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Early Bird Deadline Is July 31 for STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Register by July 31 and take advantage of special early bird pricing (\$200 for physicians and \$100 for non-physicians) for the [STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference](#). See the [complete program](#) for this innovative conference taking place September 21-22 in Cartagena, Colombia. The program will focus 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, and original scientific abstracts. Two “Stump the Professor” sessions promise to be fun and informative. Contact info@CardiovascularSurgeryConference.org for more information.

STS Patient Website Features Content in English and Spanish

Have you shared ctsurgerypatients.org with your patients? The Society's patient website offers information on various cardiothoracic diseases in layman's terms—in English and Spanish—using a combination of text, videos, and images. The website also explains [what a cardiothoracic surgeon is](#) and offers [blog posts](#), written by STS members, on topics such as [“Robotic Operations in Thoracic Surgery,”](#) [“Deciding Between a Tissue and a Mechanical Valve,”](#) and [“Risk Factors for Esophageal Cancer.”](#)

Request a Visa Invitation Letter for the STS Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale

If you require a visa to attend the [STS 54th Annual Meeting](#), January 27-31, 2018, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the Society can provide you with a customized invitation letter to help with the process. After completing a [Visa Invitation Letter Request Form](#), you'll receive a letter signed by STS Executive Director & General Counsel Robert A. Wynbrandt and stating that you are cordially invited to attend and participate in this important event. If you have questions about STS Annual Meeting attendee logistics, contact Amy Cacich at acacich@sts.org.

Access Annual Meeting Content for Free in STS Learning Center

Did you know that you have free access to content from STS Annual Meetings (2016 and earlier) through the STS Learning Center? Go to sts.org/learningcenter and log in with your STS Web Portal username and password. *If you need assistance locating your STS Web Portal login information, contact membership@sts.org.* Once logged in, click “Activities Directory” and select any of the archived Annual Meetings, including the STS 52nd Annual Meeting in Phoenix. Note: If you attended the STS 53rd Annual Meeting in Houston, you will also have free access to STS 53rd Annual Meeting Online; if you did not attend, you will need to [purchase access](#).