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Register Now for the STS 53rd Annual Meeting

Join STS in Houston, Texas, USA, a city that's home to an energetic cultural arts scene, celebrated restaurants, and a diverse metropolis brimming with personality. The [STS 53rd Annual Meeting and STS/AATS Tech-Con](#) will be held January 21-25, 2017, at the George R. Brown Convention Center. This prestigious educational event provides an opportunity to network with cardiothoracic surgeons from around the world, learn about new scientific discoveries, and participate in dynamic, hands-on learning activities. This year's International Symposium is "The Quality vs Access Dilemma in Cardiothoracic Surgery—Regionalization, Building Sustainable Cardiothoracic Surgery Programs, and Humanitarian Crises." Sessions also are planned with the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS) and the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons. View the [Advance Program](#) and [register today](#).

If you need a formal letter of invitation to obtain a visa, fill out a [Visa Invitation Letter Request Form](#).



[Learn the hot topics that will be covered at the STS 53rd Annual Meeting.](#)

Tech-Con Moves to All Day Saturday

After an extremely positive response in 2016, [Tech-Con 2017](#) is again focusing on cutting-edge technologies and new developments in cardiothoracic surgery. The schedule has been changed for 2017 so as not to compete with Annual Meeting sessions. Tech-Con will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, and continue until 5:00 p.m., followed by a reception until 6:30 p.m. One particular highlight will be the Shark Tank session, in which entrepreneurs pitch their innovative cardiothoracic surgery products to the audience, as well as a panel of experts in medical device development.



[Hear what the Tech-Con Task Force Co-Chairs have to say about Tech-Con 2017.](#)

Visit the STS Booth at EACTS

Be sure to visit STS staff at booth #11 at this year's EACTS Annual Meeting in Barcelona, Spain, October 1-5. While there, ask about the Society's newest programs and member benefits. Additionally, encourage a colleague to submit a completed application for STS membership; you'll both receive a [special STS gift](#), while supplies last.

Check Out the New Member Portal and Update Your Contact Info

The Society recently updated its member portal to provide an improved interface and easier access to important membership information. The updated portal gives members the opportunity to:

- Register for educational events, such as the STS 53rd Annual Meeting;
- Purchase or access online educational products, such as the STS 52nd Annual Meeting Online;
- See what STS publications you're currently subscribed to, and opt in or out as desired;
- Pay current balances, and view previous dues payments and other financial transactions; and
- Look up contact information for other STS members.

[Log in today](#) to review and update your contact information. Your username is your first initial and your last name (example: jsmith); if you haven't changed your password, your default password is your six-digit STS membership ID number (example: 123456).