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Henry Ellis, (†) Brookline, USA	1994, Sienna
Robert Ginsberg (†), Toronto, Canada	1995, Lausanne
Eugene Reboud, Marseille, France	1996, Cordoba
Ingolf Vogt Moykopf, Heidelberg, Germany	1996, Cordoba
Henry Eschapasse, Paris, France	1996, Cordoba
Griff Pearson, Toronto, Canada	1997, Wroclaw
Francisco Paris, Valencia, Spain	1998, Portoroz
Michel Ribet, La Madeleine, France	1999, Nancy
Joel Cooper, St Louis, USA	2000, London
Mark Orringer, Ann Arbor, USA	2001, Lisbon
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Hermes Grillo (†), Boston, USA	2002, Istanbul
Leon Lacquet, Ubbergen, Netherlands	2002, Istanbul
Valerie Rusch, New York, USA	2004, Zurich
Giovanni Ferrante, Naples, Italy	2004, Zurich
Alec Patterson, St Louis, USA	2005, Athens
Jay Jeyasingham, Bristol, UK	2005, Athens
Peter Pairolero, Rochester, USA	2006, Stockholm
Peter Goldstraw, London, UK	2007, Leuven
Toni Lerut, Leuven, Belgium	2008, Bologna
Tom Treasure, London, UK	2009, Krakow
Guillermo Ramos, Valladolid, Spain	2010, Valladolid
Mikhail Perelman (†), Moscow, Russia	2010, Valladolid
Pierre Fuentes, Marseille, France	2011, Marseille
Detlev Branscheid, Bielefeld, Germany	2012, Essen
Douglas Mathisen, Boston, USA	2013, Birmingham
Tadeusz Orłowski, Warsaw, Poland	2014, Copenhagen
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Peter Goldstraw, London, UK	1995
Giovanni Ferrante, Naples, Italy	1996
Francisco Paris, Valencia, Spain	1997
Philippe Levasseur, Paris, France	1998
Tadeusz Orłowski, Warsaw, Poland	1999
Toni Lerut, Leuven, Belgium	2000
Heikki Toomes, Gerlingen, Germany	2001
Pierre Fuentes, Marseille, France	2002
Ion Bellenis, Athens, Greece	2003
Tomasz Grodzki, Szczecin, Poland	2004
Walter Weder, Zurich, Switzerland	2005
Semih Halezeroglu, Istanbul, Turkey	2006
Richard Berrisford, Exeter, UK	2007
Gaetano Rocco, Naples, Italy	2008
Laureano Molins, Barcelona, Spain	2009
Michael Rolf Mueller, Vienna, Austria	2010
Gunda Leschber, Berlin, Germany	2011
Pascal Thomas, Marseille, France	2012
Dirk Van Raemdonck, Leuven, Belgium	2013
Federico Venuta, Rome, Italy	2014



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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) CREDITS

The scientific programme of the 23rd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide the following CME activity for medical specialists.

The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), www.uems.net

The 23rd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery was granted 21 European CME credits (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

Through an agreement between the European Union of Medical Specialists and the American Medical Association, physicians may convert EACCME credits to an equivalent number of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Information on the process to convert EACCME credit to AMA credit can be found at www.ama-assn.org/go/internationalcme



GUIDELINES & INFORMATION FOR SPEAKERS, CHAIRPERSONS AND POSTER PRESENTERS

Opening hours Speakers Room / Preview Room

Saturday, 30 May, 2015	16:00 - 19:00
Sunday, 31 May, 2015	07:00 - 19:00
Monday, 1 June, 2015	07:00 - 19:00
Tuesday, 2 June, 2015	07:00 - 19:00
Wednesday, 3 June, 2015	08:00 - 11:00

If you are a Chairperson

1. Please locate your session room in due time. Please be at your session room at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the session.
2. We may remind you that speakers need to strictly observe the time schedule. Participants in the discussion should not speak before they are recognized by the chair and must first clearly state their name, institution and country of origin. Hostesses will be collecting personal data of all discussants in the plenary hall and breakout hall by scanning the bar code printed on every name badge.

If you are a Speaker in a session

1. Please locate your session room in due time. Please be at your session room at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the session.
2. Speakers should deliver and view/check their PowerPoint presentations at the Speakers Room/Preview Room located in room 1.14, 1st floor, at least 2 hours prior to the beginning of the respective session for organizational reasons. For Breakfast Sessions, the PowerPoint presentations should be delivered the previous day. Presentations must be prepared in PowerPoint (MS Windows) and provided on a USB-removable drive. Macintosh presentations cannot be accommodated, unless saved to a PC-formatted USB stick. To avoid any delays, speakers are kindly requested to hand in their PowerPoint presentations on a electronic support (USB). Failure to check in presentations on time may result in them being unavailable for projection when required. Technical personnel will be available in the Speakers Room/Preview Room to assist you with loading your presentation. Presentations will be transferred from server to the session room electronically. Speakers are not permitted to take PowerPoint presentations directly to the technical assistant in the session rooms. The use of personal laptops for presentations in the session is strictly prohibited. Protection of copyright will be guaranteed. Please note that presentation time is strictly limited, no exceptions. Time your presentation carefully according to the time dedicated in each session:

Oral Sessions - 8 min. presentation + 7 min. discussion

Forum Sessions - 7 min. presentation + 3 min. discussion



Brompton Session - 8 min. presentation + 4 min. invited discussant + 8 min. other discussants
Interesting Cases - 5 min. presentation + 10 min. discussion
Video Session - 7 min. presentation + 3 min. discussion
Moderated Poster Session - 3min. presentation + 2 min. discussion
Nurse Symposium Oral Session - 12 min. presentation + 3 min. discussion
Nurse Symposium Poster Session - 3 min. presentation + 2 min. discussion

Microphones for discussants will be available in each session room.

Discussion and questions in Oral sessions will be recorded to be included in the manuscript: ESTS expects that all speakers of oral presentations submit full manuscripts to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) online at the time of the meeting for peer review. 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, interactive presentations, posters and video presentations to either EJCTS or ICVTS is optional but welcomed.

Manuscripts should be prepared and submitted according to the Instructions to Authors. The manuscript submission is online only at: <http://ejcts.oxfordjournals.org>

Please include “Presented at the 23rd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Lisbon, 31 May – 3 June 2015” on the title page of the manuscript.

The audio-visual recording of the scientific presentations will be the property of the ESTS.

If you are a Poster Presenter

The poster area is located in the Exhibition Area, Pavilion 5, 1st floor

There are two different poster sessions scheduled for the conference.

Moderated Poster Session – Monday 1 June, 17:00 – 19:00

General Poster Display – Tuesday 2 June, during the day

The poster should be prepared in portrait format and should not exceed the following maximum dimensions: Length 120 cm, width 90 cm.

Please attach the poster to the board with the corresponding poster placement date and number. Fixing tape for posters will be available in the poster exhibition area. Please use only the fixing materials made available by the poster exhibition staff in order to avoid damages on the poster boards.

Posters accepted for Moderated Poster Session – Monday 1 June

All posters will be moderated and you will have 3’ to answer questions from the moderator and audience in the poster area.

The posters are divided in 8 groups and there will be two consecutive moderated poster sessions on Monday 1 June (17:00 – 17:50 | 18:00 – 18:50).

Posters have to be *mounted* on Saturday, 30 May from 17:00 to 19:00 or Sunday, 31 May from 07:30 to 08:00.

Posters have to be *dismounted* immediately after the Moderated Poster Session on Monday 1 June from 19:00 to 20:00.



Important note: Posters that are not dismantled until 20:00 on Monday, 1 June will be dismantled and disposed of by the staff.

Posters accepted for Poster Display – Tuesday 2 June

Posters have to be mounted on Tuesday, 2 June 07:30 – 09:00

Posters have to be dismantled until Wednesday, 3 June at 10:00

Important note: Posters that are not dismantled until 10:00 on Wednesday, 3 June will be dismantled and disposed of by the staff.

If you have any questions regarding your poster(s), please do not hesitate to contact the staff at the registration desk.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The following prizes will be awarded:

- **ESTS – Brompton Prize – 2.000 EUR**
The Brompton Prize is offered for the best thoracic presentation by an ESTS member, first author, 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 Investigator Award – 2.000 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 – 1.000 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 – JACS Award – 1.000 EUR**
This prize is offered to the best abstract presentation by an ESTS member from an Asian Institute.
- **ESTS – DGT Travel Grant – 1.000 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 – 1.000 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 – 1.000 EUR**
This grant is offered by the 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.



- **ESTS-Biology Club – Zurich Fellowship – 30.000 EUR**
This scholarship was created to offer a maximum of six months research opportunity for a young ESTS member with the aim of learning or getting an insight into a research concept or technique not available in the home unit.
- **ESTS Postgraduate Course Prize**
Awarded for the best overall performance by a trainee member in the Postgraduate Course Master's Cup Competition to win an expenses-paid attachment to a leading Thoracic Surgery unit in China.

The prizes and awards will be presented at the ESTS Dinner Party (at own expense) on Tuesday 2 June 2015.



PRIZE WINNERS

ESTS - BROMPTON PRIZE

2000	Dirk Van Raemdonck	Leuven, Belgium
2001	Bernward Passlick	Freiburg, Germany
2002	Thorsten Kruger	Lausanne, Switzerland
2003	Didier Lardinois	Zurich, Switzerland
2004	Federico Venuta	Rome, Italy
2005	Masahiro Tsuboi	Tokyo, Japan
2006	Tamas Szoke	Szeged, Hungary
2007	Isabelle Opitz	Zurich, Switzerland
2008	Elena Fernandez	Madrid, Spain
2009	Xavier D'Journo	Marseille, France
2010	Nuria Novoa	Salamanca, Spain
2011	Michele Salati	Ancona, Italy
2012	Alessandro Brunelli	Ancona, Italy
2013	Philippe Nafteux	Leuven, Belgium
2014	Hiroshi Date	Kyoto, Japan

ESTS – YOUNG INVESTIGATOR'S PRIZE

2007	Juan J Fibla	Barcelona, Spain
2008	Kai Nowak	Heidelberg, Germany
2009	Tomasz Marjanski	Gdansk, Poland
2010	Caroline Rivera	Paris, France
2011	Stephane Collaud	Zurich, Switzerland
2012	Cecilia Pompili	Ancona, Italy
2013	Maria Teresa Gomez-Hernandez	Salamanca, Spain
2014	Hans Van Veer	Leuven, Belgium

ESTS – GREEK PIONEER'S PRIZE

2006	Goksel Kalayci (†)	Istanbul, Turkey
2007	Xavier D'Journo	Marseille, France
2008	Douglas West	Edinburgh, UK
2009	Marco Anile	Rome, Italy
2010	Guiseppe Marulli	Padua, Italy
2011	Yabo Wang	Lausanne, Switzerland
2012	Corinna Ludwig	Cologne, Germany
2013	Ricardo Guijarro	Valencia, Spain
2014	Vladimir Bobek	Prague, Czech Republic

ESTS – COVIDIEN PRIZE

2007	Antigone Koliopoulo	Athens, Greece
2008	Cliff Choong	Cambridge, UK
2009	Attila Vagvolgyi	Budapest, Hungary



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2010	Federico Raveglia	Milan, Italy
2011	Bastian Orsini	Marseille, France
2012	Kostas Kostopanagiotou	Leeds, UK
2013	Hans van Veer	Leuven, Belgium
2014	Arthur Kostron	Zurich, Switzerland

ESTS - GRILLO PRIZE

2009	Johannes Merk	Berlin, Germany
2010	Nikolaos Tsirikos-Karapanos	Rochester, USA
2011	Wolfgang Jungraithmayr	Zurich, Switzerland
2012	Alfonso Fiorelli	Naples, Italy
2013	Guiseppe Marulli	Padua, Italy
2014	Shinya Tane	Kobe, Japan

ESTS - DUTCH SOCIETY FOR LUNG SURGERY TRAVEL GRANT

2010	Ilker Iskender	Sirnak, Turkey
2011	Levent Alpay	Istanbul, Turkey
2012	Andrey Akopov	St Petersburg, Russia
2013	Vitaliy Barmin	Moscow, Russia
2014	Juan Braga Menendez	Pilar, Argentina

ESTS - DGT TRAVEL GRANT

2011	Mohammadbehgam Shadmehr	Tehran, Iran
2012	Guven Olgac	Istanbul, Turkey
2013	Artjoms Spaks	Riga, Latvia
2014	Oleksandr Vynnychenko	Sumy, Ukraine

ESTS - FSTCVS TRAVEL GRANT

2011	Adnan Sayar	Istanbul, Turkey
2012	Ali Amiraliev	Moscow, Russia
2013	Farahnaz Sadegh Beigee	Tehran, Iran
2014	Hao Wang	Shanghai, China

ESTS – PERELMAN AWARD

2014	Kirill Gestkov	Moscow, Russia
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ESTS – JACS AWARD

2014	Takashi Nojiri	Suita, Japan
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ESTS – VATS PRIZE

2014 Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz Strasbourg, France

ESTS – BIOLOGY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

2014 Balazs Gieszer Budapest, Hungary
2014 Arthur Kostron Zurich, Switzerland

ESTS – COVIDIEN NURSE SYMPOSIUM AWARD

2014 Maja Schick Sommer Copenhagen, Denmark

ESTS – MEDELA NURSE SYMPOSIUM AWARD

2014 Lisa Hill Leeds, UK

ESTS – ACECP TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP AWARD

2009 Clemens Aigner Vienna, Austria
2010 Tevfik Kaplan Hatay, Turkey
2011 Gor Melikyan Yerevan, Armenia
2011 Francesco Carleo Rome, Italy
2012 Amaia Ojanguren Arranz Barcelona, Spain
2013 Masaoki Ito Hiroshima, Japan
2014 Carme Obiols Terrassa, Spain

DONATIONS TO ESTS COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Hazm Aljobory, Timisoara, Romania
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Adrian Cristescu, Brasov, Romania
Vlado Cvijanovic, Belgrade, Serbia
Paul De Leyn, Leuven, Belgium
Dimitrios Filippou, Thessaloniki, Greece
Giovanni Carboni, Zurich, Switzerland
Georges Decker, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Fadil Gradica, Tirana, Albania
Tomasz Grodzki, Szczecin, Poland
Teodor Horvath, Brno, Czech Republic
Bartosz Kubisa, Szczecin, Poland
Jaroslaw Kuzdzal, Krakow, Poland
Toni Lerut, Leuven, Belgium
Gunda Leschber, Berlin, Germany
Laureano Molins, Barcelona, Spain
Michael Mueller, Vienna, Austria
Maciej Narski, Poland
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Alessandro Palleschi, Milan, Italy
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Willem-Hans Steup, The Hague, The Netherlands
Pascal Thomas, Marseille, France
Alper Toker, Istanbul, Turkey
Tom Treasure, London, UK
Dirk Van Raemdonck, Leuven, Belgium
Paul Van Schil, Antwerp, Belgium
Gonzalo Varela, Salamanca, Spain
Thorsten Walles, Wuerzburg, Germany
Hao Wang, Shanghai, China
Biruta Witte, Koblenz, Germany
Janusz Wojcik, Szczecin, Poland
Ruoyu Zhang, Hannover, Germany

ESTS INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY CERTIFICATION

2011

Antwerp

Department of Thoracic and Vascular Surgery
Antwerp University Hospital, Belgium

2012

Ancona

Ospedali Riuniti, Ancona, Italy

Barcelona

Hospital Sagrat Cor, Barcelona, Spain

Debrecen

University of Debrecen, Hungary

Istanbul

Istanbul University, Istanbul Medical School, Turkey

Salamanca

Salamanca University Hospital, Salamanca, Spain

2013

Milan

Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico, Milan, Italy

Barcelona

Hospital Clinic, Barcelona, Spain

Leuven

University Hospitals Leuven, Belgium



Istanbul

Istanbul University, Cerrahpasa Medical Faculty, Istanbul, Turkey

2014

Antwerp - Recertification

Department of Thoracic and Vascular Surgery
Antwerp University Hospital, Belgium

2015

Ancona - Recertification

Ospedali Riuniti, Ancona, Italy

Salamanca - Recertification

Salamanca University Hospital, Salamanca, Spain



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HOW TO REACH THE CONFERENCE VENUE

By foot

The following hotel is within a short walking distance from Lisbon Congress Centre:

- Hotel Vila Galé Opera

By Daily Transfer

The 23rd ESTS conference organisation will provide a daily coach transfer service between centrally located pick up points close by the hotels and the Lisbon Congress Centre.

ROUTE A - Lisbon City Centre Hotels, two pick up points: Hotel Altis Grand and Dom Pedro Palace Hotel, transfer duration 15-20 min.

ROUTE B - Campo Pequeno Area Hotels, pick up point: Hotel Vip Zurich, transfer duration 15-20 min.

Timetable:

From the hotels

Sunday, 31 May 2015

Departure schedule from hotel pick up points: one coach every 30 minutes, 07:30 to 10:30

Monday, 1 June 2015 - Wednesday, 3 June

Departure schedule from hotel pick up points: one coach every 30 minutes, 07:30 to 10:00

From the Lisbon Congress Centre

Two afternoon departures from the Lisbon Congress Centre to the hotel pick up points: 19:00 and 20:30

Monday, 1 June

Two afternoon departures from the Lisbon Congress Centre to the hotel pick up points: 19:00 and 21:00

Tuesday, 2 June

Two afternoon departures from the Lisbon Congress Centre to the hotel pick up points: 17:30 and 19:00

Wednesday, 3 June

One departure from the Lisbon Congress Centre to the hotel pick up points: 13:30

By Public Transport

- **Bus** lines 714 (direction Outurela), 728 (direction Restelo), 732 (direction Caselas), 727 (direction Restelo), 756 (direction Rua Junqueira), 751 (direction Linda-a-Velha). Nearest stop will be at Rua da Junqueira. Information on bus schedules can be found at www.carris.pt
- **Tram** line 15E (direction Algés). Nearest stop will be at Rua da Junqueira. Information on tram schedules can be found at www.carris.pt
- **Train** line Cais Sodré-Cascais. Nearest stops will be Alcântara-Mar or Belém. Information on train schedules can be found at www.cp.pt
- **Metro**. Leave at Cais do Sodré station (Green line) and take the train, tram 15 or buses 714 (direction Outurela), 728 (direction Restelo) or 732 (direction Caselas). Nearest stop will be at Rua da Junqueira.

By taxi

A taxi from the city centre to the conference venue costs 8-15EUR. Duration: approx. 10 min.
A taxi from Lisbon International Airport to the conference venue costs 15-25EUR. Duration: approx. 25 min.

USEFUL INFORMATION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Always buy a ticket before boarding the train or metro. Onboard the buses you also have the possibility to buy a ticket from the driver, if you bring small change.

Transport card

At the Metro stations look for the ticket machines. Touch the screen and choose the option "zapping". Choose one of the ticket options on offer. The first time buying a ticket you will first receive a re-chargeable card (0,50 EUR, card valid for 1 year) and the remaining amount to be used as a credit according to the option you have chosen. Using this modality a one way Metro trip costs 1,40 EUR (valid for 1 hour on metro, buses and trams – NOT valid for the commuter trains). Keep the card and next time you want to buy a ticket, please introduce the card first in the ticket machine, select "zapping" and update your credit for the next trip. You can pay with coins, notes or credit card.

Lisboa Card

Access card for museums, public monuments and transportation including buses, cable cars, trams, trains on Sintra - Cascais railroad). Duration. 24h, 48h and 72h (adult card and children card from 4-15 years).



REGISTRATION AREA

The registration area is located in the main foyer of the conference venue.

Opening hours

Saturday, 30 May, 2015	16:00 - 20:00
Sunday, 31 May, 2015	07:00 - 19:00
Monday, 1 June, 2015	07:00 - 19:00
Tuesday, 2 June, 2015	07:00 - 19:30
Wednesday, 3 June, 2015	08:00 - 15:00

To avoid delays on Sunday morning, participants are strongly encouraged to register and collect the conference documentation on Saturday, from 16:00 to 20:00

Pre-registered participants

Participants already registered are recommended to bring a print out of the confirmation email where the bar code is printed.

Outstanding payments can be settled in cash (Euro only) or with credit card, VISA or Master card.

On-Site Registration

Participants who register and pay their registration fee on -site will be assisted to fill out the registration form. Payments with credit card VISA or Master card or in cash (Euro only) will be accepted.

Conference bag and information

Participants will receive a conference bag at the registration desk when picking up their delegate documents.

DETAILED REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Onsite registration fee

7th Collaborative Symposium on General Thoracic Surgery (31 May, 2015)

High income countries *	190,00 EUR
Upper middle income countries*	95,00 EUR
Low income & lower middle income countries*	65,00 EUR
Allied professionals, e.g nurses (certificate)**	65,00 EUR

Conference (1 June - 3 June, 2015)

ESTS member fee (high income countries)*	260,00 EUR
ESTS member fee (upper middle-income countries)*	105,00 EUR
ESTS member fee (low income & lower middle income countries)*	55,00 EUR
ERS member fee (for pulmonologists)	210,00 EUR
Non member fee	365,00 EUR
Trainee ESTS Member	105,00 EUR
Trainee Non ESTS member (certificate)**	160,00 EUR
Allied professionals, e.g. nurses (certificate)**	65,00 EUR
Medical student (certificate)**	fee waived
Breakfast Session (cost per session)	50,00 EUR
ESTS School Practical Skills Workshop	50,00 EUR

Fees for Networking Programme

Opening Ceremony and Opening Reception	included
ESTS Party Conference dinner (Tuesday) delegate fee	100,00 EUR
ESTS Party Conference dinner (Tuesday) reduced fee	60,00 EUR

* Countries listed on www.ests.org

** Proof of trainee student status or nurse certificate must be uploaded on the online registration form during the registration process

Important: The Member Fees are only applicable for those who have applied for ESTS membership and paid the 2015 membership fee.



Participant's registration fee includes:

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Poster and Exhibition Areas
- Conference Material (name badge, bag, pocket programme)
- Access to ESTS conference APP
- Certificate of Attendance
- Coffee Breaks
- Opening Ceremony and Opening Reception

ESTS Party Conference Dinner fee includes:

- Transport from the Lisbon Congress Centre to the Dinner venue and return transfer to the Lisbon Congress Centre
- Dinner at Patio da Galé Venue
- Awards Ceremony
- Entertainment and DJ from 22:30-24:00

Please note that drinks at the cash bar open from 22:30 are not included in the Dinner fee.

Name badge

Participants will receive their name badge when collecting their conference documentation. You are kindly requested to wear your name badge during all conference events, in order to obtain admittance to all conference areas. Accompanying persons are not entitled to attend the scientific sessions, except for the Presidential Address and the Invited Guest Lecture.

Abstract Book

Lisbon 2015 is a Paperless Meeting.

A conference App will be made available for participants containing all necessary information, featuring and replacing, among other items, the complete conference programme and abstract book.

The ESTS Conference App will be accessible for download on Android and IOS devices (smartphones, tablets, iPhones and iPads).

Certificate of Attendance

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance. Please collect your certificate at the registration desk.

Conference Language

The official language of the conference is English. No simultaneous interpretation will be provided.



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Business Center

The copy center “Palmeiro” is located next to the conference venue on Rua da Junqueira, number 62E.

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday	07:30 - 19:30
Saturday	09:00 - 19:00
Sunday	11:00 - 17:00

Cash point – ATM

Two cash points are available at the conference venue main foyer, ground floor, one on the left hand side of the main entrance and the other behind the registration desk.

Cloakroom

Participants are invited to use the cloakroom, located in front of the registration desk.

Conference Staff

The Leading Event Team Members are present at the registration desk and conference hostesses will be at your service in all lecture rooms. Do not hesitate to approach them with queries, they will gladly assist you.

ESTS Booth

For matters regarding ESTS membership and other ESTS activities, participants are cordially invited to visit ESTS booth, located at the main foyer on the 1st floor.

First AID

In case of need, please contact the Leading Event Team at the registration desk.

Internet Access

Wi-Fi is available in the Lisbon Congress Centre.

Coffee and Lunch Breaks

Coffee breaks are included in the conference registration fee and will be served in the exhibition area.

Lunch is not included in the conference registration fee. Please note that during industry lunch symposia, lunch is provided for delegates by the company holding the lunch symposium.

Prayer Room

A Multi-Faith Prayer room is available for delegates who want a time of quiet, meditation or prayer. The room is located on the 1st floor, room 1.02.

Speakers Room / Preview Room

The speakers' preparation room is located in rooms 1.09/1.14 located on the 1st floor. Entrance from the main foyer.

**Smoking**

The Portuguese Law, in accordance with regulations common to the majority of the European countries, does not allow smoking in public places.

Taxi

Taxis are usually available at the main entrance of the conference venue.

Alternatively it is possible to call for a taxi using the following numbers:

Cooptaxis: +351 217 932 756

Rádio Táxis de Lisboa: +351 218 119 000

Teletaxis: +351 218 111 100



GENERAL INFORMATION ON LISBON

Climate

The average maximum daily temperature and average minimum temperature in Lisbon area in May/June are 22°C / 72F (high) and 18°C / 64F (low). Please take in consideration that Lisbon is located by the river and the ocean, and therefore can be windy in the late afternoon or evening. A sweater or a ladies pashmina may be necessary.

Electricity

Portuguese standard is the European type, 2 pin sockets with 220 volts AC at 50 cycles. The phase 380 volt current is normally available in meeting rooms and exhibition halls.

Insurance and Liability

Participants are advised to arrange health and accident insurance prior to travelling to the conference. ESTS is not responsible for any personal injury, loss, damage, accident to private property or additional expenses incurred as a result of delays or changes in air, rail, sea, road or other services, strikes, sickness, weather or any other cause.

Shopping

Lisbon remains Western Europe's least expensive capital. Shopping in Lisbon is also a cultural experience, especially when visiting historic stores. Take a walk from Praça do Comércio located by the river Tagus to Avenida de Liberdade and enjoy the traditional commerce. Shops are usually opened from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 19:00 (weekdays) and from 10:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays. Several shopping centers are available in Lisbon, which are opened daily from 10:00 to 24:00 (Vasco da Gama Shopping, Colombo Shopping, Amoreiras Shopping).

Time Zone

The time zone in Portugal is GMT+00 (Lisbon, Dublin, London).

Health Requirements

With the exception of vaccination certificates for persons coming from areas where yellow fever is endemic, at the present there are no special health requirements.

Medical Care

Clinics and hospitals provide 24h emergency service.

The national emergency phone number is 112. Hotels have a doctor on call through the reception. Reciprocal E.C. cover is available at out-patient departments, otherwise private consultation fees are charged.

Hotel Check In/Out Policy

Common check in time at hotels is 14:00. The established check out time is 12.00. Should you need guaranteed occupancy before 14:00 on the day of your arrival, the previous night should be reserved.

Gratification

The gratification is optional, but usually we give 10% in taxis, restaurants and cafeterias.



Pharmacy

Pharmacies are opened on weekdays from 09:00 to 19:00 (some may be closed between 13:00 and 15:00) and on weekends from 09:00 to 13:00. An illuminated green cross indicates that that pharmacy is opened after hours. For further information regarding the pharmacies' after hour service please ask at your hotel reception.

OFFICIAL NETWORKING PROGRAMME

Opening Ceremony

Sunday, 31 May, 2015

18:30 – 19:00

Location: Auditorium I, 1st floor

The official Opening Ceremony for registered participants, accompanying persons and exhibitors will take place at Lisbon Congress Centre, Auditorium I, 1st floor, with introductory speeches and a musical performance.

-Welcome and opening by Alper Toker, ESTS President

-Welcome by Fernando Palma Martelo, Chair of LOC

Presentation of the traditional FADO songs accompanied by guitar.

Opening Reception

Sunday, 31 May, 2015

19:00 – 20:30

Location: Exhibition Area, Pavilion 4 and 5, 1st floor

After the Opening Ceremony, toast to a successful conference at the Opening Reception in the Exhibition Area, Pavilion 4 and 5, during which drinks and snacks will be offered.

ESTS Dinner Party (at own expense)

Tuesday, 2 June, 2015

20:00 – 24:00

Location: Pátio da Galé, Praça do Comércio

Contribution per person: 100 EUR

ESTS Dinner Party includes:

Transport from the Lisbon Congress Centre to the Dinner venue and return transfer to the Lisbon Congress Centre

Dinner at Patio da Galé Venue

Awards Ceremony

Entertainment and DJ from 22:30 to 24:00

Please note that drinks at the cash bar open from 22:30 are not included in the Dinner fee.

Dress code: informal

A limited number of tickets are available for purchase. Please ask at the registration desk.



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BUSINESS MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time	Venue	Participants
Saturday, 30 May				
	Istanbul 2016	11:00-12:00	Room La Fenice, Hotel Vila Gale Opera	ESTS Officers, Istanbul LOC, MAW
	Lisbon Final Briefing	12:00 - 13:00	Room La Fenice, Hotel Vila Gale Opera	ESTS Officers, Lisbon LOC, Leading, MAW
	Lunch	13:00 - 14:00	Room La Fenice, Hotel Vila Gale Opera	
	Council Meeting	14:00 - 18:00	Room La Fenice, Hotel Vila Gale Opera	ESTS Councillors
	PGC Final Briefing	18:00 - 18:30	Auditorium I, LCC	PGC Teams
Sunday, 31 May				
	Working Group NET	07:30 - 08:15	Room 1:05	Working group members + Enrico Ruffini , Pier Luigi Filosso
	ESTS Biology Club	12:00 - 13:00	Room 5B	Gaetano Rocco & Isabelle Opitz. Open
	MITIG Working Group	12:00 - 13:00	Auditorium III/IV	Working group members + Henrik Hansen
Monday, 1 June				
	Website & Communication Working Group	10:30 - 11:30	Room 1:05	Working group members + Doug West



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Tuesday, 2 June				
	Quality of Life Working Group	07:30 - 08:30	Room 1:05	Working group members + Nuria Novoa
	Industry meeting	07:30 - 08:30	Room 1:04	ESTS officers, MAW, Exhibitors
	UEMS Section of Thoracic Surgery	08:00 - 09:30	Room 1:06	Toni Lerut, Chair, President, Secretary EBTS, UEMS National Representatives
	Working Group on Awake Surgery	12:30 - 13:30	Room 1:04	Working group members + Eugenio Pompeo
	Thymic Working Group	12:30 - 13:30	Room 1:06	Working group members + Enrico Ruffini
	Council & Regents & National Societies	13:00 - 14:00	Room 5C	Councillors, Regents and Presidents National Societies
	General Assembly	17:30 - 19:00	Auditorium III/IV	ESTS Members
Wednesday, 3 June				
	Council Meeting	07:00 - 08:00	Room La Fenice, Hotel Vila Gale Opera	Councillors + New officers
	Database Business Meeting	08:30 - 10:30	Room La Fenice, Hotel Vila Gale Opera	Database Committee

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The ESTS General Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 2 June 2015, from 17:30 to 19:00, in Auditorium III + IV. The agenda of the meeting will be distributed to all members in advance. All ESTS members are encouraged to attend. All members are eligible to vote.