## Agreement for Delegate Exchange between the Vascular Access Society (VAS) and the Vascular Access Society of the Americas (VASA)

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement between the Vascular Access Society (VAS) and the Vascular Access Society of the Americas (VASA) is formally consolidating the already existing educational collaboration and opening new avenues that are mutually beneficial and serve to improve the field of vascular access, enhance patient care, and develop the societies.

## 2. Activities

Delegate exchanges:

- a. Develop a mechanism to encourage a mutual exchange of delegates between the societies during their annual/biennial meetings.
- b. Two delegates from VASA will be invited to attend the biennial meetings of VAS. In exchange, VASA will invite two delegates from VAS to attend the VASA biennial meetings.
- c. The host society will provide complimentary registration and hotel accommodations for attending delegates. Hotel reservations will be responsibility of the hosting Society. The society sending the delegates will be responsible for all other travel expenses (economy class).
- d. The host society may choose to invite the delegate(s) to deliver lectures on state of the art topics that are suitable for their scientific program from one or both guest societies.
- e. The host society is not expected to offer/pay an honorarium for lectures from the invited delegates.
- f. Both societies will mutually disseminate information regarding the annual/biennial meetings and encourage membership participation in the meetings.
- g. Both societies will explore avenues to increase mutual collaboration to enhance research, education and patient care activities related to the field of dialysis access.

## 3. Validity of the agreement

This agreement will start and be valid from January 1st, 2016. The agreement will be automatically renovated each year, unless either Society will notify to the other that the agreement will be terminated at a specific date.

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