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Director of Education: Prof Gilbert Massard

KNOWLEDGE TRACK

Antalya Revisited in Prague, Czech Republic
A Complete Review of Thoracic Surgery
13 – 18 March 2017

TB and other Lung Diseases of Surgical Interest
Jointly organized with WHO Collaborating Centres
Cepina, Italy
November 2017

ACADEMIC COMPETENCE TRACK

Medical Writing Course
European Surgical Institute, Hamburg, Germany
10 – 12 April 2017

International Leadership Management, ILM Level 5
Leeds University, Leeds, UK
November 2017

SKILL TRACK

Hands-on Course
VATS lobectomy: Technical Issues and Perioperative Management
"Elancourt in Copenhagen", Copenhagen Academy for Medical Education and Simulation
Copenhagen, Denmark
19 – 21 April 2017

ESTS Course on Chest Wall Surgery
European Surgical Institute
Hamburg, Germany
25 - 27 September 2017

ESTS SCHOOL, RUSSIA

Kazan: 16 – 18 February 2017

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WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Colleagues, Guests and Friends

The Local Organizing Committee welcomes you to Innsbruck to the 25th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery from 28 to 31 May 2017.

The late springtime season is perfect to visit Innsbruck - the capital of Tirol. Surrounded by majestic Alpine scenery in the midst of a holiday landscape, Innsbruck offers a unique symbiosis between city and nature. Tradition alternates with modern art and appealing architecture. Just a few steps away from the medieval center of the city a funicular will take you uphill to 2300 meters and you will enjoy an exciting view. Only few towns in Europe offer such a spectacular scenic contrast between town and mountains in such a short space of time. Think about bringing your partners and friends with you. I am sure that some of you might decide to stay a bit longer to share great moments in Tirol.

Innsbruck has a long lasting touristic tradition and offers hospitality to people from all over the world. The area is the top touristic destination of the Alps welcoming more than 9 million guests per year. Innsbruck twice hosted the Olympic Winter Games and the newly reconstructed ski jump by the famous architect Zaha Hadid with a restaurant on its top is really worth visiting. The town is also the home of the famous Swarovski crystal industry with a huge flagship store. The museum Swarovski Crystal World close to Innsbruck is one of Austria´s top touristic destinations. Emperor Maximilian I moved his court from Vienna to Innsbruck during his reign and thus contributed to the imperial flair. He also created the Golden Roof, the main landmark of Innsbruck.
The ESTS Conference 2017 will be “the meeting of short distances“.

The venue and most of the hotels are located within walking distance and close to the historic medieval center and other hot spots of the town.

Innsbruck is located in the Heart of Europe. Its central location and excellent infrastructure make it an easy destination to visit by car, train or plane. From Innsbruck Airport it takes just 12 minutes by bus to get to the city center. Several European hubs offer daily connection flights. Alternatively, the airport of Munich is close and well connected to Innsbruck by train or shuttle services.

I feel honored to welcome friends and guests of our society to my hometown. The Local Organizing Committee and the ESTS Council Members will arrange an unforgettable stay and a fruitful conference for all of you.

Looking forward to seeing you in Innsbruck

Thomas Schmid, MD
Chair, Local Organising Committee

WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Friends, ESTS Members and Guests,

It is my privilege and a great honour to invite you, on behalf of the ESTS Council and the Program Committee, to the 25th Anniversary European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery.

Within this quarter of a century the ESTS Conference has grown to become the World's largest event in our field, gathering more than one and a half thousand participants, and gaining a reputation of a meeting of excellent scientific and educational value.

The Program Committee, chaired by Enrico Ruffini, has prepared an exciting programme that includes educational thematic sessions on hot topics in our specialty including multidisciplinary sessions with pulmonologists, medical and radiation oncologists, scientific sessions composed of carefully selected abstracts, sunrise sessions, working group meetings, special lectures delivered by renowned experts, and joint sessions that have been prepared together with our sister societies.

The strong cooperation with these sister societies from Asia and both the Americas is a feature distinguishing the ESTS Conference as not only a European meeting, but a World meeting on general thoracic surgery. This spirit of international cooperation is one of the most important characteristics of the ESTS and contributes largely to the scientific, educational and social value of the Conference.

Our gathering will be an excellent opportunity to discuss new trends in thoracic surgery and the problems we all face in our everyday work – along with discussions to inspire our young colleagues as well as our experienced experts.

The European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery is held every year in different European towns and cities, providing those participants with an opportunity to not only discover but to savour the many flavours of those different parts of Europe. ESTS conferences are occasions to relish the diversity of the landscape, the climate, the history and the culture of Europe.

This year ESTS invites you all to Innsbruck, a historical town in the heart of the Austrian Tirol with magnificent views of the Alps, fine cuisine and a friendly atmosphere.

I am looking forward to seeing you during the Anniversary ESTS Conference in Innsbruck, and I am positive that it will be a meeting to remember.

Jaroslaw Kuzdzal, PhD, FETCS Krakow, Poland
President

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SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES - WELCOME

Monday 28 May 2017

Dear Colleagues

You are invited to join the 4th Symposium for Nurses and allied professionals at the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons' (ESTS) 25th Conference in Innsbruck, Austria 2017. The symposium for nurses and allied professionals will take place the 29 to 30 of May. The symposium will cover a varied choice of topics within the care and treatment for the general thoracic surgical patient and we will get together and present our project and share our knowledge, expertise and experiences.

TOP REASONS TO ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM:

- Present your paper, project, knowledge or experience in the largest international symposium for nurses and allied professionals in general thoracic surgery
- Meet and interact with nurses and allied professionals from a range of different countries
- Learn more about the pre-, peri- and postoperative care and treatment of patients with thoracic diseases or traumas
- Add to the emerging relationship among nurses and allied professionals within thoracic surgery
- Develop competencies and a better and more evidence-based clinical practice for the benefit of the patients

Please help us to enrich this experience by submitting your abstracts for presentation.

Call for abstracts is from 1 December 2016 to 9 January 2017
When participating in the nursing programme, you are welcome to join the other scientific sessions as well.

Tuesday 29 May 2017
We are delighted to invite you to the tour of the Thoracic Surgical Ward, Innsbruck University Hospital

We are looking forward to welcoming you.

Thomas Schmid, MD
Chair, Local Organising Committee

WELCOME TO INNSBRUCK

Austria
Austria is located in the heart of Europe, with a population of 8.5 million and a total area of 83,854 sqm.
Austria has been a member of the European Union since 1995.

The Tyrol
The Tyrol is one of nine provinces in Austria and has a total area of 12,648 sqm. The Tyrol is characterised by its unique natural environment and has a lot to offer.

Innsbruck
The capital of the Tyrol, Innsbruck has 130,000 inhabitants. It is located at the heart of the Alps at an altitude of 579 m above sea-level and encircled by majestic mountain peaks.

The historical Old Town is a product of the Middle Ages. It is the location of the magnificent Hofburg Palace built by Empress Maria Theresia and also of Innsbruck's most famous landmark, the Little Golden Roof, an ornate balcony with a roof of gilt copper tiles built under Emperor Maximilian I as the royal box, so to speak.

The city offers a wide choice of theaters and museums, and the annual Ambras Castle Concerts and the Festival of Old Music in August are musical events of the first order.

Having twice hosted the Olympic Winter Games, in 1964 and 1976 as well as the Youth Olympics in 2012 and the Children Olympic Games in 2016, the City of Innsbruck looks back on a long tradition in the field of sports, a tradition that is also a guarantee of professional standards in the organization and handling of major events and conferences. In addition, Innsbruck occupies a location that offers conference delegates infinite scope for practicing a wide variety of sports at any time of the year against the breathtaking backcloth of the Alps.

With its geographical location at the heart of Europe, its traditional function as a bridge between north and south, and east and west, an its intellectual background as traditonal university town with some 30,000 students and a renowned medical faculty, Innsbruck enjoys great political and cultural standing.

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- Opens: Thursday 1 December 2016
- Closes: Monday 9 January 2017

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REGISTRATION FEES

	EARLY FEES until April 18th	LATE FEES after & onsite
ESTS Member high-income*	400€	450€
ESTS Member upper-middle-income*	140€	170€
ESTS Member low-income*	50€	80€
Non-Member	650€	750€
ERS Member (for pulmonologists only)	150€	300€
Daypass ESTS Member (only possible for one day)	200€	200€
Daypass Non Member (only possible for one day)	350€	350€
Trainee ESTS Member	50€	105€
Trainee non Member**	105€	160€
Allied professionals**	50€	65€
Medical Student**	0€	0€
NOT INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE		
Breakfast sessions - Sunrise Academy (cost per session)	80€	80€
Hand on sessions (cost per session)	150€	180€
1. EDUCATIONAL TRACK 1 "Trachea and airways" Breakfast session on Monday 29 May and Hands on session on Tuesday 30 May	200€	240€
2. EDUCATIONAL TRACK 2 "Contemporary issues in minimally invasive thoracic techniques" Breakfast session on Tuesday 30 May and Hands on session on Monday 29 May	200€	240€
3. EDUCATIONAL TRACK 3 "Surgical management of infectious thoracic problems" Breakfast session on Monday 29 May and Breakfast session on Tuesday 30 May	130€	130€

Austrian VAT 20% is included in the prices listed above
* For the classification please visit www.ests.org
** Proof of trainee, student status or nurse certificate must be uploaded on the online registration
Reduced early registration is available to ESTS members who have paid their 2017 member fee by the close of early registration on 18 April 2017. For members that pay their member fee after this date, the on-site registration fee will apply.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations and changes to registrations must be sent to e-mail: ests@viajeseci.es

The following registration CANCELLATION POLICIES apply:
Written notice of registration cancellation by 30 April 2017: 50% refund of the paid registration fee (less EUR 25 administration fee).
No refund will be granted for registrations cancelled after this date. Reimbursements will be made after the conference.
All costs and bank charges applied for payments and reimbursements of registration fees must be supported by the participant.

TERMS OF PAYMENT
The following payment options are available via the online registration form:
Bank transfer - all relevant bank details are made available on the registration form.
Credit card - payment via secure online e-commerce gateway (VISA and Mastercard accepted)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION & ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
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CAR PARKING
Parking area available at the Congress venue.

WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS
WiFi Internet access area will be available at the Congress.

SOCIAL EVENTS
Welcome Cocktail
ESTS 2017 Welcome Cocktail will be held on Sunday, 28 May late afternoon after the Opening Ceremony.
(included in the registration fee)

Gala Dinner
ESTS 2017 Gala Dinner will be held on Tuesday, 30 May evening.
(not included in the registration fee)

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS
Accommodation details are available at the website and further announcements.

ECO-FRIENDLY
ESTS 2017 is a sustainable and environmental friendly Congress encouraging the use of recyclable material.

SMOKING
ESTS 2017 is a non smoking congress.

REGISTRATION DESK
Participants can pick up their personal Congress material at the registration desk, which will be open as follows
Saturday, 27 May : 16.00 -19.30 h
Sunday, 28 May: 06.30 - 18.30 h
Monday, 29 May: 06.30 - 18.30 h
Tuesday, 30 May: 06.30 - 18.00 h
Wednesday, 31 May: 07.00 - 11.00 h
The Congress Secretariat will be available to assist you during the Congress.
Please do not hesitate to contact this office for help or advice.

ATTENDANCE
The Congress usually attracts between 1.500 and 1.800 delegates from all over Europe and from all over the World.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE
The official language of the Meeting is English.

NAME BADGES
Participants and accompanying persons are obliged to wear the official Congress name badges on all Congress occasions.

EXHIBITION
Access to the exhibition is free for registered participants. The exhibition will be open on 28 - 31 May 2017 during the congress hours.

LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS
Lunches are not included in the participants' registration fee.
Coffee, tea will be available in the exhibition area during the breaks.

LIABILITY
By registering for the Congress and/or by participating in the exhibition joined to the Congress, participants and exhibitors agree that ESTS, the Organizing Committee or the Congress Secretariat do not assume any responsibility for damage or injuries to persons or property during the Congress. Participants and exhibitors are advised to organize their own health, travel and personal insurances.

LETTER OF INVITATION
Upon request, the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee will be pleased to send a personal letter of invitation so as to enable participants to obtain supporting funds or visas for attending the Congress. These invitation letters cannot be considered as an offer of financial support by the organizers.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE
Participants will receive a certificate of attendance which will be downloaded from the Conference App.

CONFERENCE APP
Paperless

Innsbruck 2017 is a Paperless Meeting

A conference App will be made available for participants containing all necessary information, featuring and replacing, among other items the complete conference programme and abstract book.
The ESTS Conference App will be accessible for download on Android and IOS devices (smartphones, tablets, iPhones and iPads).

A limited number of iPod Touch will also be available for rental for the duration of the conference.

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SATURDAY 27 MAY 2017

16:00 - 19:30	REGISTRATION OPENS

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2017

	TIROL	BRÜSSEL
08:00 - 08:30	Postgraduate Symposium Master Cup	
08:30 - 09:00		
09:00 - 09:30		
09:30 - 10:00		
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 - 11:00	Postgraduate Symposium Master Cup	
11:00 - 11:30		
11:30 - 12:00		
12:00 - 12:30	Opening Ceremony Industry (Exhibition area)	
12:30 - 13:00		
13:00 - 13:30	Database and Quality Certification Session	
13:30 - 14:00		
14:00 - 14:30		
14:30 - 15:00	EJCTS Academy	Cardiothoracic issues of interest for the General Thoracic Surgeon
15:00 - 15:30		
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 16:30	Robotic Session	Extreme Thoracic Surgery Session
16:30 - 17:00		
17:00 - 17:30	ESTS-ERAS Joint Session	Disaster preparedness and mass casualty: the role of the Thoracic Surgeon in the age of terrorism
17:30 - 18:00		
18:00 - 18:45	Opening Ceremony	
18:45 - 19:30	Welcome Reception (Exhibition area)	
19:30 - 20:00		

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- NURSE SESSION
- OTHERS (EX. LUNCH SYMPOSIUM)
- SUNRISE ACADEMY
- HANDS-ON SESSION

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MONDAY 29 MAY 2017

	TIROL	INNSBRUCK	BRÜSSEL	STRASSBURG	GRENOBLE
07:00 - 07:30			Sunrise Academy 1	Sunrise Academy 2	Hands-on Session I
07:30 - 08:00					
08:10 - 08:15	Official opening				
08:15 - 08:30	Report of the Director of the Annual Meeting				
08:30 - 09:00	Brompton Session I				
09:00 - 09:30					
09:30 - 10:00					
10:00 - 10:30					
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break				
11:00 - 11:30	Invited Lecture				
11:30 - 11:50	ESTS Vogt-Moykopf Lecture				
11:50 - 12:30	Introduction to the President Presidential Address				
12:30 - 13:00		Lunch Symposium	Lunch Symposium	Lunch Symposium	Junior Lunch Symposium
13:00 - 13:30					
13:30 - 14:00	Video I Session II		ESTS Biology Club	Nurse Symposium Lectures Abstract Sessions	
14:00 - 14:30					
14:30 - 15:00	MITIG VATS resection Session III		Young Investigators Award Session IV		
15:00 - 15:30					
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break				
16:00 - 16:30	ESTS- Brazilian Society of Thoracic Surgery (SBCT) Joint Session	Mixed Thoracic I Session V		Nurse Symposium Lectures Abstract Sessions	
16:30 - 17:00					
17:00 - 17:30	Innovative/Experimental Session VI	ESTS-JACS Joint Session			
17:30 - 18:00					

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TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017

	TIROL	INNSBRUCK	BRÜSSEL	STRASSBURG	GRENOBLE
07:00 - 07:30			Sunrise Academy 3	Sunrise Academy 4	Hands-on Session II
07:30 - 07:50					
08:00 - 08:30	Challenging oncologic cases in Thoracic Surgery: A Multidisciplinary Tumour Board Session		ESTS - CATS Joint Session		
08:30 - 09:00					
09:00 - 09:30					
09:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break				
10:00 - 10:30	Video II Session VII	The role of Thoracic Surgery in the age of immunotherapy for lung cancer			
10:30 - 11:00					
11:00 - 11:30	Esophagus/Mediastinum Session VIII	ESTS-IASLC Joint Session			
11:30 - 12:00					
12:00 - 12:20	Extraordinary Guest Lecture				
12:20 - 12:30	Lecture in memory of Prof. Griffith Pearson				
12:30 - 13:00	Interesting Cases Session IX	Lunch Symposium	Moderated Posters Session X	Lunch Symposium	
13:00 - 13:30					
13:30 - 14:00	Pulmonary Neoplastic I Session XI	ESTS-STS Joint Session			
14:00 - 14:30					
14:30 - 15:00					
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break				
15:30 - 16:00	Mixed Thoracic II Session XII	Pulmonary Neoplastic II Session XIII			
16:00 - 16:30					
16:30 - 17:00	Mixed Thoracic III Session XIV	Infectious Thoracic Diseases Session			
17:00 - 17:30					
17:30 - 18:00	General Assembly				
18:00 - 18:30					
18:30 - 19:00					
19:00 - 19:30					
19:30 - 20:00					
20:00 - 23:00	ESTS Gala Dinner (at own expense)				

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WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017

	TIROL	BRÜSSEL
08:30 - 09:00	Video III Session XV	ESTS-ERS Joint Session
09:00 - 09:30		
09:30 - 10:00		
10:00 - 10:30	ESTS-DACH Joint Session	
10:30 - 11:00		
11:00 - 11:30		

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - SUNDAY 28 MAY

POSTGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM ON GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY

SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2017 08:00 - 12:00 h · TIROL

Organisers: Nuria Novoa (Salamanca/ES)
David Waller (Leicester/UK)

Format

- This year, country´s teams will compete to answer questions on clinically relevant topics of all areas of interest.
- There will be a global contest: individual and team competition.
- Questions are designed to be provoking, challenging and based on the ESTS Textbook of Thoracic Surgery.
- Questions will be arranged in blocks. At the end of each block, there will be a final case-based question on chosen topical issues. Solutions will be explained by an expert that will present updated data and will discuss solutions including answering questions from the public.
- It will be the opportunity for plenty of audience interaction through real-time discussion and voting

Teams

ESTS Trainee Members from 16 countries will compete following this scheme:

3 levels of competition:

- Round 1: 4 teams in each of 4 heats
- Round 2: 4 teams in each of 2 semi-finals
- Final: winner of each semifinal

Audience members will compete using the app provided for that purpose.

Audience

- This Postgraduate Symposium is aimed at surgeons and nurses at all levels of experience: from trainees to experts
- All audience members are welcome to answer the questions. The audience members with the most correct answers will receive a prize.

DATABASE AND QUALITY CERTIFICATION SESSION

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2017 13:00 - 14:30 h · TIROL

Chairpersons: Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz (Strasbourg/FR)
Michele Salati (Ancona/IT)

The aim of the Database session is to provide important epidemiologic and benchmark data for the general thoracic surgery practice and to offer an update about the ESTS registry and the ESTS institutional accreditation.

- Database Annual Report
- Institutional Accreditation
- Cooperation between databases at an international level:
  Part 1: Minimal requirements
  Part 2: Advantages for each partners

- Cooperation with the STS Database: where do we go next?
- The Brazilian contribution: targets and future perspective

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EJCTS ACADEMY

SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2017 14:30 - 15:30 h · TIROL

Chairpersons: Pascal Thomas (Marseille/FR)
Gonzalo Varela (Salamanca/ES)

Publishing a scientific paper, as well as presenting at major international meetings, are mandatory to check the quality of our own research. Experience shows that poorness in the writing or presentation techniques often harm the scientific content, rendering an interesting message into something non-understandable by someone outside of the team. Because the competition is tough, this session aims at providing the basis of medical writing and scientific communication and helping to prevent some common errors.

- The Editor's point of view: what are the current priorities at the EJCTS
- The Reviewer's point of view: what are the most frequently detected problems in the submissions to the EJCTS
- The Chairman's point of view: the most frequent mistakes when you are presenting at the ESTS meeting
- The Author's point of view: how to survive the editorial process
- The ESTS point of view: what can ESTS do for you

CARDIOTHORACIC ISSUES OF INTEREST FOR THE GENERAL THORACIC SURGEON

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2017 14:30 - 15:30 h · BRÜSSEL

Chairpersons: Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz (Strasbourg/FR)
Isabelle Opitz (Zurich/CH)

Cardiothoracic Topics for Thoracic Surgeons

The general idea for this session is to make general thoracic surgeons familiar with cardiothoracic issues and techniques which sometimes are left behind in their surgical training.

- Principles of extracorporeal life support (ECLS) and cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB)
- Indications of ECLS and CPB for extended resections and pulmonary endarterectomies
- Indications of ECLS for transplantation and new settings
- Which vascular access for which situation: how to decide and do it?

ROBOTIC SESSION

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2017 16:00 - 17:00 h · TIROL

Chairpersons: Giulia Veronesi (Milan/IT)
Alper Toker (Istanbul/TR)

Robotic Thoracic Surgery:
Standards in Clinical Practice and Training

Robotic thoracic surgery has been developing unequivocally around the world. The type and the number of surgical robots are expected to increase in the next years. Although adoption is increasing faster than expected, current situation and potential of robotic thoracic surgery is under debate, as well as the safe and effective training. This session will be attractive for future robotic thoracic surgeons.

- The current situation and potential of robotic thoracic surgery
- How to get the best from robotic thoracic surgery
- Safe and effective training for robotic surgery; education of future robotic surgeons
- Reasons of the rise in robotic thoracic surgery

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EXTREME THORACIC SURGERY SESSION

SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2017 16:00 - 17:00 h · BRÜSSEL

Chairpersons: Jaroslaw Kuzdzal (Krakow/PL)
Walter Klepetko (Vienna/AT)

In the recent years the spectacular progress in minimally invasive approaches has dominated the practice of thoracic surgery. However, there are still situations that need 'maximally invasive' or even 'extreme' thoracic surgery. This session addresses the problems inherent with this special type of surgery, and which are related to the training of young surgeons in these more rare procedures in the age of minimally invasive surgery.

- Extreme thoracic surgery - what does it mean?
- Should extreme thoracic surgery be performed in the era of minimally invasive approaches and progress of medical oncology?
- How much of centralization of extreme thoracic surgery is needed?
- Case presentations and Discussion

ESTS-ERAS JOINT SESSION

SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2017 17:00 - 18:00 h · TIROL

Chairpersons: Alessandro Brunelli (Leeds/UK)
Tim Batchelor (Bristol/UK)

ERAS and Patient-Centered Thoracic Surgery

In all surgical specialties there has been considerable interest in enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) over the last decade. ERAS is a multimodal perioperative care pathway whose aim is to speed recovery and improve outcomes in patients undergoing major surgery. In this session, the newly developed ESTS guidelines (produced in conjunction with the ERAS Society) will be introduced. Speakers with a track record in fast-track surgery will cover a number of important areas including improving fitness for surgery, the role of VATS within an ERAS pathway, and modern approaches to pain management.

The ERAS pathway provides guidance to all involved in perioperative care, helping them to work together to provide the best care.

- The concept of fast track and ERAS in thoracic surgery
- Prehabilitation and rehabilitation for thoracic surgical patients
- ERAS and surgical approaches in thoracic surgery
- Regional analgesia and adjuncts to pain management in thoracic surgery
- ERAS/ESTS Joint Guidelines: purposes, methods and summary of recommendations

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MASS CASUALTY: THE ROLE OF THE THORACIC SURGEON IN THE AGE OF TERRORISM

SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2017 17:00 - 18:00 h · BRÜSSEL

Chairpersons: Gilbert Massard (Strasbourg/FR)
Tamas Molnar (Pecs/HU)

Our contemporary world is marked by a ubiquitous risk of massive terrorism acts with consequent mass casualties. However, the European Thoracic Surgical community is not best prepared to face affluence of multiple wounded patients. This session provides first of all an estimation of the risk for terrorism acts and describes possible scenarios. We will then learn from a practical example which type of wounds we might see, and how surgical care should be organized from a point of view of a military surgeon. A final lecture will deal with the principles of damage control surgery. An exciting session about an increasingly present issue most of us will likely have to cope with.

- Epidemiology and mechanisms of terrorism
- Organization of pre-hospital care: point of view of a military surgeon
- How to handle massive affluence of severely wounded people: what we have learned in France
- Principles of damage control surgery

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - MONDAY 29 MAY

HANDS ON SESSIONS

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 07:00 - 08:00 h · GRENOBLE
TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 07:00 - 07:50 h · GRENOBLE
Organisers: Gilbert Massard (Strasbourg/FR)
Kostas Papagiannopoulos (Leeds/UK)

ESTS announces for the third year the provision of Hands on Sessions for delegates.

This course is running in collaboration with Industry Partners, within the Annual Conference, and it offers delegates a practical experience on latest technology and devices used in Thoracic Surgery.

This year the course will run in two successive cycles.

Station one: During this session there will be a 5-7 minute lecture on the current technology on bronchoscopic electromagnetic navigation systems. The delegates will have the opportunity to experience and train on the system as well as have answers on all questions regarding diagnostic benefits and future treatment benefits of such systems in the management of peripheral lung lesions endoscopically.

Station two: Airway management. In this session the delegates will be able to perform bronchoscopies, with rigid and flexible bronchoscopes and experience the full range of accessories utilized in the management of endobronchial pathology including stent placement and stent placement systems.

SUNRISE ACADEMY

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 07:00 - 08:00 h · BRÜSSEL - STRASSBURG

- How I deal with complex pleural empyema
- VATS segmentectomy revisited

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 07:00 - 07:50 h · BRÜSSEL - STRASSBURG

- How I manage difficult tracheal problems
- Surgical treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis: tips and tricks

NEW

The attendees can also benefit from the following thematic Hands-on + Sunrise Academy packages (Educational tracks) at a reduced price:

- **EDUCATIONAL TRACK 1:**
  "Trachea and airways"
  Sunrise Academy on Tuesday 30 May
  (How I manage difficult tracheal problems) + Hands on session on Monday 29 May

- **EDUCATIONAL TRACK 2:**
  "Contemporary issues in minimally invasive thoracic techniques"
  Sunrise Academy on Monday 29 May
  (VATS segmentectomy revisited) + Hands on session on Tuesday 30 May

- **EDUCATIONAL TRACK 3:**
  "Surgical management of infectious thoracic problems"
  Sunrise Academy on Tuesday 30 May
  (Surgical treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis: tips and tricks) + Sunrise Academy on Monday 29 May
  (How I deal with complex pleural empyema)

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INVITED LECTURE

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 11:00 -11:30 h · TIROL

Pursuing Excellence - the Spirit of Mayo Brothers

Stephen D Cassivi, MSc FRCSC FACS
Professor of Surgery
Vice Chair - Department of Surgery,
Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota/US

ESTS VOGT-MOYKOPF LECTURE

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 11:30 -11:50 h ·TIROL

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRESIDENT

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 11:55 -12:05 h · TIROL

Kostas Papagiannopoulos, MMED Thorax MD CTh
Leeds/UK
President Elect

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 12:05 -12:30 h · TIROL

Jaroslaw Kuzdzal, PhD, FETCS
Krakow/PL
President
'25th Anniversary Thoughts'

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JUNIOR LUNCH SYMPOSIUM

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 12:30 - 13:30 h · GRENOBLE

Chairpersons: Anna Frick (Leuven/BE)
Gilbert Massard (Strasbourg/FR)

The Junior Lunch Symposium is a dedicated session designed to facilitate debate and discussion on important issues facing thoracic surgical trainees. The session has an exciting mix of both clinical and research topics facilitated by both consultants and trainees.

Research

- How to find a research project and a suitable lab
- Experience with the Zurich fellowship

Training portfolio

- How to set up: example of Epiform
- How to evaluate a trainee's portfolio

Contemporary Learning

- Can e-learning replace classic teaching?
- Present and future of simulation training in surgery

SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 13:30 -18:00 h · STRASSBURG

Organisers: Thomas Schmid (Innsbruck/AT)
Britt Borregaard (Syddanmark/DK)
Liselotte Brahe (Aarhus/DK)
Malene Missel (Copenhagen/DK)
Christa Them (Innsbruck/AT)

A full day of specialized and research-based nursing in an international perspective

Topics

- Stigma, smoking and smoking cessation – the nurse's role
- Nursing care, training and interventions in the operating theatre
- Pre- and postoperative care for patients with:
  - Lung cancer
  - Lung transplantation
  - Emphysema
  - Mesothelioma
  - Lung metastases
  - Trauma
  - Esophageal cancer
  - Pectus excavatum / carinatum
  - Myasthenia gravis
  - Multi-diseases
- Rehabilitation
- Telemedicine, robotics and new technology
- Palliative care

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017:

Tour of Ward and ORs, Innsbruck University Hospital

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - MONDAY 29 MAY

ESTS BIOLOGY CLUB WORKSHOP FOR RESIDENTS

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 13:30 - 14:30 h · BRÜSSEL

Chairpersons: Isabelle Opitz (Zurich/CH)
Thorsten Walles (Germany/DE)

Transplantation Immunology

The success of lung transplantation was made possible for the past decade with immunosuppressive protocols using combination of drugs that significantly decreased the rate of acute organ rejection. Despite advances in surgical and medical care of recipients of solid-organ transplants, long-term graft survival and patient survival have not improved during the past two decades.

The Biology Club session of 2017 is dedicated to give an update about current immunosuppressive protocols after learning about the mechanisms behind and to present new concepts including research models.

Besides these educational contents, this year the Biology Club will select an applicant among ESTS members to sponsor the participation in a microsurgery course to learn lung transplant in a mouse model with potential extension to a 3 months' lung transplant research fellowship.

- Understanding the mechanisms of lung transplant immunology
- Immunosuppression – standard management and new concepts
- Physiologic models for transplant research
- Fellowship applicants:
  - Award for the course "International Microsurgical Course in Mouse Single Lung Transplantation"

ESTS - SBCT (Brazilian Society Of Thoracic Surgery) JOINT SESSION

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 16:00 - 17:00 h · TIROL

Chairpersons: Federico Venuta (Rome/IT) (ESTS)
Fernando Vannucci (Rio de Janeiro/BR) (SBCT)

Chest Wall Surgery in the 21st Century:
New Trends and Technologies

Thoracic Surgery is constantly evolving and just like as with all the fields of the specialty, recent technological innovations in chest wall procedures have remarkably contributed to reduce surgical morbidity and to improve early post-operative outcomes and late results as well.

In the last years, advanced minimally invasive surgical techniques and new options of reconstruction such as 3D printed models, latest fixation systems and other modern devices are valuable allies of the surgeon in the context of modern chest wall surgery.

- Techniques and materials for reconstruction of the chest wall after extended resections: from classic alternatives to cutting-edge technologies.
- Chest wall resection techniques: state of the art
- Chest wall stabilization in trauma patients: why, when and how?
- Revisiting Nuss procedure for chest wall deformities: are there new tips and tricks for better results?

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ESTS – JACS (Japanese Association of Chest Surgery) JOINT SESSION

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 17:00 - 18:00 h · INNSBRUCK

Chairpersons: Laureano Molins (Barcelona/ES) (ESTS)
Seiki Hasegawa (Nishinomiya/JP) (JACS)

New Technology for VATS Surgery

Video Assisted Thoracic Surgery (VATS) is today the preferred approach to most of the thoracic surgical procedures because of its less aggressiveness to the patient. To accomplish the best surgical results, a well applied technology is mandatory. In this session the attendants will obtain information about the most advanced tools available for VATS thoracic surgical procedures, coming from Europe and Japan.

- Vascular, lung and bronchial closure during VATS lobectomy
- Energy devices in Thoracic Surgery: European perspective
- Energy devices in Thoracic Surgery: Japanese perspective
- Marking for small pulmonary nodules (VAL-MAP, virtual assisted lung mapping)

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ESTS-CATS (Chinese Association of Thoracic Surgery) JOINT SESSION

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 08:00 - 09:30 H · BRÜSSEL

Chairpersons: Wentao Fang (Shanghai/CN) (ESTS)
Lunxu Liu (Chengdu/CN) (CATS)

The 'Hotpot' of MITS - Current and Future

Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery has become the recommended approach in almost all thoracic procedures, given its benefit in safety and plausibility, similar oncological outcomes, improved post-operative recovery, and better quality of life. In recent years, the concept of minimally invasive thoracic surgery (MITS) has evolved in several directions, including uniport or needlescope VATS, subxiphoid approach, robot-assisted surgery with the aim to further reduce surgical risk and trauma. Also MITS is no longer limited to routine thoracic procedures but are now exploring its potential in extended resections and reconstructions. It is still unclear which of these would become the future of MITS, but surely they represent an unremitting endeavor in improving our surgical techniques for the benefit of our patients. Presented here are experiences and perspectives from both Europe and China along the road. The topics are spicy and tasteful, just like the famous Hotpot in China.

- Uniport VATS
- Subxiphoid VATS
- Robotic thoracic surgery
- VATS extended resection and reconstruction
- Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) in VATS
- VATS surgical videos
  - Uniport VATS lobectomy
  - VATS sleeve resection
  - Total thoracoscopic esophagectomy

CHALLENGING ONCOLOGIC CASES IN THORACIC SURGERY: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TUMOUR BOARD SESSION

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 08:00 - 09:30 h · TIROL

Chairman: Alan Sihoe (Hong Kong/CN)
MDT Panel: Medical Oncologist: Bogdan Grigoriu (Iasi/RO)
ERS oncologist/pulmonologist
Radiation Oncologist: Paul Van Houtte (Brussels/BE)
Thoracic Surgeon: Eric Lim (London/UK)

Objective

- In modern Thoracic Oncology, therapeutic approaches (including surgery) are no longer 'stand-alone' entities, but must work in conjunction with each other to offer the best care to patients
- Management via a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Tumour Board is nowadays the standard of care, and will be demonstrated in this session.
- The MDT Panel is made up of leading European representatives from the fields of medical oncology, radiation oncology and thoracic surgery – and will provide a lively, education discussion of the key issues

Format

- Real-life complex thoracic oncology cases will be presented to the MDT Panel for discussion of the optimal management.
- Audience participation through voting and engaging in the discussion will be an integral part of this session.
- Three challenging cases will be presented by invited surgeons, with choice of four possible management options suggested to the audience for consideration for each case
  - Before discussion:
    - Audience votes for their preferred management
  - After discussion:
    - MDT Panel announces their consensus plan
    - Audience votes again after hearing the discussion
    - Results of audience votes before and after discussion revealed
    - Actual outcome revealed by presenter

Audience

- This session is aimed at all clinicians working with Thoracic Oncology patients
- The discussion should appeal to clinicians of all levels from trainees to experts

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - TUESDAY 30 MAY

THE ROLE OF THORACIC SURGERY IN THE AGE OF IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR LUNG CANCER

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 10:00 - 11:00 h · INNSBRUCK

Chairpersons: Isabelle Opitz (Zurich/CH)
Silvia Novello (Turin/IT)

The aim of the session is to give a comprehensive insight into new immunotherapeutic approaches for NSCLC and other thoracic malignancies. Besides background information about the immune system and how it targets cancer, biomarkers for response prediction will be discussed as well as current state of the art and ongoing trials will be presented.

- How cancer and immune system talk with each other: the background of immuno-oncology
- State of the art: where we are for stage IV NSCLC
- The importance of biomarkers for prediction
- Exploring new settings for immunotherapy

ESTS - IASLC (International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer) JOINT SESSION

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 11:00 - 12:00 h · INNSBRUCK

Chairpersons: Paul De Leyn (Leuven/BE) (ESTS)
Hisao Asamura (Tokyo/JP) (IASLC)

Centrally Located NSCLC

Although the term centrally located is used in strategies for staging and treatment of NSCLC there are different definitions and no consensus on which definition to use. In this session we will also discuss the techniques of sleeve resections for centrally located NSCLC and potential benefit of surgical induction treatment for centrally located NSCLC.

- Definition, diagnosis, nodal staging
- Sleeve resection for centrally located tumors. Technical issues
- Surgical multimodality treatment for centrally located tumors

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - TUESDAY 30 MAY

EXTRAORDINARY GUEST LECTURE

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 12:00 - 12:20 h · TIROL

LECTURE IN MEMORY OF PROF GRIFFITH PEARSON

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 12:20 - 12:30 h · TIROL

Dr Shaf Keshavjee MD MSc FRCSC FACS
Surgeon-in-Chief at United Health Network in Toronto Ontario, the Director of the Toronto Lung Transplant Program, Clinical Scientist and Professor with the University of Toronto.

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ESTS - STS (Society of Thoracic Surgeons) JOINT SESSION

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 13:30 - 15:00 h · INNSBRUCK

Chairpersons: Douglas Wood (Seattle/US) (ESTS)
Michael Weyant (Denver/US) (STS)

Management of Airway Pathology

The management of airway pathology is a challenging area for thoracic surgeons. The joint ESTS-STS session this year is dedicated to the discussion of the diagnosis and management of airway pathology. The content presented in this unique session will represent the latest advances and clinical experience in the area of airway disease. The speakers in this session are worldwide renowned experts in the international community of thoracic surgery.

- Treatment of idiopathic laryngotracheal stenosis
- Therapeutic bronchoscopy of tracheal resection and reconstruction
- Diagnosis and management of tracheobronchial malacia
- Tracheal replacement therapy – where are we?
- Management of primary tracheobronchial tumours
- Surgical techniques of bronchial sleeve and carinal resections
- New technology in non-operative management of airway pathology

INFECTIOUS THORACIC DISEASES SESSION

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 16:30 - 17:30 h · INNSBRUCK

Chairpersons: Ali Zamir Khan (Gurgaon/IN)
Igor Polyakov (Krasnodar/RU)

Thoracic surgery is not only oncologic surgery. In most countries infectious thoracic diseases play a prominent role, sometimes even outnumbering lung cancer. Pulmonary tuberculosis is a major social and health problem in many countries. Even in western countries mass migrations resurrected almost forgotten infectious thoracic diseases. The modern thoracic surgeon needs to know how to manage infectious thoracic diseases, and ancient techniques learned from our mentors need not to be forgotten. This interesting session is designed to offer to our young colleagues the instruments to deal with these emerging diseases.

- The role of thoracic surgery in modern days pulmonary tuberculosis
- Surgery for chest wall infections and sinuses and techniques of closure of post-infectious chest wall defects.
- Surgery for hydatid diseases of the lung: VATS and open approaches
- VATS decortication for pleural empyema
- Management of cold abscess and fungal infections
- Thoracoplasty: a lost art which needs not to be forgotten

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY 31 MAY

ESTS-ERS JOINT SESSION

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017 08:30 - 10:00 h · BRÜSSEL

Chairpersons: Dirk Van Raemdonck (Leuven/BE)
HERMES Co-Chair, ESTS

Gilbert Massard (Strasbourg/FR)
HERMES Co-Chair, ERS

Training of European Thoracic Surgeons in the 21st Century

This symposium will provide an update on training in thoracic surgery in Europe. A first presentation reports on an audit on the huge variability of duration and content of training programs. The following presentations refer to the unique opportunity offered to ESTS, represented by a joint task force with the European Respiratory Society within the framework of the HERMES program (Harmonized Education in Respiratory Medicine for European Specialists). After commenting on the general philosophy of HERMES task forces, we will describe the methodology and its subsequent steps: definition of syllabus, description of the curriculum, learning outcome measurements, accreditation of training programs. The task force group is happy to present its first results, consisting of the training syllabus. The trainee's representative will elaborate on the trainees view on training and European mobility. A final talk will describe teaching of manual skills tomorrow.

- Why we need harmonization of training over the European space
- How the HERMES initiative met the needs
- Methodology of HERMES Task Force projects
- ERS-ESTS HERMES Task Force on Thoracic Surgery: where do we stand
- Harmonization of training and mobility from the trainees perspective
- How should we learn and teach manual skills in the future?

ESTS – DACH JOINT SESSION

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017 10:00 - 11:30 h · TIROL

Chairpersons: Jorg Hutter (Salzburg/AT)
Thomas Schmid (Innsbruck/AT)

VATS and Beyond

VATS has developed from simple resections to interventions hardly imaginable years ago. Currently we have achieved a status where technical skills are more and more driven by technological developments.

We invite you to this tripartite session of the German, Austrian and Swiss Thoracic Societies. In the so-called DACH-Session at the ESTS meeting, we will give an overview on Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery covering the esophagus, lung and mediastinum. We do not only set the focus on the past and the present but have a deeper look on future developments, technology and science in this field of surgery.

- VATS - Technology and new devices
- VATS - Scientific evidence
- VATS - The journey to less invasiveness
- VATS - Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy

ESTS OFFICIAL SESSIONS

OPENING CEREMONY INDUSTRY
SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2017 12:00 - 13:00 h · EXHIBITION AREA

OPENING CEREMONY
SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2017 18:00 - 18:45 h · TIROL

OFFICIAL OPENING
MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 08:10 -08:15 h · TIROL

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY 29 MAY 2017 08:15 -08:30 h · TIROL

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017 17:30 - 18:00 h · TIROL

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LUNCH SIMPOSIUM

MONDAY 29 MAY 2017
12:30-13:30 h

Baxter — INNSBRUCK

FUJIFILM — STRASSBURG

KLS martin GROUP — BRÜSSEL

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017
12:30-13:30 h

INTUITIVE SURGICAL® — BRÜSSEL

Medtronic — INNSBRUCK

SIEMENS — STRASSBURG

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Please submit your abstract via:
http://cpaper.ctimeetingtech.com/ests2017

Please follow the instructions given on-line, otherwise your abstract cannot be selected for review. A summary of the guidelines is as follows:

- The abstract language is English
- The text should be not more than 300 words
- The use of 1 table or 1 graph is possible
- The abstract must consist of four paragraphs labelled: OBJECTIVE, METHODS, RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS
- The text and the title should be free from abbreviations, except those commonly used. It should concisely address the problem and the purpose of the study (OBJECTIVE); how the study was performed (METHODS); the main findings with numerical data and statistical significance (RESULTS); and the principal conclusions drawn from the study (CONCLUSIONS)
- The title of the abstract should be printed in CAPITAL LETTERS; the name(s) of the author(s) should be preceded by the full first name (middle name Initial optional) - omit titles. The number of authors is unlimited.
- Since the abstracts will be judged anonymously, the text should not reveal the institutional affiliation
- Mark the category which best describes the subject of your abstract
- The material should not have been published, or presented at any international meeting before, nor submitted to another meeting during the same period.
- Only co-authors are allowed to present the paper

  4 types of abstracts will be considered:
  - Oral/Forum/Poster
  - Videos
  - Case reports
  - Nurse symposium

Abstracts will not be accepted by e-mail or fax
All abstracts should be submitted and posted according to the format and instructions described above no later than Monday 09 January 2017, 23:59 CET

The programme committee will meet 10-11 February 2017. The best abstracts are selected based on the average score by the reviewers from two rounds (one round for case reports and videos) and allocated for presentations as oral, forum, case report, video or poster, nurse symposium. Abstract acceptance and programme scheduling will be communicated to the corresponding author's e-mail address early March 2017.

For your abstract to be included in the final scientific programme, it is mandatory to register for the congress and to settle payment as soon as you have received the notification of abstract acceptance.
Please check the eligibility for prize awards.

The presenter of an accepted abstract will also be asked to complete a form to be signed at the time of uploading the presentation to state whether his/her presentation can be released or cancelled after the meeting

Abstracts will be published in an online supplement of the Interactive Journal for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION - INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

IMPORTANT:

ESTS expects that all speakers presenting in ORAL sessions and the Brompton and Young Investigator Award sessions to **submit full manuscripts online** for review to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) by **1 September 2017**. Moreover the prize winners in all other prize sessions must **submit full manuscripts online** for review to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) **by 1 September 2017.**

Note that the Programme Committee will consider the previous manuscript submission record of ALL speakers when preparing future ESTS meetings.

THE FIRST AUTHOR OF ABSTRACTS IN ORAL AND PRIZE WINNING SESSIONS WHO DOES NOT SUBMIT HIS/HER MANUSCRIPT TO EJCTS BY 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AT THE NEXT ESTS ANNUAL MEETING

Submission for review of forum, case report, and video or poster presentations to either EJCTS or ICVTS is optional but welcomed.

Manuscripts should be prepared and submitted according to the Instructions to Authors

- **EJCTS**
- **ICVTS**

The manuscript submission is online only at: https://ejcts.oxfordjournals.org/

Please mention "Presented at the 25th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Innsbruck, Austria, 28 -31 May 2017," on the title page of the manuscript.

ESTS requires that all speakers competing for the Brompton & Young Investigators Prizes sessions submit full manuscripts by e-mail to the ESTS Executive Director (sue@ests.org.uk) one month before the meeting at the latest, since these papers are included in the total scoring by the jury. The audio-visual recording of the scientific presentations will be the property of the ESTS.

ORAL AND FORUM SESSIONS

Oral papers are allocated 8 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 7 minutes. Forum papers are allocated a presentation time of 7 minutes followed by a discussion period of 3 minutes. Please note that only data projection will be available.

INTERACTIVE CASE PRESENTATION SESSION

The programme committee invites submissions of case reports for interactive presentation.
It is an opportunity for any thoracic surgeon, particularly trainees and young surgeons, to present a case for discussion by the meeting and the experts who will be present. We encourage you to submit cases that are of interest in any of the followings:

- An uncommon clinical problem
- A particularly challenging problem of diagnosis or management
- An innovative surgical technique
- A clinical lesson
- A particularly illustrative case of interest for the thoracic community

The interactive presentations should be 5 minutes long including interactive discussion of 10 minutes. Video clips are welcomed but must be included within the time limit. The speaker should present the clinical case only, NOT a literature review or case series.
We would like you to explain in the abstract (300 words) what your case is about, what you think is of special interest for the audience and its clinical implications.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION - INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

POSTER SESSION

A number of abstracts will be selected as electronic posters. There will be a moderated session for the top scoring posters.
A number of case reports will also be considered for electronic poster presentations
The selected moderated posters are allocated 3 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 2 minutes.

VIDEO SESSION

Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average-quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration and it will be followed by a 3-minute discussion. The following formats are supported to upload:

PC formats: .WMV - .AVI - .MPG and MP4
MAC formats: .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the principal surgeon is a requirement of participation.
Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.

NURSE SYMPOSIUM

Abstracts for the Symposium for Nurses should be submitted online using the same system as other abstracts. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words. Videos can be considered and they should be uploaded online.

Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average-quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration followed by a 3-minute discussion. The following formats are supported to upload:

PC formats: .WMV - .AVI - .MPG and MP4
MAC formats: .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the presenting nurse is a requirement of participation.

Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.

NO-SHOW AND WITHDRAWALS

Presenter: please note that if you accept to present your paper and then subsequently do not show up for presentation at the meeting in Innsbruck, you will be excluded from presenting at the next three annual ESTS meetings. If you are experiencing any unexpected problems to attend the meeting, please notify the Program Committee and ask one of your co-authors to replace you as presenter of the abstract. Only co-authors may present.

If you WITHDRAW your presentation less than four weeks prior to the meeting, after Friday 28 April 2017, the Presenter will be considered as No-Show

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DUPLICATE SUBMISSION

We will use special software to check for duplicate submission. Duplicate submission will be defined according to the below indicated joint statement.
For duplicate submission, the first author will be excluded from presenting abstracts to the next three ESTS meetings. The first author will not be permitted to be included in the list of authors for the next three years.

JOINT STATEMENT ON REDUNDANT (DUPLICATE) PUBLICATION BY THE EDITORS OF THE UNDERSIGNED CARDIOTHORACIC JOURNALS

Full Text: http://www.jtcvsonline.org/article/S0022-5223(15)01306-9/fulltext

The co-signatory Editors hereby declare that they adhere to a process of information exchange and cooperation aimed at eliminating redundant (duplicate) publication in their journals.
Briefly, redundant publication is a paper that overlaps substantially with one submitted elsewhere or published without adequate cross-referencing and justification. We consider redundant publication to be unethical for the following reasons: The author unjustifiably receives 2 or more citations for only 1 article; the time of unpaid peer reviewers and editors is wasted on duplicate submissions; the burden of extra work slows the peer review process; the already extensive scientific literature is further inflated making literature search even more cumbersome; valuable journal pages are wasted. Furthermore, meta-analysis of multiple studies may become flawed when the same material is published repeatedly.

We intend to combat redundant publication by: using electronic search applications to identify potential duplications; sending doubtful papers for review by other journal editors; exchanging information about conference submissions and joint collaboration in programme committees; publishing joint statements exposing offenders in clear cut cases; imposing bans where necessary; and following up on potential copyright infringements.
For the purposes of this declaration, redundant publication is defined as follows:

- 1. The numbers or sample sizes are similar.
- 2. The methodology is identical or nearly so.
- 3. The results are similar.
- 4. At least 1 author is common to both reports.
- 5. Little or no new information is made available.

To classify as redundant publication all of points 1-5 must apply. Exceptions may include publications in local or regional journals, abstracts at scientific meetings, or original publication in a language other than English. The authors must bring these exceptions to the Editor's attention. The Editor's judgment decides if points 1-5 apply for a specific case. The authors will be informed, and will be given the opportunity to respond. Because redundant publication constitutes serious academic misbehavior, instances may be reported to specialty society ethics committees for review and possible disciplinary action.

We hope that the authorship of our journals and the scientific community at large will support us in this endeavour, which we believe to be in the best interests of all.

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PRIZES AND AWARDS

The following prizes will be awarded:

- **ESTS – Brompton Prize – 2000 EUR**

The Brompton Prize is offered for the best thoracic presentation by an ESTS member, first author, at the Brompton Session and comes courtesy of the Trustees of the fund initiated by Professor Peter Goldstraw. It is an annual prize instituted at the 8th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery held in London November 2000.
The winner will be asked to give a one minute summary without slides of their study during the award ceremony at the Gala Dinner.

- **ESTS – Young Investigator Award – 2000 EUR**

To stimulate research, ESTS has instituted a prize for the best presentation on topics of clinical or experimental research in the field of thoracic surgery by an ESTS member below the age of 35.
The winner will be asked to give a one minute summary without slides of their study during the award ceremony at the Gala Dinner.

- **ESTS – Grillo Prize – 1000 EUR**

The prize is offered to the best abstract in the session "Experimental/ Innovative Techniques" and is named after our deceased honorary member Hermes Grillo (Boston). The prize was initially awarded in 2009 by Professor Douglas Mathisen of the Massachusetts General Hospital, a colleague and friend of Professor Hermes Grillo.

- **ESTS – Greek Pioneers Prize – 500 EUR**

This prize is offered for the best poster presentation and comes courtesy of a fund chaired by Dr Kalliopi Athanassiadi in the name of the first three Greek thoracic surgeons.

- **ESTS – JACS Award – 1000 EUR**

This prize is offered to the best abstract by an ESTS member from an Asian Institute.

- **ESTS – DGT Travel Grant – 1000 EUR**

This grant is offered by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Thoraxchirurgie (DGT) and was created to support a member of ESTS from a low- to middle-income-country, who is below the age of 40 and is the first author of an abstract.

- **ESTS – Dutch Society for Lung Surgery Travel Grant – 1000 EUR**

This grant is offered by the Dutch Society for Lung Surgery and was created to support a young abstract presenter from a low-middle income country.

- **ESTS – FSTCVS Travel Grant – 1000 EUR**

This grant is offered by the French Society for Thoracic and Cardio-vascular Surgery. It will be offered to the best oral presentation of clinical work by an author below the age of 35 from a low-middle-income country.

- **SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES**

Prize will be offered for the best oral abstract presentation

- **ESTS - AME Prize**

This is awarded for the best overall performance by a trainee member in the Postgraduate Course Master's Cup Competition who wins an expenses paid one month attachment to a leading Thoracic Surgery Unit in China. The prize comes courtesy of AME Publishing Company.

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