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### **Register Now for the STS 54th Annual Meeting**

Join the Society in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, for the [STS 54th Annual Meeting](#) and STS/AATS Tech-Con. This prestigious educational event will be held January 27-31, 2018, and will provide 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 "Confronting Infectious Diseases in Young Adults Undergoing Cardiac Surgery." Sessions also are planned with the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS), the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and the International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation. [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](#).

### **Tech-Con Pulls Back the Curtain**

[Tech-Con 2018](#) will be held immediately prior to the Annual Meeting, on Saturday, January 27, focusing on cutting-edge technologies and new developments in cardiothoracic surgery, with separate tracks for adult cardiac and general thoracic surgery. A highlight of the day 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. Representatives of several companies developing robotic technology also have been invited to present. *Note:* You must register for Tech-Con separately from the Annual Meeting.

### **STS and EACTS Hold Successful Latin America Conference**

More than 230 people representing 23 countries attended the STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference in Cartagena, Colombia, September 21-22. The 2-day conference was packed with invited talks, scientific abstract presentations, and videos on a wide range of topics, including valve disease, heart failure, atrial fibrillation, and quality improvement in cardiac surgery. [Read an STS News story](#) describing the conference, [view photos](#), and stay tuned for more details on the next Latin America meeting.

### **Visit STS During the EACTS Annual Meeting in Vienna**

Say hello to STS staff at booth #20 during the EACTS Annual Meeting, October 8-10 in Vienna, Austria. While there, get the latest information on member benefits, the upcoming STS Annual Meeting, other STS educational offerings, international participation in the STS National Database, and more. Bring your non-member colleagues so they can apply for membership, and if they submit a completed application during the meeting, you'll both receive a [special STS branded gift](#). Don't forget to pick up a free STS pen!

### **STS Launches Redesigned Website**

The Society recently launched a redesigned website that offers a more intuitive, modern experience for accessing Society resources and maximizing your membership benefits. Along with improved navigation, an updated color palette, and more prominent photos, the site is now mobile responsive, so that no matter what device is being used, the experience will be seamless. Check out [www.sts.org](http://www.sts.org) and [provide your feedback](#).