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Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the Irish Vascular Society (IVS) and the Northern Ireland Vascular Society (NIVASC) we would like to invite you to join us for the annual joint meeting of our Societies which will take place at the Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co Dublin from 11-13 May 2018. Last year's event in the same location proved very popular and useful and we anticipate that this year will be even more successful. The meeting is held over 2 days, allowing ample time for sharing of expertise and experience between clinicians, allied health professionals and industry representatives from around the island of Ireland.

The meeting opens on Friday 11 May with the Training Masterclass: Vascular Trauma. This is aimed primarily, but not exclusively at trainees, with an expert medical/nursing faculty and industry representatives. The day will open with guest lectures, followed by six workshops focusing on different aspects of vascular emergencies and will conclude with a closing lecture entitled "Vascular Trauma Training".

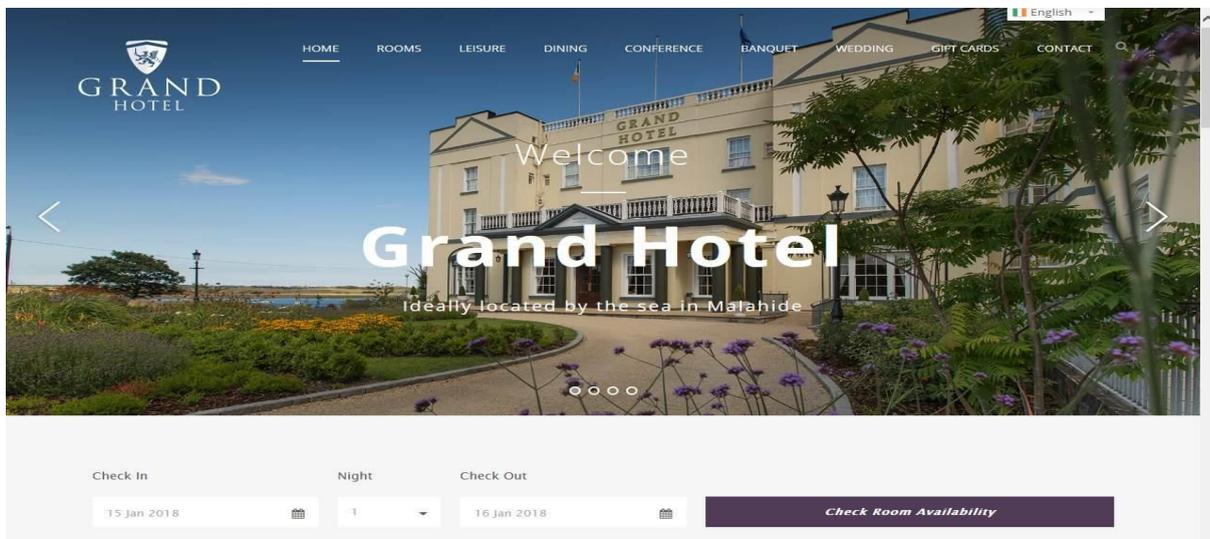
An informal dinner with guest speaker will take place, for the enjoyment of all delegates, faculty, industry and invited guests, on the Friday evening. The dinner is normally a real highlight of the conference and we would encourage you to consider attending. The cost of the Society dinner is already included in the Friday B&B booking rate on the Grand Hotel website (see below). However, the dinner can be booked separately (with Maureen) at a cost of €55, including wine, if you do not plan to stay at the hotel.

The formal programme continues Saturday morning May 12th, with a Scientific Session of original research papers for presentation and adjudication. There will be prizes for the best scientific and clinical research papers. The scientific symposium will focus on the treatment of type B aortic dissection, mesenteric ischaemia and vascular trauma. A lively debate is expected to follow on the merits of open v EVAR for ruptured AAAs. We are delighted to welcome a distinguished faculty including Prof Ian Loftus, Mr Nigel Tai, Mr Ray Hannon, Prof Martin O'Donohoe and Mr Denis Harkin.

On Saturday afternoon the business meetings of the IVS and NIVASC will take place.

We greatly appreciate the support of our industry partners who we acknowledge as playing an intergral role in the advancement of vascular care, and we look forward to visiting the exhibition area and would strongly encourage all delegates to do so.

Please book accommodation via the hotel website – www.thegrand.ie, enter the requested stay dates in the following section of the website, and fill in the specific **promo code 1205954**



We hope you can join us for the conference. The beautiful seaside town of Malahide is convenient to Dublin and to the M1/M50 motorways. The historic Grand Hotel promises to be a great venue for us to meet up and we look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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Consultant Vascular Surgeon
Secretary of IAVS

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