative of the other VAS Chapters that have been born since we constituted the Italian, in order to share experience and activities and to build new proposals under the endorsement of the VAS.