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SYMPOSIUM
FOR NURSES**

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

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ESTS SCHOOL OF THORACIC SURGERY



PRACTICAL COURSE

Elancourt, France

10 – 11 February 2014
Minimally Invasive
Surgery for Lung Diseases,
Diaphragm Dysfunction
and Thoracic Trauma

22 – 23 September 2014
Topic to be announced



THEORETICAL COURSE

Antalya, Turkey
12 – 16 March 2014

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, dear Guests, dear Friends,

We have now entered the third decade of life of our beloved Society, the decade of maturity. During all these years, thanks to your invaluable support, ESTS has become the largest scientific society in the world in our field. Since the early days the Annual Meeting was established as the expression of the Society's activities, concentrating in three days the result of the proposals of the working groups, ad hoc committees, the educational platform, the relationships and partnerships with other scientific societies, and, last but not least, the scientific production of all the participants with their abstracts.

The structure of the meeting has progressively evolved and enlarged in parallel with the number of members that now exceeds 1300. This year the Organizing Committee chaired by Enrico Ruffini, Director of the Annual Meeting, is preparing an outstanding program with special sessions, joint symposia organized with other scientific societies, breakfast sessions, invited lectures with outstanding speakers from all over the world, working group sessions and a techno meeting included in the structure of the event. The Postgraduate Course keeps the recent structure of the "Masters Cup" that last year came back to Europe after an exciting competition. However, the original competition between ESTS, AATS, STS and JACS has now evolved into a friendly and constructing scientific arena with the participation of three continents; this year also residents will actively participate to the Cup, bringing new ideas and their enthusiasm.

The Meeting will be a fantastic choice to share our work, learn from others and build new relationships. Your active participation will be crucial to define the direction of our Society for the next years and keep on growing with the help of our members, non-members and the guests.

I personally invite you, along with the ESTS council and officers to join us in Copenhagen, a fantastic city, for some memorable days, to exchange knowledge, ideas, skills, enthusiasm and friendship.



Federico Venuta

Federico Venuta
ESTS President

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues, Guests and Friends,

The Local Organizing Committee welcomes you to Copenhagen - the capital of "The World's Happiest People" – to the 22nd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery 15 – 18 June 2014.

With a population of 1.9 million, Copenhagen with surroundings is the largest city in Scandinavia and a city that combines old and new, preserving its 1,000-year history yet looking to the future. Safety, tolerance, green initiatives, international connectivity, creative environment, a relaxed lifestyle, cycle culture, democratic design and the active use of city spaces are among the key reasons why Copenhagen is, once again, the world's best city according to British lifestyle magazine, Monocle.

Copenhagen is located in a region with 10 universities, 165,000 students and 16,000 scientists and researchers, and with a long tradition for compulsory free of charge schooling and universities, we are among the world's most highly educated people.

With non-stop flights from around 140 international destinations, the city is easy to access from all continents and all major European cities are within a one or a few hour's flight. Upon arrival, you will see that the city centre is only 13 minutes away by Metro or train.

Denmark is also the home of the famous story writer Hans Christian Andersen who among many fairytales wrote "The Ugly Duckling" - a story about a baby-swan that grew up among ducks and was seen as an outcast but did undergo changes and ended up in being a beautiful swan – now the national bird of Denmark. This fairytale can very well illustrate the story of our society, and as we now take the next step and move our annual conference into a major European capital.

The 22nd ESTS European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery will be held in the Bella Center, located in the area of Copenhagen called Ørestaden. This is a major convention center and our meeting will be placed in the very best setting with a lot of daylight in all meeting facilities. There are a number of hotels in the close neighborhood, as well as a large shopping mall, but if you prefer to stay in the city centre, a ride in the Metro of 10 minutes is all it takes to get to the convention center.

In recent years Copenhagen has earned quite a reputation as a gastronomic capital. The city boasts 15 Michelin stars, and the UK's Restaurant Magazine ranked Copenhagen restaurant, Noma, the World's Best in 2010, 2011 and 2012. It is not only in Michelin starred restaurants you can get a taste of Copenhagen gastronomy as the city has a wealth of dining options with high quality restaurants to accommodate all pockets and tastes. The New Nordic Cuisine, which emphasizes seasonal and regional ingredients, was pioneered at Noma. Today, this environmentally-friendly cuisine is served in a number of restaurants in the city, including Toldboden - the venue for our ESTS Party (at own expense for all participants). In the relaxed spirit of the Copenhageners we will not have a Gala Dinner but an informal evening with the dinner based on organic food and time to socialize with friends and colleagues. Toldboden is located on the waterfront and it will provide the perfect setting.

After the official Congress program, I encourage you to have a stroll through the historic city centre and browse Copenhagen's unique shops or enjoy a guided boat tour of the city's 17th century canals. You can also visit one

of its many art museums; the historic amusement park Tivoli Gardens; or the contemporary Opera House, just to mention a few of the pleasures in a city which is also home to the world's oldest monarchy. June is a perfect month to visit Copenhagen as the weather will be mild and invites you to stay outdoors. You might also visit other parts of Zealand including Louisiana museum of modern art and Kronborg – the castle of Prince Hamlet of Denmark well known from the play written by William Shakespeare.

Finally, do like the Copenhageners: hop on a bike to get some exercise, or simply to get around easily, in this welcoming and open city.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henrik Jessen Hansen'. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Henrik Jessen Hansen
On behalf of the ESTS Local Organizing Committee

SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES

Monday, 16 June and Tuesday, 17 June 2014

For the first time in the history of ESTS conferences we welcome you to a full day of specialized and research-based nursing in an international perspective.

The main objective of the conference is to improve and develop the clinical practice for the general thoracic patient and use this unique opportunity for European nurses, physiotherapists and clinicians to strengthen and exchange their expertise and knowledge alongside the interdisciplinary collaboration with the surgeons.

The scientific programme will be composed of invited keynote speakers, oral presentations, a poster session, panel discussion and the opportunity to attend the 6th Joint Collaborative Postgraduate symposium.

If you or your colleagues have done research, have a project or a poster to present at the ESTS conference, please submit it and be involved in creating the nursing/physiotherapist part of the ESTS conference.

Call for abstracts is from 1 December 2013 to 10 January 2014.

The best "Oral Abstract Presentation" and the best "Poster Abstract Presentation" will be awarded.

Nursing topics of the conference are:

Cancer rehabilitation and survivorship, pre- and postoperative physiotherapy techniques, quality of life, symptom management, nutrition, palliative care, communication, technology in the operation room, trauma, involvement of relatives, children in the operation room and positioning of patients in the operation room.

When participating in the nursing programme, you are welcome to join the other scientific sessions as well.

Sunday, 15 June the Surgeons Postgraduate Session will take place. USA, Asia and Europe are competing for the best argumentative known case, followed by the opening ceremony and reception where you have the opportunity to mix and mingle with colleagues, friends and exhibitors.



Monday, 16 June the Nursing symposia will be held. There are keynote speakers and oral abstract sessions throughout the day. A panel discussion with keynote speakers and the audience will end the day. In the evening the chaired poster session will be held and also there will be an opportunity to participate in a video session on surgery techniques.

Tuesday, 17 June you are invited to visit the University Hospital of Rigshospitalet in the morning – both the ward and the operating theatre. The transport is at your own expense. During the day you will have the opportunity to participate at the surgeons 'Quality of Life' session. Tuesday evening there is a dinner and dance party, at own expense (reduced price for nurses).

We are looking forward to welcoming you to some amazing and innovative days at the Bella Center, Copenhagen.

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please visit the Conference website at
www.estsmeetings.org/2014

The website provides detailed
information on the scientific programme,
online registration, abstract submission
and accommodation.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

	Saturday 14 June	Sunday 15 June	Monday 16 June			
07:30-08:00				BFS 1) Target therapy for NSCLC	BFS 2) Combined modality treatment for esophageal carcinoma	BFS 3) How should I test fitness for surgery?
08:00-08:30						
08:30-09:00		Postgraduate Course Session I	Session I Brompton Session			Nurse Symposium Welcome
09:00-09:30						Invited Keynote Speaker
09:30-10:00						Nurse Symposium Oral Abstract Session
10:00-10:30		Coffee Break				
10:30-11:00			Coffee Break			Coffee Break
11:00-11:30		Session II	Invited Lecture			
11:30-12:00			Presidential Address Federico Venuta			Nurse Symposium Abstract Session
12:00-12:30						
12:30-13:00		Lunch Symposium	Session II Videos I	Lunch Symposium	Junior Lunch Symposium	Lunch Symposium
13:00-13:30						
13:30-14:00						Invited Keynote Speaker
14:00-14:30		Session Database & Quality Certification	Session III Pulmonary non-neoplastic	Session IV Young Investigator Award		Nurse Symposium Abstract Session
14:30-15:00						
15:00-15:30			Coffee Break			
15:30-16:00		Postgraduate Course Session III		Coffee Break		Coffee Break
16:00-16:30			Session V Pulmonary neoplastic I	Session VI Innovative/experimental		Invited Speaker
16:30-17:00		Coffee Break				Award for Best Oral Abstract Presentation
17:00-17:30		Session IV				
17:30-18:00	Registration Open		Robotic Session	Biology Club	Session VII Moderated posters	Nurse Symposium Moderated Poster Session & Award
18:00-18:30						
18:30-19:00		Opening Ceremony				
19:00-19:30						
19:30-20:00		Opening Reception	Oscar Night Video Session			
20:00-20:30						
20:30-24:00						

- Abstract Sessions
- Postgraduate Course
- Industrial Sessions
- Invited Lectures
- Breakfast Sessions
- Networking Events
- Breaks

		Tuesday 17 June			Wednesday 18 June		
		BFS 4) Robotics: gadget or improved skills	BFS 5) Osteosynthesis for multiple rib fracture	BFS 6) Management of spontaneous esophageal disruption	BFS 7) VATS segmentectomy	BFS 8) Muscle flaps in thoracic surgery	BFS 9) Carinal resections
	Techno Meeting Part I	Session VIII Mixed thoracic I	Joint Session ESTS / CWIG		ESTS-ESTRO Joint session		
	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break		ESTS-DTS Joint session		
	Techno Meeting Part II	Session IX Mixed thoracic II	Session X Pulmonary neoplastic II		ESTS-ESMO Joint session		
	Extraordinary Lecture				ESTS-IASLC Joint session		
	Session XI Videos II	Lunch Symposium	ESTS Textbook of Thoracic Surgery	Lunch Symposium			
	Session XII Interesting Cases	Session XIII Esophagus/mediastinum	Session XIV Airways/transplantation				
	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break				
	Session XV Chest wall/diaphragm/pleura	Session XVI VATS resections	Quality of Life and Patient Safety symposium				
		General Assembly					
		ESTS Party (at own expense)					

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

6TH COLLABORATIVE SYMPOSIUM ON GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY

Sunday, 15 June 2014 08:00 – 12:30 & 15:00 – 18:30

Organiser: Thomas Rice (Cleveland, USA), Gaetano Rocco (Naples, Italy)

Format:

- Three teams each competing to find the best management of a challenging clinical case
- Focus on resident education while generating competition and entertainment with an active participation of the audience in the case discussion and voting

Participants:

- 3 teams for 3 continents (Europe, America and Asia)
- 2 sessions (morning and afternoon)
- 4 participants (1 resident + 3 seniors) for each team and each session
- 24 total participants (6 residents and 18 seniors)

Topics:

- Challenging case scenarios caught in the everyday thoracic surgical practice

DATABASE AND QUALITY CERTIFICATION SESSION

Sunday, 15 June 2014 13:30 – 15:00

Organisers: Alessandro Brunelli (Ancona, Italy), Pierre Emmanuel Falcoz (Strasbourg, France)

- ESTS Database: 2014 Annual Report
- The reasons to participate in the ESTS DB
 - Key points
 - Size matter: example of thymoma project
- Institutional accreditation
- Clinical care analysis: example of surgeons profile
- The new Epithor (2014 version)

BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Organisers: Gilbert Massard (Strasbourg, France)

Monday, 16 June 2014: State of the Art

07:30 – 08:20

- Target therapy for NSCLC: what the surgeon should know
- Combined modality treatment for esophageal carcinoma
- How should I test fitness for surgery?

Tuesday, 17 June 2014: Debate

07:30 – 08:20

- Robotics: gadget or improved skills
- Osteosynthesis for multiple rib fracture
- Management of spontaneous esophageal disruption

Wednesday, 18 June 2014: How to do it

07:30 – 08:20

- VATS segmentectomy
- Muscle flaps in thoracic surgery
- Carinal resections

SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES

Monday, 16 June 2014, 8:30-19:00. Lunch break 12:30-13:30

Organisers: Henrik Jessen Hansen (Copenhagen, Denmark), Christine Elmsted (Copenhagen, Denmark),
Kristine Nielsen (Copenhagen, Denmark)

A full day of specialised and research-based nursing in an international perspective

Topics:

- Cancer rehabilitation
- Pre- and postoperative nursing techniques
- Pre- and postoperative physiotherapy techniques
- Survivorship
- Quality of life
- Symptom management
- Nutrition
- Palliative care
- Communication
- Trauma and involvement of relatives
- Technology
- Children and positioning of patients in the operating theatre

Moderated poster session

The best "Oral Abstract Presentation" and the best "Poster Abstract Presentation" will be awarded

Keynote speakers and invited lectures on:

1. Operated patients with lung cancer and their quality of life
2. Nurses practice in Danish operating departments
3. Relatives in the trauma room

Tuesday, 17 June 2014, 10:00-11:00

Tour of Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen

JUNIOR LUNCH SYMPOSIUM

Monday, 16 June 2014 12:30 – 13:30

Organisers: Philip McElnay (Bristol, UK), Gilbert Massard (Strasbourg, France)

A dedicated platform for juniors and trainees to discuss research, training and education in thoracic surgery

- Inaugural European Trainee/Junior Meeting: Purpose, vision and goals
- Developments in Training in Thoracic Surgery: ESTS School of Thoracic Surgery
- ESTS School of Thoracic Surgery: Trainee Perspective
- Research collaboration across Europe
- Research collaboratives: Trainee Perspective

ROBOTIC SESSION

Monday, 16 June 2014 17:30 – 19:00

Organiser: Alper Toker (Istanbul, Turkey)

An up-to-date overview of the state of the art of robotic thoracic surgery

- Robotic thymus resections
- Robotic lobectomy and segmentectomy for lung cancer: technical aspects and results
- Economical aspects of robotic thoracic surgery: Variability of cost effectiveness estimates and expectations from future
- Extended indications for robotic thoracic surgery

ESTS-BIOLOGY CLUB

Monday, 16 June 2014 17:30 – 19:00

Organiser: Isabelle Opitz (Zurich, Switzerland), Gaetano Rocco (Naples, Italy)

BIOLOGY CLUB WORKSHOP FOR RESIDENTS

- Basic statistics for clinical trials
- Animal models in thoracic surgery:
 - Transplant models
 - Tumor models
- Building a tumor bank
- Presentation of ESTS Research Fellowships

OSCAR NIGHT VIDEO SESSION

Monday, 16 June 2014 19:00 – 20:30

Organisers: Isabelle Opitz (Zurich, Switzerland), M. Blair Marshall (Washington DC, USA)

Format: This video session will highlight the next generation of thoracic “superstars” as we present the top videos from residents, juniors and trainees. The focus will be on interesting cases, innovative surgical techniques and solutions to challenging situations. Needless to say, the Oscar Night will include red carpet, popcorn and paparazzi. Oscar statuettes for the ESTS winners in the categories of “best cinematography” and “best motion picture” to be announced.

TECHNO MEETING

Tuesday, 17 June 2014 08:30 – 12:30

Organiser: Konstantinos Papagiannopoulos (Leeds, UK)

Slots sponsored by: Ethicon, Covidien, Atmos (as per printing date).

Topics to be announced

ESTS-CHEST WALL INTERNATIONAL GROUP JOINT SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, 17 June 2014 08:30 – 10:00

Organisers: Laureano Molins (Barcelona, Spain), Hans Pilegaard (Aarhus, Denmark)

Pectus excavatum and carinatum: what’s next?

- Is Vacuum Bell useful in adults with Pectus Excavatum?
- A less invasive procedure for Pectus Excavatum: Traction technique
- The Nuss Technique in Pectus excavatum is still to consider
- Minimally invasive techniques for Pectus Carinatum
- Pectus Carinatum: From Dynamic Compression Brace to Modified Ravitch

ESTS TEXTBOOK SESSION

Tuesday, 17 June 2014 13:00 – 13:30

Organiser: Jaroslaw Kuzdzal (Krakow, Poland)

- Presentation of the ESTS textbook of Thoracic Surgery

ESTS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF LIFE AND PATIENT SAFETY

Tuesday, 17 June 2014 16:00-17:30

Organisers: Bram Balduyck (Antwerp, Belgium), Nuria Novoa (Salamanca, Spain),
Cecilia Pompili (Ancona, Italy)

PATIENT PERSPECTIVES IN THORACIC SURGERY

- The EORTC QoL lung cancer module update project
- QoL after lung resection for lung cancer
- QoL after esophageal surgery
- QoL after surgery for chest wall deformities
- Foundations of Healthcare Communication
- Results of ESTS QoL survey
- The WHO initiative: Safe surgery saves lives. ESTS specific checklist

JOINT ESTS-IASLC-ESMO-ESTRO SESSION

Wednesday, 18 June 2014 08:30 – 09:30 & 11:00 – 13:30

Organisers: Peter Goldstraw (London, UK); Eric Lim (London, UK); Jesper Pedersen (Copenhagen, Denmark); Rolf Stahel (Zurich, Switzerland); Yolande Lievens (Ghent, Belgium); Walter Weder (Zurich, Switzerland)

ESTS meets ESTRO on

Treatment of stage I/II NSCLC – does the local approach matter?

Organizers: Walter Weder (Zurich, Switzerland) and Yolande Lievens (Ghent, Belgium)

- Point of view from the surgeon
- Point of view from the radiation oncologist

ESTS meets ESMO on

Multimodality management of oligometastatic disease

Organizers: Eric Lim (London, UK) and Rolf Stahel (Zurich, Switzerland)

- Surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Targeted treatment
- Supportive care

ESTS meets IASLC on

Lung cancer screening in a surgical perspective

Organizers: Jesper Holst Pedersen (Copenhagen, Denmark) and Peter Goldstraw (London, UK)

- Is CT screening ready for implementation? The evidence so far
- Who should be screened? Identifying the high risk cohort
- Minimizing morbidity in screen-detected nodules: the investigative algorithm
- Minimal invasive treatment in screen-detected nodules, proven/suspected to be Lung Cancers

JOINT ESTS-DTS SESSION

Wednesday, 18 June 2014 09:30 – 10:30

Organisers: Alessandro Brunelli (Ancona, Italy), Jesper Ravn (Copenhagen, Denmark)

Quality of care, standardisation and quality indicators in Thoracic Surgery.

The ESTS and DTS experiences

- ESTS meets DTS on quality of care and standardisation
- Quality indicators in Thoracic Surgery
- Surgical volume and outcome in Thoracic Surgery; The ESTS database experience
- The association between Surgical volume and survival
- Nationwide improvement in lung cancer care; the Role of the Danish Board of Health, Lung Cancer Group and Registry

13:30 End of the meeting

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstract submission will open on 1 December 2013.

Please submit your abstract via: <http://abstracts.webges.com/ests2014>.

Please follow the instructions given on-line, otherwise your abstract cannot be selected for review. A summary of the guidelines is as follows:

- The abstract language is English
- The text should be not more than 300 words
- The use of 1 table or 1 graph is possible
- The abstract must consist of four paragraphs labelled: OBJECTIVE, METHODS, RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS
- The text and the title should be free from abbreviations, except those commonly used. It should concisely address the problem and the purpose of the study (OBJECTIVE); how the study was performed (METHODS); the main findings with numerical data and statistical significance (RESULTS); and the principal conclusions drawn from the study (CONCLUSIONS)
- The title of the abstract should be printed in CAPITAL LETTERS; the name(s) of the author(s) should be preceded by the full first name (middle name Initial optional) - omit titles. There should be no more than 10 authors. Please be aware that rules set by EJCTS editorial office state that no more than 8 authors are allowed for a paper from a single Institution and no more than 10 authors for multi-Institutional studies.
- Since the abstracts will be judged anonymously, the text may not reveal the institutional affiliation
- Mark the category which best describes the subject of your abstract
- The material should not have been published, or presented at any international meeting before, nor submitted to another meeting during the same period.

4 types of abstracts will be considered:

- Oral/Forum/Poster
- Videos
- Interactive case
- Nurse symposium

Abstracts will not be accepted by e-mail or fax.

All abstracts should be submitted and posted according to the format and instructions described above no later than 10 January 2014.

The programme committee will meet 14-15 February 2014. The best abstracts are selected based on the average score by the reviewers from 2 rounds and allocated for presentations as oral, forum, case report, video or poster. Abstract acceptance and programme scheduling will be communicated to the corresponding author's e-mail address early March 2014.

For your abstract to be included in the final scientific programme, it is mandatory to register for the congress and to settle payment as soon as you have received the notification of abstract acceptance. Abstracts will be published in an online supplement of the Interactive Journal for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

IMPORTANT:

ESTS expects that all speakers presenting in ORAL sessions and the Brompton and Young Investigator Award sessions to **submit full manuscripts online** for review to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) at the time of the meeting. Moreover the prize winners in all other prize sessions are expected to **submit full manuscripts online** for review to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) within 30 days of the conference.

Note that the Programme Committee will consider the previous manuscript submission record of ALL speakers when preparing future ESTS meetings.

Submission for review of forum, case report, video or poster presentations to either EJCTS or ICVTS is optional but welcomed.

Manuscripts should be prepared and submitted according to the Instructions to Authors (follow relevant link):

- EJCTS
- ICVTS

The manuscript submission is online only at: <http://submit-ejcts.ctsnetjournals.org>

Please mention "Presented at the 22nd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Copenhagen, 15-18 June 2014," on the title page of the manuscript.

ESTS requires that all speakers competing for the Brompton & Young Investigators Prizes sessions submit full manuscripts by e-mail to the Chair of the Programme Committee (sue@ests.org.uk) one month before the meeting at the latest, since these papers are included in the total scoring by the jury. The audio-visual recording of the scientific presentations will be the property of the ESTS.

ORAL AND FORUM SESSIONS

Oral papers are allocated 10 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 7 minutes. Forum papers are allocated a presentation time of 7 minutes followed by a discussion period of 3 minutes. Please note that only data projection will be available.

INTERACTIVE CASE PRESENTATION SESSION

The programme committee invites submissions of case reports for interactive presentation.

It is an opportunity for any thoracic surgeon, particularly trainees and young surgeons, to present a case for discussion by the meeting and the experts who will be present. We encourage you to submit cases that are of interest in any of the followings:

- An uncommon clinical problem
- A particularly challenging problem of diagnosis or management
- An innovative surgical technique
- A clinical lesson
- A particularly illustrative case of interest for the thoracic community

The interactive presentations should be 10 minutes long including interactive discussion. Video clips are welcomed but must be included within the time limit. The speaker should present the clinical case only; NOT a literature review or case series.

We would like you to explain in the abstract (300 words) what your case is about, what you think is of special interest for the audience and its clinical implications.

POSTER SESSION

A number of abstracts will be selected for poster presentation.

Moderated posters are allocated 3 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 2 minutes.

Maximum dimensions: Portrait: Length 120 cm, width 90 cm

VIDEO SESSION

Videos will be uploaded using a dedicated YouTube channel. Instructions for video upload using YouTube are detailed in the submission system. The video should be up to 7 min duration and up to 500MB. The following formats are supported to upload:

- .MOV
- .WMV
- .3GPP
- .MPEG4
- .MPEGPS
- .WebM
- .AVI
- .FLV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the principal surgeon is a requirement of participation.

NURSE SYMPOSIUM

Abstracts for nurses symposium should be submitted online using the same system as other abstracts. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words. Videos can be considered and they should be uploaded using the dedicated YouTube channel (see video session). Same time and weight limits apply as in medical videos.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The following Prizes will be awarded:

• ESTS – Brompton Prize – 2000 EUR

The Brompton Prize is offered for the best thoracic presentation by an ESTS member at the Brompton Session and comes courtesy of the Trustees of the fund initiated by Professor Peter Goldstraw. It is an annual prize instituted at the 8th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery held in London November 2000.

• **ESTS – Young Investigators Award – 2000 EUR**

To stimulate research, ESTS has instituted a prize for the best presentation on topics of clinical or experimental research in the field of thoracic surgery by an ESTS member below the age of 35.

• **ESTS – Grillo Prize – 1000 EUR**

The prize is offered to the best abstract in the session “Experimental/Innovative Techniques” and is named after our deceased honorary member Hermes Grillo (Boston). The prize was initially awarded in 2009 by Professor Douglas Mathisen of the Massachusetts General Hospital, a colleague and friend of Professor Hermes Grillo.

• **ESTS – Greek Pioneers Prize – 500 EUR**

This prize is offered for the best poster presentation and comes courtesy of a fund chaired by Dr Kalliopi Athanassiadi in the name of the first three Greek thoracic surgeons.

• **ESTS - Covidien Prize – 2014 Scholarship ESTS School of Thoracic Surgery Elancourt, France**

This prize is offered to the best case presentation and comes courtesy of a donation by Covidien.

• **ESTS - Dufner VATS Prize – 1000 EUR**

This prize is offered to the best paper presented at the VATS session hosted by the ESTS-MITIG (Minimal Invasive Thoracic Interest Group)

• **ESTS – JACS Award – 1000 EUR**

This prize is offered to the best abstract presentation by an ESTS member from Asia.

• **ESTS – Perelman Award – 1000 EUR**

This prize is offered to the best abstract presentation by an ESTS member from the Former Soviet Union.

• **ESTS – DGT Travel Grant – 1000 EUR**

This grant is offered by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Thoraxchirurgie and was created to support a member of ESTS from a low income country

• **ESTS – Dutch Society for Lung Surgery Travel Grant – 1000 EUR**

This grant is offered by the Dutch Society for Lung Surgery and was created to support a young abstract presenter from a low-middle income country.

• **ESTS – FSTCVS Travel Grant – 1000 EUR**

This grant is offered by French Society for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. It will be offered to the best oral presentation of clinical work by an author below the age of 35 from a low-middle-income country.

The prizes and awards will be presented at the ESTS Party (at own expense) on Tuesday, 17 June 2014.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the congress is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

BADGES

You will receive a personalised name badge when collecting your registration documents. During the congress, this badge must be clearly visible at all times and grants access to the Scientific Sessions, Commercial Exhibition and official Networking Events. Only delegates wearing badges will be admitted to the sessions.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

For official delegates to the conference, a certificate of attendance will be provided.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) CREDITS

Full accreditation of the meeting has been requested at the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). The total number of European CME credits (ECMEC's) assigned to the meeting will be printed on the certificate of attendance. To convert ECMEC's credit to AMA PRA category I credit, please contact the AMA. More information at www.uems.net and www.eaccme.eu

COFFEE AND LUNCH BREAKS

Coffee breaks are included in the registration fee and will be served in the exhibition area. Lunch is not included in the registration fee, neither for the congress nor for the Postgraduate Symposium on Sunday.

Please note: during industry lunch symposia, lunch is provided for participants by the company holding the lunch symposium.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Bella Center Copenhagen
Center Boulevard 5
DK-2300 Copenhagen S
Denmark

<http://www.bellacenter.dk>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Submission: from Sunday, 1 December 2013

Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday, 10 January 2014

Notification: Early March 2014

Deadline Early Bird: Monday, 28 April 2014*

**After this date, on-site fees will apply*

EXHIBITION AND SPONSORING

The Organising Committee of the 22nd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery invites you to exhibit at the conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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OFFICIAL CURRENCY OF THE CONFERENCE

Payment of congress-related matters such as registration fees and networking programme etc. will be in **EURO only**.

REGISTRATION

Please register online at: www.estsmeetings.org/2014 or download the registration form from www.estsmeetings.org/2014 and fax or land-mail to:

Mondial Congress & Events, Mondial GmbH & Co KG
 Operngasse 20 b, 1040 Vienna, Austria
 Tel.: +43 1 588 04-0, Fax: +43 1 588 04 185
 E-mail: ests2014@mondial-congress.com

For group registrations (more than 10 persons), we kindly ask you to contact Mondial Congress & Events to arrange details.

6TH COLLABORATIVE SYMPOSIUM ON GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY (Sunday, 15 June 2014)	Early Registration Fee (until 28 April 2014) in EURO	Registration Fee Late/On-site (from 29 April 2014) in EURO
High-income countries *	105	190
Upper-middle-income countries *	55	95
Low-income & Lower-middle-income countries *	30	65
Allied Professionals, e.g. nurses (certificate) **	30	65
CONFERENCE (Monday, 16 June – Wednesday 18 June 2014)		
ESTS Member Fee (High-income-countries) *	160	260
ESTS Member Fee (Upper-middle-income countries) *	55	105
ESTS Member Fee (Low-income & Lower-middle-income countries) *	35	55
ESTS Member Fee (for pulmonologists)	55	210
Non-Member-Fee	315	365
Trainee ESTS-Member (certificate) **	30	105
Trainee Non-member (certificate) **	105	160
Allied professionals, e.g. nurses (certificate) **	50	65
Medical Student (certificate) **	Fee waived	Fee waived
Breakfast Session	30 (per session)	30 (per session)

* Countries listed on www.ests.org

** Please send letter of chief of department/institution to Mondial Congress & Events to confirm status

CONFERENCE FEES

Member Fee is applicable to all those who have applied for ESTS membership and have paid the 2014 membership fee. To apply for ESTS membership please visit <http://www.ests.org/shop/memberships.aspx>

Reduced early registration is available to ESTS members who have paid their 2014 membership fee by Monday, 28 April 2014. For members that pay their membership fee after this date, the on-site conference registration fee will apply.

Participant's Registration Fee includes:

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Poster Area and Commercial Exhibition
- Conference Material (congress bag, Conference programme, abstract publication, name badge)
- Certificate of Attendance
- Coffee Breaks
- Opening Ceremony and Opening Reception

Please note that registrations can only be accepted and confirmed upon receipt of the completed registration form (mailed, faxed or filled in via www.estsmeetings.org/2014) **and receipt of full payment.**

For information on payment, please refer to "TERMS OF PAYMENT".

The date of the remittance order (as stamped on the slip) will be decisive for early-bird and regular registration (i.e.: for early-bird registration, the remittance has to be ordered by Monday, 28 April 2014).

As soon as the Organising Secretariat has received your payment, a letter of confirmation will be mailed.

Confirmations will be e-mailed if an e-mail address is provided on the registration form. No confirmations will be faxed or land-mailed.

CANCELLATION POLICY – REGISTRATION

Written notification is required for all cancellations and changes.

50% Refund of the registration fee – less EUR 25 administration fee – will be granted to delegates unable to attend, provided written notice is received by Mondial Congress & Events by **Friday, 9 May 2014.**

No refunds will be granted for cancellations received after that date.

Reimbursements will be made after the Conference.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

The total amount outstanding should be made out in advance in EURO (payments in other currency will not be accepted) in favor of the 22nd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery and only by one of the following procedures:

BANK TRANSFER

Account name: ESTS 2014
Account holder: Mondial GmbH & Co KG
Name of bank: UniCredit Bank Austria AG, Schottengasse 6-8, 1010 Vienna (Austria)
IBAN: AT85 1200 0100 0474 3737
BIC: BKAUATWW

Comment: "Free of charge for Mondial". For transfers from outside of Austria please use IBAN (international bank account number) and BIC (bank identification code) to minimise bank charges. Bank fees will be charged to the participant.

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Only Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, Amex and Diners will be accepted. The cardholder's name, card number, expiration date and an original signature must be on the booking form.

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HOTEL BOOKING

We kindly ask all participants to book their hotel individually. June is high season in Copenhagen, therefore early booking is highly recommended!

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OFFICIAL NETWORKING PROGRAMME

OPENING CEREMONY & OPENING RECEPTION

Sunday, 15 June 2014

The official opening ceremony of the conference for registered participants and exhibitors will take place at the meeting venue, the Bella Center.

ESTS PARTY (at own expense)

Tuesday, 17 June 2014 | Toldboden Restaurant

Toldboden, an old custom house rebuilt with timber and jetsam, is a climate-friendly and maritime restaurant located in the heart of Copenhagen near Kastellet. Inspired by the maritime surroundings, Toldboden focuses on quality and sustainability.

The food is served by happy sailors and you will sit at benches and tables from Denmark's oldest harbours with a beautiful view to the Royal Yacht, the Opera House and the Sixtus Battery.

The ESTS Party aims to provide you with an opportunity to network and share experiences with junior and senior thoracic surgeons from all over the world in an informal atmosphere.



Dress code: informal

Limited number of tickets available, please book in advance when registering for the conference!

It is also possible to join the music and dance party from 23:00 for free (all drinks at own expense). If you would like to join from 23:00 only, no pre-registration is necessary; simply wear your conference name badge.

Price per Person:

Delegate fee: EUR 100

Reduced fee*: EUR 60 - Limited number of 100 tickets available

** The reduced fee is available to trainees, medical students and allied professionals (nurses).*

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ABOUT COPENHAGEN

CLIMATE

Copenhagen is in the oceanic climate zone, with average maximum temperatures in June being around 19.2 °C at daytime.

ELECTRICITY

Denmark's standard voltage is 230 V, 50Hz. The standard two-pin European plugs are used.

SHOPPING

Since the liberalisation of the so called Danish closing hour law 1 October 2012, the shops in Copenhagen are allowed to stay open every Sunday and longer on Saturdays and weekdays.

Opening hours vary though, and department stores and supermarkets usually stay open longer.

Outside ordinary shopping hours various kiosks are open for sale of tobacco, newspapers and sweets etc.

Bakeries, florists and souvenir shops are usually open seven days a week.

These are the most common opening hours:

Monday - Thursday	10:00 – 18:00
Friday	10:00 – 19:00
Saturday	10:00 – 16:00
Sunday	12:00 – 16:00

TIME

Copenhagen lies in the Central European Time zone (CET).

VISA REQUIREMENTS / LETTERS OF INVITATION

If you are an EU citizen, you must either present a passport or an ID card valid for the duration of your stay in order to enter Denmark for tourist visits of up to three months.

Citizens of other countries must have a valid passport. Some non-EU citizens are required to produce a visa.

Please contact your travel agent or the nearest Danish diplomatic post for further information.

Find more information at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark at www.um.dk

You may request a Letter of Invitation from the organiser which must be submitted to the embassy when applying for a Visa.

Mondial's policy for issuing official letters of invitation for any conference is as follows:

- Letters of invitation will be issued only after you have registered for the conference **and** paid in full.
- After you have received your payment confirmation, you can request a letter of invitation by sending an email to: **ests2014@mondial-congress.com**.
- Letters of invitation will only be issued for the person accepted to attend the congress.
- When requesting your letter of invitation, make sure to include the following information:
full name, full address, passport number, date & place of birth, date & place of issue.

The letter of invitation does not financially or otherwise obligate the conference organisers in any way.

All expenses incurred in relation to the conference and immigration requirements are the sole responsibility of the delegate.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Bella Center is located in the middle of Ørestaden – with its own Metro station and surrounded by Scandinavia's largest shopping mall, only 10 minutes away from the center of Copenhagen and Copenhagen International Airport.

Air

Copenhagen Airport is Northern Europe's main traffic hub with direct flights from approximately 130 destinations all over the world, including 18 intercontinental, 89 European, 14 Nordic and 6 domestic routes. The Airport is situated on the island of Amager, eight kilometers South-east of Copenhagen. The city centre can be reached within 12 minutes by metro or train.

You can reach Bella Center from the airport by taking the train to Ørestad Station, where you can transfer to Metro line 1, which stops at Bella Center (see "Metro").

Duration: approx. 16 min.

Train

Information and ticket reservation via DSB (www.dsb.dk)

Bella Center is just a 10-15 minute taxi drive from Copenhagen Central Station. From Copenhagen Central Station you can also get to Bella Center in 20-25 minutes by taking bus line 30. All regional trains also stop at Ørestad Station, where you can transfer to the Metro.

Car

Bella Center is located at Center Boulevard 5, 2300 Copenhagen S.

There is a motorway right to the front door from Denmark and Sweden. Follow the "Airport Motorway", E20.

The exit to Center Boulevard is number 19 and is called "Ørestad" with "Bella Center" listed below.

Parking - www.europark.dk

DKK 20/hour. Minimum DKK 15 and maximum DKK 80 (for 24 hours).

Bus

Information on bus schedules can be found on the transport company website - www.movia.dk

Bus line 30

Runs between Vesterport Station (via the central station) and Bella Center.

Bus line 4A

Runs from Svanemøllen Station to Sundbyvester Plads via Valby Station and Sjælør Station.

Bus line 250S

Runs from Buddingevej via Forum Station and Copenhagen Central Station to Bella Center.

Metro

More information available at www.m.dk

The Metro line M1 runs between Vanløse and Vestamager (West Amager). The Bella Center Metro Station is located next to Bella Center's East Entrance.



Taxi

A taxi from Bella Center to the city centre costs about DKK 200 (approx. EUR 27).

A taxi from Bella Center to Copenhagen Airport costs about DKK 150-200 (approx. EUR 20 – 27).

Duration: approx. 5 min.

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