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STS 52nd Annual Meeting Online Now Available!

Did you miss the STS Annual Meeting in Phoenix? If you were unable to attend, you can now purchase [STS 52nd Annual Meeting Online](#). For those who attended the meeting, access to Annual Meeting Online was included free with your meeting registration. [Access Annual Meeting Online now](#). Attendees and purchasers will receive unlimited access through January 31, 2017.

These web-based video presentations feature presenter slide animation and cursor movement as if you were in the meeting room. Experience cutting-edge scientific sessions, talks from renowned speakers, and thought-provoking debates—all from the comfort of your home or office.

Save the date! Mark your calendars now for the STS 53rd Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas, 21-25 January 2017. Abstract submission will open in late spring; check www.sts.org/annualmeeting for more information.

Using Apps and Social Media—New Video

Social media is quickly becoming the number one way of communicating and connecting in this digital age. Did you know that you can use social media in your cardiothoracic surgical practice? At the STS 52nd Annual Meeting, STS International Director A. Pieter Kappetein, MD, PhD participated in a [roundtable video](#) with Drs. Edward M. Bender, Shanda H. Blackmon, Mathew Thomas, and Thomas K.



Varghese to discuss the various ways apps and social media can help you engage with patients, network with other surgeons, and stay on top of the latest information in the field of cardiothoracic surgery.

STS Welcomes New International Director



During the Annual Membership Meeting at the Annual Meeting, STS members elected Haiquan Chen, MD, PhD to the Society's Board of Directors as International Director, joining Dr. Kappetein. Dr. Chen is a surgeon at Shanghai Chest Hospital in China. He will work to help further the Society's relationships within the international cardiothoracic surgery community.

"I'm more than honored and pleased to join the STS Board of Directors," said Dr. Chen. "I will try my best to fulfill my responsibilities and devote myself to promote the academic communication in the field of thoracic surgery between our Society and China."

STS National Database Continues to Expand Internationally

Several international participants recently joined the STS National Database. In the past 6 months, STS has welcomed 10 sites from Israel, including Rambam Medical Center, Carmel Medical Center, Shaare-Zedek Medical Center, Wolfson Medical Center, Soroka Medical Center, Tel Aviv Souraski Medical Center, Sheba Medical Center, Assuta Medical Center, Herzliya Medical Center, and Poriya Medical Center. Also joining is the ProCardiaco Hospital in Brazil and Tan Tock Seng Hospital in Singapore.

International institutions that participate in the Database receive detailed risk models and an opportunity to compare surgical outcomes to STS North American benchmarks. To learn more, visit www.sts.org/international-participation or contact Susan Becker, STS National Database Manager, at sbecker@sts.org or (312) 202-5828.