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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts may only be submitted electronically. To submit your abstract, visit the Society's web page, www.vascularweb.org/wvs and point to Submit Abstract.

DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2013 (11:59 p.m. Pacific Time)
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