



The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION

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Increase Your Professional Standing—Submit an Abstract for STS Annual Meeting

Abstract submission is under way for the STS 54th Annual Meeting, January 27–31, 2018, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Submissions for scientific oral presentations, scientific posters, and surgical videos will be accepted until **Friday, June 9, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. Central Time.**

With more than 2,100 professional attendees from around the world, the [STS Annual Meeting](#) is the best forum for disseminating your work. Accepted presentations are printed in the official Annual Meeting *Abstract Book*, and corresponding manuscripts are to be submitted for publication consideration in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, a world-renowned, peer-reviewed journal. Visit [sts.org/abstracts](#) for directions on how to submit your abstract, and contact education@sts.org with any questions.

Submit a Proposal for STS/AATS Tech-Con 2018

The Society also is accepting proposals describing 15-minute presentations on new and developing technology in cardiothoracic surgery. Submissions will be considered for STS/AATS Tech-Con, which will be held on January 27, 2018, immediately prior to the STS Annual Meeting. Watch this [brief video message](#) in which Tech-Con Task Force Co-Chair T. Sloane Guy, MD, MBA explains why STS members should participate, then [submit your proposal today](#). If you have questions, please contact education@sts.org. The deadline to submit a proposal is **Friday, June 9, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. CT.**

Visit STS at ESTS Annual Meeting

Be sure to visit STS staff (booth #32) at this year's European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery in Innsbruck, Austria, May 27-31. While there, encourage a colleague to complete an application for STS membership so that they can begin enjoying the Society's many member benefits, including discounted admission to the STS Annual Meeting and other educational activities. If he or she submits a completed application during the meeting, you'll both receive a [special STS branded gift](#)—while supplies last.

See a List of Newly Approved Members

At the STS Board of Directors meeting this past April, [22 new International Members](#) were approved. Membership approval happens three times a year, giving new members access to benefits such as reduced registration for the STS Annual Meeting, complimentary subscription to the Society's prestigious peer-reviewed journal, *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, and more. Forward this e-mail to your colleagues who are not yet STS members so they can [learn more and apply for membership today](#).

Participate in the STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Join STS and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery at the upcoming [Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference](#), September 21-22 in Cartagena, Colombia. The program will concentrate on the multidisciplinary approach to coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease, thoracic aortic disease, atrial fibrillation, and the surgical management of heart failure. Sessions will incorporate invited lectures from a world-class international faculty on traditional and new technology procedures, technical videos, Stump the Professor sessions, and original scientific abstracts. The deadline to [submit abstracts](#) is June 16. [Learn more and sign up to be contacted when registration opens](#).

International Participation Is Available in STS National Database

The Society encourages international institutions to participate in the STS National Database, comprising the Adult Cardiac Surgery Database, the Congenital Heart Surgery Database, and the General Thoracic Surgery Database. More than 4,400 cardiothoracic surgeons make up participants in 10 countries, including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Cayman Islands, Israel, Italy, Singapore, Turkey, the United States, and the United Arab Emirates. International institutions that participate in the Database receive well-developed and detailed risk models, an opportunity to compare surgical outcomes to STS North American benchmarks, and valuable aid in administrative, business, and marketing decisions. To learn more about participation and pricing, visit [sts.org/international-participation](#) or contact Elizabeth Watkins at ewatkins@sts.org or (312) 202-5858.