



EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY

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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



Naples 2016 is a Paperless Meeting



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Gonzalo Varela
ESTS President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends

On behalf of the Councillors and the Program Committee of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Naples, the largest city in southern Italy and often called an open-air museum, for the 24th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery.

Again we expect this meeting will be the largest in the World fully dedicated to Thoracic Surgery. We have been enthusiastically working to develop an appealing program under the leadership of Enrico Ruffini, Director of the Program Committee. This year we are including a new edition of the Europe, America and Asia collaborative Post-Graduate Course, interesting monographic sessions in cooperation with allied Societies and many sessions where you can bring the results of your investigations for presentation and discussion with colleagues from different countries. We are also happy to organise again a session specially dedicated to our trainees and a symposium for allied professionals working with thoracic patients. As in the previous meetings, the most renowned specialists from all around the World will be attending and will be available for discussing ideas and projects between sessions. This personal contact with colleagues and also with our industry partners, is a source for improving knowledge and skills and a great occasion for making new friends from different parts of the World.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to greet you personally in Naples and I hope that the efforts of the whole Organizing Committee, moderators, guest speakers and participants will contribute to our personal and professional enrichment and improved outcomes for our patients.





Gaetano Rocco
Chairman of the ESTS
Local Organising Committee

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues, Guests and Friends
When they come to the South of Italy, foreigners are saddened twice – when they arrive and when they leave. This quote from a recent Italian movie gives an inspired picture of the magic that pervades each visit to Naples. Indeed, there are only a few other places in the world where Nature and History blend in such a unique, fascinating mix. A mix of cultures, flavors, colors – a bit like the ESTS. And, like Naples with its ever increasing population of tourists, ESTS is ready to welcome in the City its ever increasing Membership that makes this organization the largest pure Thoracic Surgical Society worldwide. Our delegates will be overwhelmed by eruptive personality of the good-natured Neapolitans and the mitigated climate of the Mediterranean Spring which attracted the Greek settlements when Naples was known as Parthenope. Naples - a place with a different pace, a different philosophy of life, enchanting like the blue ocean along Castel dell'Ovo, or intriguing like the multicolored cuisine served in a multitude of restaurants and pizzerias. The ESTS Leadership and the Local Organizing Committee are excited at the idea to offer the combination of absolute scientific value with a hopefully unsurpassable social program. We are committed to make the 2016 ESTS Annual meeting a memorable one so that delegates will look back with a smile and think: Only in Naples.



SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES

Monday 30 May and Tuesday 31 May 2016

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the 3rd Symposium for Nurses. Due to the previous success, we will repeat this gathering, this time in Naples. Here we can share scientific knowledge as well as enjoy the beauties of our wonderful city.

The purpose of this meeting is to share knowledge of evidence-based practice in thoracic nursing and physiotherapy with a view to improving patient care and advancing health outcomes. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their expertise in clinical practice and their knowledge with others to generate new perspectives.

The interdisciplinary nature of the conference is intended to provide a comprehensive over-view of thoracic surgery and other specialized aspects of care.

Please help us to enrich this experience by submitting your abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS IS FROM 1 DECEMBER 2015 TO 8 JANUARY 2016
Please submit abstract via <http://abstracts.webges.com/ests2016>

The scientific program will be composed of invited keynote speakers, oral presentations and a poster session.

When participating in the nursing program, you are welcome to join the other scientific sessions as well.

Sunday 29 May 2016 the Surgeons Postgraduate Session will take place. North and South America, Asia and Europe are competing for the Masters Cup followed by the Opening Ceremony and Reception.

Tuesday 31 May 2016 we are delighted to invite you to the tour of Thoracic Surgical Ward and ORs Istituto Nazionale Tumori, Fondazione Pascale IRCCS.

Topics for the Symposium for Nurses include:

- Continuity of care of cancer patients
- The role of physical rehabilitation in thoracic surgery
- Nursing for octogenarians - the need for a comprehensive geriatric assessment
- Nursing and the implementation of a smoking cessation policy
- New interpretation of nursing in the outpatient clinic: from chest drain management to wound care and beyond
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- User-friendliness and ergonomics of surgical devices in the OR
- The role of nurses' assessment pre-dismissal - when to send patients home?
- EMR - Electronic medical records: paperless, finally
- The role of research nurse in clinical trials
- Intra-operative emergencies

We are looking forward to welcoming you to some wonderful days with scientific empowerment.

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY 28 MAY

16:00 19:30
Registration Open

SUNDAY 29 MAY

08:25 09:00	Postgraduate Symposium
09:00 09:30	Session 1
09:30 10:00	
10:00 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 11:00	
11:00 11:30	Postgraduate Symposium Session 2
11:30 12:00	
12:20 12:30	Opening Ceremony Industry
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13:00 13:30	Database and Quality Certification
13:30 14:15	
14:15 14:45	Coffee Break
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15:00 15:30	Postgraduate Symposium Session 3
15:30 16:00	
16:00 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 17:00	Postgraduate Symposium Session 4
17:00 17:40	
17:40 18:00	Announcement of Winners
18:00 18:20	
18:30 19:00	Opening Ceremony
19:00 20:30	Welcome Reception

MONDAY 30 MAY

07:30 08:00		BFS 1	BFS 2	BFS 3
08:00 08:20				
08:30 09:00	Session I Brompton Session	Nurse Symposium Lectures I		
09:00 09:30		Coffee Break		
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09:40 10:00				
10:00 10:30		Nurse Symposium Abstract Session I (Oral)		
10:30 11:00	Coffee Break			
11:00 11:30	Invited Lecture			
11:30 12:00	ESTS-Vogl-Royall Lecture Introduction to the President Presidential Address	Nurse Symposium Lectures II		
12:00 12:30				
12:30 13:00	Session II Videos I	Lunch Break	Junior Lunch Symposium	Lunch Symposium
13:00 13:30				
13:30 13:45				
13:45 14:00	Session III Pulmonary Non-Neoplastic	Nurse Symposium Abstract Session II (Oral)		ESTS - CHEST WALL Working Group Session
14:00 14:30				
14:30 15:00			Coffee Break	
15:00 15:30	Coffee Break			
15:30 16:00	Session V Young Investigators Award	Coffee Break		Coffee Break
16:00 16:30			Biology Club	ESTS-JACS Joint Session
16:30 17:00				
17:00 17:10				
17:10 17:30		Nurse Symposium Abstract Session III (Posters)		
17:30 18:00				
18:00 18:10				
18:10 18:30	ESTS-AMCT Joint Session			
18:30 19:00			Session VI Innovative Experimental	Session VII Moderated Posters
19:00 19:30				
19:30 20:00	Oscar Night Video Session			
20:00 20:30				

- Ticketed Practical Sessions
- Invited Lectures / Sessions
- Abstract Sessions
- Postgraduate Symposium Sessions
- Industry Sessions
- Breaks
- Networking Events
- Breakfast Sessions

TUESDAY 31 MAY

07:30 08:00	ESTS-Canadian Thoracic Surgery Session			BFS 4	BFS 5	BFS 6	
08:00 08:20							
08:20 08:30							
08:30 09:00	ESTS - IASLC Joint Session	SESSION VIII Mixed Thoracic I	Session IX Pulmonary Neoplastic II				
09:00 09:30		Coffee Break					
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10:30 11:00	Coffee Break	ESTS - CATS Video Session		Infectious Thoracic Diseases Session			
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11:30 12:00	Session X Mixed Thoracic II						
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12:30 13:00	Extraordinary Guest Lecture						
13:00 13:30	Session XI Videos II	Patient Safety and QoL Working Group Session					
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14:00 14:30	Session XII Interesting Cases						
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15:00 15:30	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Session XIV Airway Transplantation	Lunch Symposium			
15:30 16:00	Session XV Chest Wall/ Diaphragm/ Pleura	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break			
16:00 16:30		ESTS - STS Joint Session		Session XIII Esophagus/ Mediastinum			
16:30 17:00		Session XVI MITIG VATS Resections					
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17:30 18:00	General Assembly						
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19:30 20:00	ESTS Gala Dinner (at own expense)						
20:00 23:00							

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE

07:30 08:00						
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08:30 09:00	Session XVII Videos III					
09:00 09:30	Coffee Break		ESTS School AI The Congress: First Session		ESTS School AI The Congress: First Session	
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10:45 11:15	ESTS - SICr Joint Session		Coffee Break		Coffee Break	
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

POSTGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM ON GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY

Sunday, 29 May 2016 08:20|12:00 - 14:45|18:20

Organisers: **Jaroslav Kuzdzal** (Krakow/PL), **Alan Sihoe** (Hong Kong/CN)

The Format

- The Postgraduate Course aims to educate and update knowledge in Thoracic Surgery through a fun and friendly competition format
- Teams compete to answer questions based around challenging but clinically relevant case scenarios
- Questions are designed to be informative but also thought provoking
- Answers will be based on the ESTS Textbook - ensuring the educational value of this event

The Teams

- Teams from Europe, the Americas (North and South), and Asia will compete to win the Masters Cup
- Teams go head-to-head in 3 Rounds of competition, with the top 2 Teams advancing to the Final Round
- In each Round, each Team fields 3 Trainees supported by 3 leading Thoracic Surgeons from that continent
- As an added incentive this year, the Trainee with the Best Performance in the competition will win an expenses-paid attachment to a leading Thoracic Surgery unit in China

The Audience

- The Postgraduate Symposium is aimed at surgeons and nurses at all levels of experience: from trainees to experts
- To stimulate active interaction, the audience is randomly allocated to support one of the 3 competing Teams
- Audience members can make suggestions and comments to the team they support via an app on their own mobile phones or tablet computers: your opinion can make a difference
- All audience members supporting the eventual winning Team will win a "surprise" - so make sure you get behind your Team!
- The app will also allow audience members to vote on their own choice of the correct answer: the audience members with the most correct answers at the end of the day will also win a prize

DATABASE AND QUALITY CERTIFICATION SESSION

Sunday 29 May 2016 13:00|14:15

Organisers: **Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz** (Strasbourg/FR)

Alessandro Brunelli (Leeds/UK)

- ESTS Database: 2016 Annual Report
- Institutional accreditation
- How to adapt the Hungarian Model? The Brazilian Model
- The Chest Wall satellite database
- Dutch Lung Surgery Audit: the benefits and opportunities of a national audit
- Perspective and interest in the use of the ESTS Database in China

Abstract presentation:

abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session



BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Organiser: **Gilbert Massard** (Strasbourg/FR)

Monday 30 May 2016, 07:30|08:20

- **How I do it**
Minimally invasive anatomic segmentectomy :
tips and tricks
- **Pro and Con**
Which is the best approach to pectus excavatum
The NUSS technique is the new universal standard
RAVITCH procedure is the most versatile
- **The 4 best papers I read last year NEW!!!**
2 experts present 4 papers each in 20 min + discussion
Best papers in thoracic oncology
Best papers in non-oncologic chest disorders

Tuesday 31 May 2016, 07:30|08:20

- **State of the art**
Molecular biology for dummies
- **Pro and Con**
The best invasive treatment for emphysema is
 - minimally invasive lung volume reduction
 - endoscopic techniques
- **How I do it**
Non-invasive ventilation on the surgical ward

SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES

Monday 30 May 2016, 08:30|18:30

Organisers: **Gaetano Rocco**, MD (Naples/IT)
Nicola Martucci, MD (Naples/IT)
Jayne Bryce, RN (Naples/IT)

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

TOPICS

- Continuity of care of cancer patients
- The role of physical rehabilitation in Thoracic Surgery
- Nursing for octogenarians - the need for a comprehensive geriatric assessment
- Nursing and the implementation of a smoking cessation policy
- New interpretation of nursing in the outpatient clinic: from chest drain management to wound care and beyond
- User-friendliness and ergonomics of surgical devices in the OR and management of intraoperative emergencies
- The role of nurses' assessment pre-dismissal: when to send patients home?
- EMR- electronic medical records: paperless, finally
- The role of research nurse in clinical trials
- **Two sessions of oral abstract presentations**
- **One session of moderated posters**

Tuesday 31 May 2016, 10:00|11:00

Tour of Thoracic Surgical ward and OR's Istituto Nazionale Tumori, Fondazione Pascale IRCCS



INVITED LECTURE

Monday 30 May 2016, 11:00|11:30

ESTS VOGT - MOYKOPF LECTURE

Monday 30 May 2016, 11:30|11:50

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRESIDENT

Monday 30 May 2016, 11:55|12:05



Jaroslaw Kuzdzal, Krakow/PL
President Elect

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

"Books, Songs and Thoracic Surgery"

Monday 30 May 2016, 12:05|12:30



Gonzalo Varela, Salamanca/ ES
President

JUNIOR LUNCH SYMPOSIUM

Monday 30 May 2016, 12:30|14:00

Organisers: **Philip McElnay** (Newcastle/UK), **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.

Working outside your primary country of training

- Organising an intra-European fellowship
- Organising an extra-European fellowship

Training across Europe: Debate

- We need pure thoracic surgery training
- We need mixed thoracic/cardiac/abdominal training

Research across Europe

- Research funding in Europe
- Achieving agreement across a continent:
how European guidelines are made



ESTS CHEST WALL WORKING GROUP

Monday 30 May 2016, 13:45|15:30

Organisers: **Marco Scarci** (Cambridge/UK), **Gaetano Rocco** (Naples/IT)

- The evolution of chest wall surgery, why a chest wall group?
- 3D printing in chest wall pathologies
- Extensive chest wall reconstruction for cancer: from conventional to innovative techniques
- Nuss result from a large database: the need for a registry

Abstract presentations:

abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

ESTS BIOLOGY CLUB WORKSHOP FOR RESIDENTS

Monday 30 May 2016, 15:30|17:30

Organisers: **Isabelle Opitz** (Zurich/CH), **Gaetano Rocco** (Naples/IT)

We are happy to announce the 2016 ESTS Biology Club session as a follow up of the successful updates on translational research topics during the previous ESTS meetings. We are looking forward to seeing you in Naples to be kept abreast of translational and clinical oncological research. Moreover, you will have the chance to listen to the next generation of thoracic surgeons applying for the Biology Club Scholarship.

- The missing link in translational thoraco-oncologic research
- Liquid biopsy: the new frontier?
- Cost effectiveness of individualized medicine
- Best drugs-best outcomes?

Abstract presentations:

abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session



ESTS - Japanese Association of Chest Surgery (JACS)

JOINT SESSION

Monday 30 May 2016, 16:00|18:00

Organisers: **Michael Mueller** (Vienna/AT), **Seiki Hasegawa** (Nishinomiya/JP)

- The history and current status of general thoracic surgery in Japan in relation to interaction with European countries and USA
- The risk evaluation of lung resection for lung cancer patients associated with interstitial pneumonia based on nation-wide database study by JACS
- The current diagnostic and therapeutic strategy for lung cancer with the early stage and the ongoing clinical trials.
- Advanced thymoma. What is the current role of surgery?
- Modern definition and treatment strategies of Pancoast tumors
- Endoscopic diagnostic approach in ground- glass opacities

Abstract presentations:

abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

VATS - RATS SESSION

Monday 30 May 2016, 17:00|19:00

Organisers: **Hasan Batirel** (Istanbul/TK), **Ali Zamir Khan** (Gurgaon/IN)

- Robotic approach for unusual mediastinal lesions/masses
- VATS lung resection for benign diseases
- Robotic with chest wall/Pancoast resection
- VATS for clinical T3 tumors
- VATS lobectomy simulators and VATS education
- Management of complications during robotic assisted thoracic resections (RATS)

Abstract presentations:

abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session



ESTS - Asociación Iberoamericana de Cirugía Torácica (AIACT)
JOINT SESSION

Monday 30 May 2016, 17:30|19:00

Organisers: **Gunda Leschber** (Berlin/DE), **Rodrigo Pablo Aparicio** (Santiago/CL)

- Management of Chest Trauma
- Pre and Post operative use of a new orthosis and exercises in the correction of Pectus Excavatum
- Sympathectomy: Indications and results
- Pleural Empyema and VATS decortication

Abstract presentations:
 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

OSCAR NIGHT VIDEO SESSION

Monday 30 May 2016, 19:00|20:30

Organisers: **Alper Toker** (Istanbul/TK), **M Blair Marshall** (Washington DC/US)

This session will highlight the highest scored videos submitted by a surgeon less than 40 years of age. Oscars will be awarded to the best in the categories of scientific content and overall video quality. Needless to say, the Oscar Night will include red carpet and paparazzi.

ESTS - Canadian Association of Thoracic Surgery
JOINT SESSION

Tuesday 31 May 2016, 07:30|08:30

Organisers: **Sean Grondin** (Calgary/CA), **Laureano Molins** (Barcelona/ES)

- Zenker's diverticulum: open vs endoscopic approach
- Surgery of Myasthenia Gravis: Which is the best approach?
- Sympathectomy for facial blushing or reflex sympathetic dystrophy
- Ideal management of postoperative air leaks

Abstract presentations:
 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

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

Tuesday 31 May 2016, 08:30|10:30

Organisers: **Paul De Leyn** (Leuven/BE), **Ramon Rami Porta** (Terrassa/ES)

- Current practice in invasive mediastinal staging: EBUS/EUS
- Current practice in invasive mediastinal staging:
when to go beyond mediastinoscopy
- Prognostic value of pleural lavage cytology
- The role of surgery in oligometastatic NSCLC
- Salvage surgery after stereotactic radiotherapy

Abstract presentations:

abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

IASLC HAS ENDORSED THIS SESSION

INFECTIOUS THORACIC DISEASES SESSION

Tuesday 31 May 2016, 10:30|12:30

Organisers: **Piotr Yablonskii** (St. Petersburg/RU),
Semih Halezeroglu (Istanbul/TK)

- Updates on surgery for tuberculosis
- Surgical aspects of fungal lung diseases
- Current management of lung abscess
- Surgical management of pulmonary infection
in immune-compromised hosts
- Management of post-pneumonic empyema
- Empyema following lung resections

Abstract presentations:

abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

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

Tuesday 31 May 2016, 10:30|12:30

Organisers: **Gonzalo Varela** (Salamanca/ES), **Lunxu Liu** (Chengdu/CN)

This video session is aimed to interchange experiences between the two societies in different techniques for advanced video-assisted and open procedures. Challenging cases have been previously selected in order to promote discussion and learning in a relaxed atmosphere.



EXTRAORDINARY GUEST LECTURE
"The Presidents' Tie"
Tuesday 31 May 2016, 12:30|13:00



Maurizio Marinella, Naples /IT
Owner of the world's renowned boutique
manufacturing ties and foulards for generations
of Leaders worldwide

QUALITY OF LIFE AND PATIENT SAFETY WORKING GROUP SESSION
Tuesday 31 May 2016, 13:00|14:30
Organisers: **Nuria Novoa** (Salamanca/ES), **Cecilia Pompili** (Leeds/UK)

Safety issues during VATS/RATS lobectomies

- Causes and consequences of catastrophic VATS events
- Tricks for preventing and repairing major bleeding during VATS lung resection
- How to perform a safe lymphadenectomy avoiding local injuries
- Robotics - safety issues in robotic lobectomy

Abstract presentations:
abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

ESTS - Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS)
JOINT SESSION

Tuesday 31 May 2016, 15:30|17:30
Organisers: **Pascal Thomas** (Marseille/FR), **Sean Grondin** (Calgary/CA)

- Extent of lung and lymph node resections for stage IA non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- Blunt chest trauma: is there a place for ribs stabilization?
- The next generation of thoracic surgeons:
what is the best approach to select and train residents?

Abstract presentations:
abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

ESTS - Società Italiana di Chirurgia Toracica (SICT)

JOINT SESSION

Wednesday 1 June 2016, 10:00|12:00

Organisers: **Gaetano Rocco** (Naples/IT), **Guglielmo Monaco** (Naples/IT)

Moderators: **Dirk Van Raemdonck** (Leuven/BE), **Federico Venuta** (Rome/IT)

- Surgery for T4 NSCLC in Europe
- Surgery for T4 NSCLC in Italy
- The surgical treatment of mesothelioma
- The surgical treatment of mesothelioma: an Italian working group
- Surgery for Multifaceted N2: a guideline approach
- Surgery for Multifaceted N2: the Italian approach
- Surgical treatment of pulmonary metastases
- Surgical treatment of pulmonary metastases: an Italian registry
- Antireflux surgery: a guideline approach
- Antireflux surgery in Italy

Abstract presentations:

abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

ESTS SCHOOL AT THE CONGRESS

Wednesday 1 June 2016, 08:30|13:30

Organisers: **Gilbert Massard** (Strasbourg/FR),

Konstantinos Papagiannopoulos (Leeds/UK)

An exciting 3- hour 3- session rotating hands-on session is organized with the facilitation of our Industry partners. The attendees will have the opportunity to be introduced to new or niche technology by Key Opinion Leaders in the field. The lectures will be short and compact.

This will be followed by the opportunity to trial and experience the technology by already set working stations, mentored by experienced faculty.

Subjects to be confirmed.

13:30 End of the meeting



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPENED ON 1 DECEMBER 2015

Please submit your abstract via: <http://abstracts.webges.com/ests2016>

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 may 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 08 January 2016**

The program committee will meet 12-13 February 2016. The best abstracts are selected based on the average score by the reviewers from 2 rounds and allocated for presentations as oral, forum, case report, video or poster. Selected abstracts are considered to be incorporated in special/joint sessions along with invited lectures based on their relevance with the topic of the session. Abstract acceptance and program scheduling will be communicated to the corresponding author's e-mail address early March 2016.

For your abstract to be included in the final scientific program, 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.

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 2016. Moreover the prize winners in all other prize sessions are expected to submit full manuscripts online for review to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) by 1 September 2016. (Note that the Program 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 DO NOT SUBMIT THEIR MANUSCRIPT TO EJCTS BY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016 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 (follow relevant link):

- EJCTS
- ICVTS

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



Please mention: Presented at the 24th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Naples, 29 May-1 June 2016, 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 Chair of the Program Committee (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 program 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.

POSTER SESSION

A number of abstracts will be selected for poster presentation. A number of case reports will also be considered for poster presentations. All posters will be moderated in a special session. Moderated posters are allocated 3 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 2 minutes. (Maximum dimensions: Portrait: Length 120 cm, width 90 cm)

VIDEO SESSION

Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average - quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. If accepted, the SAME video in a high- quality format is required to be presented at the conference. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration. The following formats are supported to upload:

PC formats: WMV and AVI

MAC formats: MOV

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

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. Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average - quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. If accepted, the SAME video in a high- quality format is required to be presented at the conference. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration. The following formats are supported to upload:

PC formats: WMV and AVI

MAC formats: .MOV

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

NO-SHOW

Presenter: please note that if you accept to present your paper and then subsequently do not show up for presentation at the meeting in Naples, 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.



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](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.

Editor, A. Sampath Kumar, Asian Cardiovascular and Thoracic Annals
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and Interactive CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery

Editor, Harold L. Lazar, Journal of Cardiac Surgery

Editor-in-Chief, A. Robert Denniss, Heart, Lung and Circulation Editor, G. Alexander
Patterson, The Annals of Thoracic Surgery

Editor-in-Chief, Richard D. Weisel, The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular
Surgery



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 his/her 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 his/her study during the award ceremony at the Gala Dinner.

- **ESTS - AATS Graham Foundation Excellence Award 2000 EUR**

This prize is offered by the AATS Graham Foundation and awarded for the best scientific contribution on Biology.

- **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 Covidien Prize** - 2017 Scholarship ESTS Skill Track Course, Istanbul, Turkey.
This prize is offered to the best case presentation and comes courtesy of a donation by Covidien.
- **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 Cardiovascular 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**
Prizes to be confirmed



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

CONFERENCE APP



A conference APP will be available compatible with the most used devices (Android, IOS, etc.). This will replace most printed material of the event. The delegates are encouraged to bring their own devices (mobile phone, tablet) to upload the APP. A limited number of on-site devices will be available at your own expenses

BADGES

You will receive a personalised name badge when collecting your participant material. Please make sure to wear the badge visible at all times during the conference in order to grant access to the scientific sessions, exhibition area and official networking events. Admission to scientific sessions will be granted only to delegates wearing a badge.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Delegates will be provided with a certificate of attendance

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) CREDITS

Full accreditation for the conference has been requested at the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). The total number of European CME credits (ECMEC's) assigned to the meeting will be printed on the certificate of attendance.

To convert ECMEC's credit to AMA PRA category I credit, please contact the AMA.

More information at www.uems.net and www.eaccme.eu

COFFEE AND LUNCH BREAKS

Coffee breaks are included in the registration fee and will be served in the exhibition area.

Lunch is not included in the registration fee, neither for the Postgraduate Symposium on Sunday, nor for the following conference days. Please note that during industry lunch symposia, lunch is provided for delegates by the company holding the lunch symposium.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Mostra D'Oltremare
Centro Congressi
Via J.F. Kennedy 54 80125 Naples, Italy

DATES TO REMEMBER

Abstract submission opens: 1 December 2015

Abstract submission closes: 8 January 2016

Notification: early March 2016

Deadline early bird: 18 April 2016

* after this date, on-site fees will apply

EXHIBITION AND SPONSORING

The Organising Committee of the 24th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery invites you to exhibit at the conference in Naples, Italy.

For delegates, the congress is an opportunity to learn about, discuss and evaluate new and existing resources available in the field of General Thoracic Surgery.

An exhibition and sponsorship brochure is available giving detailed information on the possibilities to sponsor various congress items that will greatly promote your company's image. Early reservations ensure availability of prominent items and/or additional sponsorship options; please contact the exhibition management company MAW.

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OFFICIAL CURRENCY OF THE CONFERENCE

Payment of congress-related matters such as registration fees and networking programme etc will be in EURO only.

REGISTRATION

Please register online at: www.estsmeetings.org/2016

For group registration, we kindly ask you to contact the conference secretariat via e-mail: ests2016@formacomunications.com



CONFERENCE FEES

Member fee is applicable to all those who have applied for ESTS membership and have paid the 2016 member fee.

To apply for ESTS membership please visit: www.ests.org/shop/memberships.aspx

	Early registration fee (until 18 April 2016) in EURO	Registration fee late/onsite (from 19 April 2016) in EURO
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POSTGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM ON GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY (Sunday, 29 May 2016)

High income countries*	150,00	220,00
Upper middle income countries	80,00	120,00
Low income & lower middle income countries*	30,00	90,00
Allied professionals, e.g nurses (certificate)**	30,00	65,00

CONFERENCE (Monday, 30 May - Wednesday 1 June 2016)

ESTS member fee (high income countries)*	250,00	300,00
ESTS member fee (upper middle-income countries)*	100,00	130,00
ESTS member fee (low income & lower middle income countries)*	50,00	80,00
ERS member fee (for pulmonologists)	100,00	210,00
Non member fee	315,00	365,00
Trainee ESTS Member	50,00	105,00
Trainee Non ESTS member (certificate)**	105,00	160,00
Allied professionals, e.g. nurses (certificate)**	50,00	65,00
Medical student (certificate)**	/	/
Breakfast Session (cost per session)	80,00	80,00
ESTS School-at-the-congress Hands-on Sessions	150,00	180,00

* 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 2016 member fee by 18 April 2016

For members that pay their member fee after this date, the on-site registration fee will apply.

Participant's Registration fee includes:

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Poster Area and Commercial Exhibition
- Conference Material (bag, program, abstract publication, name badge)
- Certificate of Attendance
- Coffee Breaks
- Opening Ceremony and Opening Reception

Please note that registrations will be confirmed upon receipt of full payment of registration fee

Please note that the date stated on the bank transfer order is valid in order to obtain the early bird registration fee.

For information on payment, please refer to "TERMS OF PAYMENT". Once your payment has been identified and duly registered, you will receive an automatic email confirming your registration.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations and changes to registrations must be made in writing to e-mail: ests2016@formacommunications.com

The following registration cancellation policies apply:

Written notice of registration cancellation by 30 April 2016: 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)



HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The conference secretariat has provided to secure allotment of rooms at well located hotels in the city centre.

Please see the registration form and meeting website for information on the available rooms and room rates.

Room rate liability: the conference secretariat has negotiated best available rates with the hotel on offer in the registration form. This does not guarantee that other rates will be available at general search engines and online booking services.

We would like to advise participants to make early reservations as the months of May and June are high season in Naples.

For special request and group reservations, please contact the conference secretariat on the following email: ests2016@formacommunications.com

DAILY TRANSFER SERVICE

The 24th ESTS conference organization will provide a daily coach transfer service between centrally located pick up points close by the hotels and Mostra d'Oltremare.

Routes and timetable to be communicated on the conference website

OFFICIAL NETWORKING PROGRAMME

Opening Ceremony and Opening Reception

Sunday, 29 May 2016

Opening Ceremony and Opening Reception will take place at Teatro Mediterraneo of Mostra d'Oltremare.

ESTS Gala Dinner (at own expense)

Pietrarsa Railway Museum

Tuesday, 31 May 2016

The Museum is one of the most important centres of industrial archaeology in our country and a national hub of railway culture. A unique exhibition space within the national landscape, due in large part to the uniqueness and richness of content on display, as well as to the close interdependence between the history of its architecture and the stories told. Between the sea and Vesuvius, with a spectacular view of the Naples Gulf, the Museum was set out, after some

careful restoration works, in one of the most important Italian industrial archaeological sites: Reale Opificio Meccanico, Pirotecnico e per le Locomotive, founded by King Ferdinand II of Bourbon in 1840. It is a unique space for its suggestive settings and for the rich exhibits, being one of the most important railway museums in Europe.

Limited tickets available, please book in advance when registering for the conference.

Dress code: black tie

ABOUT NAPLES

Naples is one of the largest and most captivating art cities on the Mediterranean Sea. Capital of the Region of Campania, it is the third-largest city in Italy after Rome and Milan. The city dominates the Gulf of Naples, expanding from the Sorrentine Peninsula to the volcanic area of the Phlegraean Fields. It offers an extremely evocative vista of not only the imposing Vesuvian mount but also the three magnificent islands of Capri, Ischia and Procida—three jewels that rise like Venus from the sea. Besides its gorgeous scenery, Naples owes its much-deserved fame to the charm and intrigue of its historic center - a historic center that counts 2500 years of a fascinating existence, and that was therefore added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1995.



TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

Naples Capodichino International Airport (NAP)

The airport is centrally located, about 15/20 minutes from the Naples city centre. Further information available at www.aeroportoedinapoli.it

How to reach the Mostra d'Oltremare Congress Centre

From the Airport

By Taxi

The city is served by several taxi companies and a taxi ride from the airport to the congress venue has a fixed tariff of Euro 23,00 (taxi fares displayed also in English in each taxi)

By Airport bus/ Underground (Metro)

Contact the Airport information desk for details on the exact location of the ALIBUS.

Leave the bus at the Railway station stop/piazza Garibaldi of the ALIBUS (15-20 minutes). You can buy tickets on board the bus (Euro 4,00) or also at the Sun Store shop in Naples International Airport (Euro 3,00)

From here you can take the Metro Trenitalia Line nr. 2 and leave the Metro at Campi Flegrei Station (15-20 minutes), in piazzale Tecchio; just across Piazzale Tecchio, you can find the main entrance of Mostra d'Oltremare

From the city centre

By Taxi

From the city centre only taxi metered fares are available (euro 15,00 on average)

By Underground (Metro)

You can take the Metro Trenitalia Line nr. 2 at any station and leave the Metro at Campi Flegrei Station, in piazzale Tecchio; just across Piazzale Tecchio, you can find the main entrance of Mostra d'Oltremare.

By Bus

Bus R7 from piazza Vittoria to Piazzale Tecchio
Bus 151 from Railway Station to Piazzale Tecchio
(several stops across the city centre)

Further information available at:

Public transportation: <http://www.anm.it>

Metro line map: <http://www.anm.it/images/stories/PDF/mapparetemetronuova.pdf>

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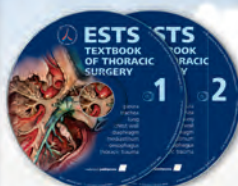
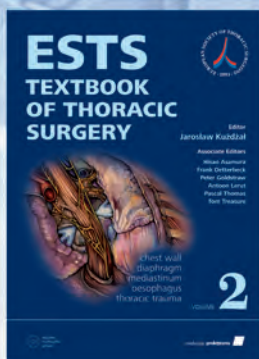
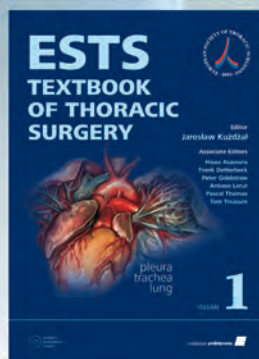
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