



November/December 2017

Register for the STS Annual Meeting and Plan Your Trip to Fort Lauderdale

The [STS 54th Annual Meeting](#) is only 7 weeks away! It's not too late to join your colleagues, January 27-31, 2018, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at one of the largest international educational events in cardiothoracic surgery. [Registration and housing are still available](#); the deadline to receive the special STS rate at official meeting hotels is Thursday, January 4. You won't want to miss the thought-provoking lectures, hands-on learning, and unparalleled networking opportunities. If you need a letter of invitation for your visa application, [fill out the request form](#).

Apply for a TSF Travel Scholarship

If you are a cardiothoracic surgeon who treats underserved patients and can demonstrate a financial need, you are encouraged to apply for a [\\$1,000 Thoracic Surgery Foundation \(TSF\) Travel Award](#) to attend the Annual Meeting. Underserved people are those who have a health disparity as defined by the CDC and lack awareness of, or access to, medically appropriate health care. To apply for a TSF Travel Award, [complete the online application](#) and email a current CV to tsf@sts.org. The deadline to apply is December 15; award recipients will be notified by January 1, 2018.

Check Out These Must-Attend Sessions

The upcoming Annual Meeting is filled with great sessions, offering a variety of hot topics and presenters from around the world:

- **International Symposium: Confronting Infectious Diseases in Young Adults Undergoing Cardiac Surgery** (Monday, January 29)—Experts will discuss treatment approaches, challenges, and ethical dilemmas related to dealing with infectious heart disease in young adults—especially as a result of the current opioid epidemic.
- **EACTS @ STS** (Tuesday, January 30)—In this session, international experts will examine the treatment options available for bicuspid aortic valve disease associated with pure aortic valve insufficiency and root dilation.
- **ESTS @ STS** (Tuesday, January 30)—Discussion will center on controversial issues in general thoracic surgery, including surgical management of pulmonary metastases, management of malignant pleural mesothelioma, surgery in small cell lung cancer, and chest wall tumors.
- **STS/ISHLT Joint Symposium** (Tuesday, January 30)—This session will focus on the contemporary experience with left ventricular assist device (LVAD) therapy around the globe, including innovative approaches to LVAD therapy, such as minimally invasive implantation and LVAD decommissioning.

[Review the Advance Program](#) for additional information about these and other exciting sessions.

Invite Your Trainees to Become STS Members

Do you know any cardiothoracic surgery trainees who share your commitment to quality patient care? Encourage them to apply for [STS Candidate Membership](#) at a special reduced rate. Upon admission, they can begin to enjoy all the career-enhancing benefits of membership, including networking with the most influential cardiothoracic surgeons in the world, a complimentary online subscription to *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, and deep discounts on STS educational programs.

Special bonus! Recruit a trainee to apply by December 31, 2017, and STS staff will send both of you a special STS Member coffee mug. To claim your gift, email the applicant's name to Kristin Schukar, Senior Marketing Manager, at kschukar@sts.org. *Note: application must be completed in order to receive your gift, and supplies are limited.*