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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Dear Members and Guests,

Another year has passed since our last annual meeting in Essen. Birmingham was elected as the host city of the 21st European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery, currently the largest scientific meeting in the world discussing topics on general thoracic surgery only. We expect an attendance of about 1000 participants from all over the world and from all continents.

The programme committee chaired by our Director of the Annual Meeting, Jaroslaw Kuzdzal, is preparing an exciting programme with invited lectures by top experts in the field to fill the breakfast sessions, techno meeting, working group sessions, and joint sessions with other international and European scientific societies. We are expecting again around 600 abstracts for selection in 2 rounds of blind review. A programme will be composed of various parallel sessions including the top quality of submitted abstracts so you can pick those sessions of your particular interest. The ESTS prizes are waiting for the winners of the best presentation in their category. The 5th joint collaborative postgraduate symposium chaired by our local host, David Waller will follow last year's successful formula with interesting case presentations on various topics of our speciality. An international faculty will compete in the "Masters Court" by discussing the best treatment option for the individual case. We need to get the Masters Cup of Thoracic Surgery finally back to Europe!

The European Society was founded in Heidelberg on 18th November 1993. So, in Birmingham in 2013 we will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our Society! A special occasion for a special invited lecture given by Peter Goldstraw, one of the founders and honorary members of ESTS. He will look back on the evolution of science in General Thoracic Surgery over the past 20 years. A very special moment to pay tribute to the founders and leaders of our society and to bring a toast to them at this memorial moment. The birthday cake is being prepared!

Why come to Birmingham, the second largest city in the United Kingdom? A truly international city, within easy reach of one of the country's main international airports, the UK's largest interchange rail station and a motorway network that connects the International Convention Centre to every part of the UK and beyond. You will find out when visiting the city why Birmingham is close to my heart, the place where I accomplished my training in general thoracic surgery at the former East Birmingham Hospital (Heartlands) under the leadership of Hugoe Matthews, Deirdre Watson and Frank Collins. The Local Organizing Committee has prepared an attractive social programme for guests and accompanying persons to discover the city and the region.

I would like to especially thank our industrial partners who have supported ESTS faithfully since the beginning of our conferences. The exhibition space welcomes you to discover their new products and technology helping to advance our speciality and to give the best care to our patients.

The annual meeting is a unique opportunity for our young members to discuss challenges in daily work with more experienced colleagues and to reinforce friendship with those not seen for a long time.

Make plans to come to Birmingham next year to recharge your thoracic batteries. I am confident that you will return with a congress bag full of top knowledge, great ideas, and new friends.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dirk Van Raemdonck', with a long, sweeping underline.

Dirk Van Raemdonck, MD, PhD, FETCS
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WELCOME MESSAGE



**Dear Colleagues,
Guests and Friends,**

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Birmingham as the ESTS celebrates the 21st European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery.

In the Saxon 6th century Birmingham was just one small settlement in thick forest – the ham (home) of the ing (tribe) of a leader called Beorma (Birm). Geography played a major role in the transformation of Birmingham from a hamlet worth 20 shillings in 1086 into Britain's centre of manufacturing in the 20th Century. A dry site with a good supply of water, with easy access to coal, iron and timber helped Birmingham to develop a strong reputation as a metal working centre. By 1731 the population had grown to 23,000 and manufacturing business thrived. By the time of the Industrial Revolution Birmingham had become the industrial and commercial centre of the Midlands.

Birmingham's population is now around 1,036,900, making it Britain's Second City. It is a growing, multicultural city; there are more children than pensioners and the citizens from Pakistan, India and the Caribbean form a third of the population of Birmingham. It is a centre for medical research and technologies with University Hospital Birmingham being the world's largest acute care facility. The City has 5 universities with 64,000 students.

The meeting will be hosted by the International Convention Centre (the ICC) which is situated in the centre of the city. The ICC is a £200 million building officially opened by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II in 1991. It has world class convention facilities and, reflecting the growing reputation of the meeting, has the largest auditorium and exhibition hall ever used by ESTS.

This will be a delegate-friendly meeting due to the central location of the venue. There are 5,054 bedrooms within walking distance of The ICC covering a wide range of trusted international hotel brands including: Hyatt Regency, Intercontinental Hotel Group, Rezidor Hotel Group, Accor Hotels and Millennium Hotels. There will be little need for any means of transport other than your feet as there are 200 restaurants in the city centre covering 27 international cuisines. There are also a phenomenal 1,000 shops in the city centre including major international brands: Selfridges and Harvey Nichols. But Birmingham is also a green city with more than 8,000 acres of parks and open spaces and is a growing leisure tourism and city break destination with over 30 million visitors each year from all over the world. There will be no shortage of things to entertain you once the educational events have ended!

This year the only social event will be the congress dinner, but we intend this to be an evening to remember. It will be held again in the city centre, within walking distance of most hotels, at the historic Town Hall. Opened in 1834 as the finest music hall in the country, this Grade 1 listed landmark has been lovingly and painstakingly renovated at a cost of £35m re-opening in 2007. Its imposing neo-classical design dominates the City centre's Victoria and Chamberlain Squares and it contains a formidable 6,000 pipe organ which will form an impressive backdrop to the congress dinner awards.

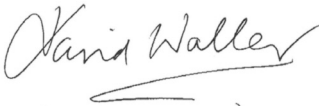
Birmingham is a major transport hub. Birmingham International Airport (BHX) is the city's gateway to the world. It is easily accessible by train from New Street Station where you get off at Birmingham International for the airport and NEC. Birmingham airport has two terminals and serves over 40 different airlines and offers thousands of direct and indirect services across Europe.

Birmingham's rail network allows easy travel to nearby historic Warwick, with its famous castle or Stratford-upon-Avon, the home of William Shakespeare. Further afield, London is just over an hour away by direct train link from Birmingham city centre.

We hope this 2013 meeting will continue the upward rise of ESTS and be the largest and most international to date. The innovative Postgraduate Symposium will continue to entertain and inform, scientific sessions will be of world-class standard and popular video and techno meeting sessions will continue.

We feel sure that Birmingham 2013 will be remembered for many years as the date when ESTS became the premier global Thoracic Surgical Conference but also when the interests of the delegates came first and when an educational event was never so much fun.

We look forward to seeing you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'David Waller'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

David A. Waller

On behalf of the ESTS Local Organising Committee

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please visit the Conference website at

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

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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

	SATURDAY 25 May	SUNDAY 26 May	MONDAY 27 May
07:00-18:00		Registration Open	Registration Open
08:30-17:00		Poster Display (120)	Poster Display (120)
07:00-07:30			
07:30-08:00			3 parallel breakfast sessions: 2) EBUS and EUS in LC staging 1) Robotic pulmonary resections 3) VATS - how to localize nodules
08:00-08:30		Postgraduate Course Session I 3 Topics	Session 1 Brompton Session Mixed Oral 6 x 20'
08:30-09:00			
09:00-09:30			
09:30-10:00			
10:00-10:30		Coffee Break	
10:30-11:00			Coffee Break
11:00-11:30		Session II 3 Topics	Session II Featured 3 x 10' Session III: Case 3 x 10'
11:30-12:00			Invited Lecture
12:00-12:30			Presidential Address Dirk Van Raemdonck
12:30-13:00		Lunch Break	
13:00-13:30			Lunch Session IV Lunch Session V Symposium Posters 15 x 4' Symposium Videos 6 x 10'
13:30-14:00		Database Session & Quality Certification	
14:00-14:30			Session VI Session VII Pulmonary Neoplastic Young Investigator Award Oral 6 x 15' Forum 9 x 10'
14:30-15:00			
15:00-15:30		Session III 3 Topics	Coffee Break Coffee Break
15:30-16:00			Session VIII Session IX Pulmonary Non-Neoplastic Experimental+Innovative Oral 6 x 15' Forum 9 x 10'
16:00-16:30		Coffee Break	
16:30-17:00		Session VI 1 Topic	
17:00-17:30			Neuroendocrine tumour session Biology Club
17:30-18:00		Opening Ceremony	
18:00-18:30			
18:30-19:00			
19:00-19:30			
19:30-20:00	Registration Open	Opening Reception	

Networking Programme

19:30-20:00
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 22:00-22:30
 22:30-23:00
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 23:30-24:00

TUESDAY 28 May**WEDNESDAY 29 May**

Registration Open

Poster Display (120)

Registration Open

3 parallel breakfast sessions:
4) Mesothelioma: pleurectomy vs EPP

5) Early LC: segmentectomy vs lobectomy

6) LC follow-up: intensive vs symptoms-guided

Session X
Mixed Thoracic

Forum 12 x 10'

Techno
Meeting

Lung cancer screening

Coffee Break

Coffee Break

Coffee Break

Session XI
Mixed Thoracic
Forum 9x10'

Techno
Meeting

Joint ESTS-IASLC
Personalized treatment
of NSCLC

Extraordinary Lecture

Lunch
Symposium

Session XII
Posters 15 x 4'

Lunch
Symposium

Session XIII
Videos 6 x 10'

Session XIV
Chest Wall/Diaphragm/
Pleura - Oral 6 x 15'

Session XV
Pulmonary Neoplastic
Forum 9 x 10'

Coffee Break

Coffee Break

Session XVI
Oesophagus/Mediastinum
Forum 9 x 10'

Session XVII
Airway/Transplantation
Oral 6 x 15'

ESTS
General Assembly

3 parallel breakfast sessions:
7) Laryngotracheal resections

8) VATS treatment of empyema
9) MIE

Joint ESTS-BTOG Symposium
Session 1

Coffee Break

Joint ESTS-BTOG Symposium
Session 2

Joint ESTS-BTOG Symposium
Session 3

Lunch Break
(at own expense)

Joint ESTS-BTOG Symposium
Session 4

Congress Dinner
&
Awards
(at own expense)

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

5th Collaborative Symposium on General Thoracic Surgery organised by ESTS-AATS-STJ-JACS-ASCVTS-CATS

Sunday, 26 May 2013 08:00 – 12:00 & 14:30 – 18:00

Organiser: David Waller (Leicester) *"The Masters Court"*

Format:

- 3 teams each competing to convince the audience to manage a clinical case their way
- 10 clinical case scenarios, 45 min each
- Interactive voting by the audience
- Open discussion/debate between audience and competitors
- A lively and entertaining way of learning

Participants:

One for each continent: Europe, America, Asia for each case

Topics:

- Thoracic oncology: challenging lung cancer scenarios
- Pleura: common postoperative and preoperative problems
- Thymoma: how to approach resection
- Airways : post infective problems
- Oesophageal disease : the treatment of fistulae

Database and Quality Certification Session

Sunday, 26 May 2013 13:00 – 14:30

Organisers: Alessandro Brunelli (Ancona) - Pierre Emmanuel Falcoz (Strasbourg)

- ESTS Database: 2013 Annual Report
- ESTS/STS Standardization of Nomenclature
- Thymoma
- ESTS Institutional Accreditation: methods and rules of the process
- EBTS and UEMS

BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Organisers: Federico Venuta (Rome) – Gonzalo Varela (Salamanca)

Monday, 27 May 2013: Meet the Expert

07:30 – 08:20

- Robotic pulmonary resections
- EBUS and EUS
- How to localise small nodules during VATS

Tuesday, 28 May 2013: Debate

07:30 – 08:20

- Mesothelioma: pleurectomy vs pleuropneumonectomy
- Early stage lung cancer: segmentectomy vs lobectomy
- Lung cancer resection follow up: intensive vs guided by symptoms

Wednesday, 29 May 2013: How to do it

08:00 – 08:50

- Laryngotracheal resections
- Thoracoscopic treatment of empyema
- Esophagectomy: how to improve outcome

INVITED LECTURE & PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Monday, 27 May 2013 11:30 - 13:00

- **11:30-12:00** Invited lecture: Prof Peter Goldstraw (London): 20 years of science in thoracic surgery
- **12:00-12:10** Introduction to the President: Federico Venuta, president-elect
- **12:10-12:45** Presidential Address: Dirk Van Raemdonck, President: "A piece of cake"
- **12:45-13:00** Reception 20th anniversary of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons

SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

ESTS WORKING GROUP SESSION – NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS

Monday, 27 May 2013 17:30 – 19:00

Organiser: Pier-Luigi Filosso (Turin)

NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS

- Introduction and Report of ESTS NET Working Group
- Biology and clinical presentation in lung NETs
- Extent of surgical resection in well-differentiated lung NETs and outcome
- Management of atypical carcinoids
- Management of LCNCs
- Multimodal management of advanced NETs: the surgeon perspective
- Multimodal management of advanced NETs: the oncologist perspective
- Discussion

ESTS-BIOLOGY CLUB

Monday, 27 May 2013 17:30 – 19:00

Organisers: Gaetano Rocco (Naples) – Isabelle Opitz (Zurich)

“BIOMOLECULAR” AND CLINICAL PRACTICE: WHAT THORACIC SURGEONS SHOULD KNOW

- Mesothelioma: new perspectives for biomolecular diagnosis
- Mesothelioma: new perspectives for biomolecular prognosis
- Lung cancer: the role of MicroRNAs
- Lung cancer: genomic sequencing
- Discussion

TECHNO MEETING

(sponsored by industry)

Tuesday 28 May 2013 08:30 – 12:30

Organisers: Konstantinos Papagiannopoulos (Leeds), Rajesh Shah (Manchester)

Topics to be announced

LUNG CANCER SCREENING SESSION

Tuesday, 28 May 2013 08:30 – 10:30

Organiser: Giulia Veronesi (Milan)

STATE OF THE ART AND NEW PERSPECTIVES IN LUNG CANCER SCREENING WITH LOW DOSE CT AND MOLECULAR MARKERS

- Overview on mortality benefit of low dose CT screening
- Comparison on different risk models and definition of best target population and screening interval
- Diagnostic algorithm for screening detected lung nodules: international guidelines
- Surgical aspects of screening
- Potential role of biological markers in lung cancer screening
- Discussion

JOINT ESTS-IASLC SESSION

Tuesday, 28 May 2013 11:00 – 12:30

Organiser: Paul De Leyn (Leuven)

PERSONALISED TREATMENT FOR NON SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

- Risk assessment for lung surgery
- When to choose a VATS approach for resection of NSCLC
- Treatment of multifocal lung cancer
- N2 disease and surgical multimodality treatment
- Salvage surgery after (chemo)-radiotherapy
- Discussion

JOINT ESTS-BTOG SESSION

Wednesday, 29 May 2013 09:00 – 15:00

Organiser: David Waller (Leicester), Ken O'Byrne (Dublin)

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TREATMENT OF LUNG CANCER

Session 1: 09:00 – 10:30

- N2 management – how to manage persistent N2 after induction therapy

Session 2: 11:00 – 12:00

- Mesothelioma – what is best practice for early stage disease?

Session 3: 12:00 – 12:45

- Thymoma – current thoughts on downstaging

Session 4: 13:30 – 15:00

- Non-small cell lung cancer – the challenge of stage I disease in those with poor respiratory function

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Participants are requested to submit abstracts online to the Conference Secretariat from **Saturday 1 December 2012** until **Thursday 10 January 2013**.

Please note that abstracts will not be accepted unless they are submitted according to the format and instructions described and posted on the Conference website: www.estsmeetings.org/2013

Please submit your abstract via: <http://abstracts.webges.com/ests2013>

If, for some valid reason, you are unable to submit your abstract in the format described on the website or encounter any problems with your online abstract submission, please contact the help desk:

ests@webges.com Hard copies (by email or fax) of abstracts will not be accepted.

The Programme Committee will meet 15-16 February 2013. The best abstracts are selected based on the average score by the reviewers from two rounds and allocated for presentations in oral, forum, case report, video or poster.

Abstract acceptance and programme scheduling will be communicated to the corresponding author's email address early March 2013.

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 as well as all ESTS prize winners submit full manuscripts to the European Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery (EJCTS) or Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery (ICVTS) for review at the time of the meeting.

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.

ESTS requires that all speakers competing for the **Brompton & Young Investigators Prize** 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 ESTS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Detailed abstract submission information is available on the website: www.estsmeetings.org/2013

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, the 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 – VATS Masterclass Elancourt**

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

- **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 – 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 – 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 Congress Dinner on Tuesday, 28 May 2013.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

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

BADGES

You will receive a personalised 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 Social 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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Submission: from Saturday, 1 December 2012

Abstract Submission Deadline: Thursday, 10 January 2013

Notification: Early March 2013

Deadline Early Bird: Monday, 8 April 2013*

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

EXHIBITION AND SPONSORING

The Organising Committee of the 21st European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery invites you to exhibit at the conference in Birmingham, UK.

For delegates, the congress is an opportunity to learn about, discuss and evaluate new and existing resources available in the field of General Thoracic Surgery. An exhibition & sponsorship brochure is available giving detailed information on the possibilities to sponsor various congress items that will greatly promote your company's image. Early reservations ensure availability of prominent items and/or of prominent spots at this prestigious international event.

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For catering purposes, lunch boxes need to be pre-ordered and cannot be purchased on-site at the conference.

Please note: during industry lunch symposia, lunch is provided for participants

OFFICIAL CURRENCY OF THE CONFERENCE

Payment of congress-related matters such as registration fees, tickets for tours and social programme etc. will be in EURO **only**.



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CONFERENCE FEES (in EURO)	Early Registration Fee (until 8 April 2013)	Registration Fee Late / Onsite (from 9 April 2013)
5th COLLABORATIVE SYMPOSIUM ON GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY (SUNDAY, 26 MAY 2013)		
High-income countries*	100,00	180,00
Upper-middle-income countries*	50,00	90,00
Low-income & Lower-middle-income countries*	25,00	60,00
CONFERENCE (MONDAY, 27 MAY – WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2013)		
ESTS Member Fee (High-income countries)*	150,00	250,00
ESTS Member Fee (Upper-middle-income countries)*	50,00	100,00
ESTS Member Fee (Low-income & Lower-middle-income countries)*	30,00	50,00
ERS Member Fee (for pulmonologists)	50,00	200,00
Non-Member Fee	300,00	350,00
Trainee ESTS-Member	25,00	100,00
Trainee Non-ESTS Member (certificate)**	100,00	150,00
Allied professional (certificate)**	100,00	150,00
Medical student (certificate)**	Fee waived	Fee waived
JOINT ESTS-BTOG DAY (WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2013) (for conference participants, the joint ESTS-BTOG Session is already included in the registration fee)		
Day fee delegates	150	150
Day fee trainees & nurses (certificate)**	100	100
Day fee medical students (certificate)**	Fee waived	Fee waived
BREAKFAST SESSION	25,00 (per session)	25,00 (per session)

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

FEES FOR NETWORKING PROGRAMM (in Euro)

Early Registration Fee
(until 8 April 2013)

Registration Fee Late / Onsite
(from 9 April 2013)

Opening Ceremony & Opening Reception
Congress Dinner

INCLUDED
80,00

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CONFERENCE FEES

Membership Fee is applicable to all those who have applied for ESTS membership and have paid the 2013 membership fee.

To apply for ESTS membership please visit <http://www.ests.org/sections/membership/application/index.html>

Reduced early registration is available to ESTS members who have paid their 2013 membership fee by Monday, 8 April 2013.

Participant's Registration Fee includes:

(Members, Non-Members, Trainees)

- 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

Congress Dinner Fee includes:

- Congress Dinner at Birmingham Town Hall

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/2013) 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, 8 April 2013).

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. This option is highly recommended as it helps avoid time-consuming correspondence. Otherwise, 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 25,00 administration fee – will be granted to delegates unable to attend, provided written notice is received by Mondial Congress & Events by **Friday, 19 April 2013**.

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

Reimbursements will be made after the conference.

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION/ INFORMATION DESK HOURS

Saturday, 25 May:	16:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 26 May:	06:30 – 19:00
Monday, 27 May:	07:00 – 19:00
Tuesday, 28 May:	07:00 – 18:30
Wednesday, 29 May:	07:30 – 15:00

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 21st European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery and only by one of the following procedures:

BANK TRANSFER

Account name: ESTS 2013

Account holder: Mondial GmbH & Co KG Name of bank: UniCredit Bank Austria AG, Schottengasse 6-8, 1010 Vienna (Austria) Account number: 52946 028 194

Bank sorting code: 12000

IBAN: AT78 1200 0529 4602 8194

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.

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

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.

Liability: Mondial Congress & Events shall act as mediator only and cannot be held responsible for any loss incurred or any damage inflicted on persons or objects irrespective of whatsoever cause. The liability for transport and other service companies shall not be affected by the above. Only written agreements shall be valid. The place of jurisdiction shall be Vienna.

HOTEL BOOKING

Birmingham Convention Bureau has secured a sufficient number of hotel rooms in 4* and 3* hotels at competitive rates. Early hotel booking is highly recommended!

Please book your hotel online through: www.estsmeetings.org/2013.

Rates are only guaranteed until 27 April 2013 as rooms will be released back to the hotels after that date.

In case you have specific questions regarding your accommodation, please contact Birmingham Convention Bureau directly at bcb.accommodation@marketingbirmingham.com or call +44 844 888 3052.

Hotels listed below have been contracted by Birmingham Convention Bureau for Conference delegates.

Hotels	INDICATION OF STANDARD	APPROX WALKING DISTANCE FROM ICC	RATE FOR TWIN/DBLE ROOM PER NIGHT (single occ) GBP £	RATE FOR TWIN/DBLE ROOM PER NIGHT (double occ) GBP£	RATE INCLUDES
Cophorne Hotel, Paradise Circus	****	3 minutes	125	135	EB/VAT
Crowne Plaza, Central Square	****	5 minutes	140	160	EB/VAT
Hilton Garden Inn (formally Mint Hotel)	****	5 minutes	125	135	EB/VAT
Hotel Indigo, The Cube	****	10 minutes	145	on request	EB/VAT
Hyatt Regency, Bridge Street	****	1 minutes	155	165	EB/VAT
Malmaison Hotel, Mailbox	****	7 minutes	155	165	EB/VAT
Novotel Birmingham, Broad Street	****	5 minutes	105	115	EB/VAT
Hampton by Hilton, Broad Street	***	5 minutes	75	75	EB/VAT
Holiday Inn Express, Lionel Street	***	5 minutes	79	79	CB/VAT
Jurys Inn, Broad Street	***	5 minutes	90	99	EB/VAT
Ramada Birmingham City, Mailbox	***	8 minutes	89	99	EB/VAT

EB - English Breakfast

CB - Continental Breakfast

VAT - Value Added Tax at standard rate

All rates are quoted in GBP (£), per night, including breakfast and taxes. Please find a city map indicating the location of the various conference hotels and the conference venue as well as hotel descriptions and hotel booking terms and conditions at: www.estsmeetings.org/2013 (Accommodation).

Group Bookings (10 or more hotel rooms)

This can be done via individual contracts. For group registration, we kindly ask you to contact Birmingham Convention Bureau at bcb.accommodation@marketingbirmingham.com or call +44 844 888 3052.

OFFICIAL NETWORKING PROGRAMME

OPENING CEREMONY & OPENING RECEPTION

SUNDAY, 26 May 2013

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

CONGRESS DINNER (at own expense)

TUESDAY, 28 May 2013

Town Hall

The Congress Dinner will take place at Birmingham Town Hall. Recognised as one of the most impressive examples of Roman Revival civic architecture, the style of Town Hall is based upon the Roman Temple of Castor and Pollux.

Built in a period when Birmingham rallied at the forefront of the protests for national democratic reform, Town Hall provided citizens with a forum for political debate as well as an important symbol of their, and the town's, purpose and aspirations. The meeting place for local government until the Council House opened in the 1870s, Town Hall continued as a forum for debate and speech-making through the 20th century.

Town Hall was, and will be again, an internationally recognised venue for music, in particular the Triennial Music Festivals (between 1834 and 1912). Home to the CBSO between 1926 and 1991, the Hall has showcased many premieres and reverberated to every type of music from Elgar to the Rolling Stones, Mendelssohn to The Beatles and Count Basie to Black Sabbath.



Dress code: formal

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

Price per Person: EUR 80,00 (incl. 3 course menu, drinks and 15 min organ recital prior to dinner)

ABOUT BIRMINGHAM

There is a level of energy and confidence here that is clear the moment you arrive. Named as the UK's most popular conference and events destination outside London during 2010 by the British Meetings and Events Industry Survey 2011/12, Birmingham is a city that welcomes major events and visitors like no other.

In Birmingham, everything is nearby, the city centre alive with possibilities and new experiences. From Michelin-starred dining to dazzling theatre productions and designer shopping, Birmingham really does offer it all.

Proud of its distinctive heritage, yet energised by the youngest population in Europe, Birmingham's transformation into a dynamic, cosmopolitan, accessible and welcoming conference city has been truly remarkable.

CLIMATE

The climate in Birmingham is classified as a temperate maritime climate, like much of the British Isles, with average maximum temperatures in May being around 15.8 °C. The UK is well-known for its rainfall: you can expect rain in every month, even at the height of summer, so an umbrella is a must.

ELECTRICITY

Britain's voltage is 240 V AC which could damage lower-voltage appliances. In addition, plugs have three square pins which most foreign electrical goods will not be compatible with. So you will probably need a transformer or an adapter. These are widely available (probably best bought at airports).

SHOPPING

Most shops are open from 10 am to 8 pm.

Birmingham is a shopper's paradise, with over 1,000 shops within a 20 minute walk. Whether you're looking for head-turning chic or eye-catching value – it's all waiting in the bold, new shopping capital of Europe.

The Bullring and The Mailbox offer all kinds of stores and labels you could want.

The city's vibrant markets, a cornerstone of the city's foundations sell everything from fabrics to fresh produce. And the city's five arcades provide shoppers with a unique experience with independent stores and boutiques.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY

Remember that on Monday, May 27, Spring Bank Holiday is celebrated in UK (last Monday in May).

Many organisations, businesses and schools are closed. Stores may be open or closed, according to local custom.

The Bullring for instance is open from 10 am to 6 pm. Public transport systems often run on a holiday timetable.

TIME

Birmingham lies in the Greenwich Mean Time zone (GMT).

VISA REQUIREMENTS / LETTERS OF INVITATION

Your passport or EEA National Identity Card must be valid for the duration of your stay in the UK.

You may need to acquire a visa before you travel to Britain, if you are not a British citizen or a citizen of one of the European Economic Area (EEA) countries. If in doubt, please check with your nearest British embassy, consulate (www.visitbritain.com), or your airline.

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: ests2013@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.

INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

Delegates 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.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

BIRMINGHAM – HOW TO GET THERE

ARRIVAL BY PLANE

Over 50 airlines operate direct scheduled and charter services to more than 140 destinations worldwide, including direct flights to New York, Dubai, Paris, Frankfurt and Brussels.

The airport is just 8 miles/13km from the city centre and offers an Airlink Shuttle which ensures a smooth transit to Birmingham International Railway Station, from where, with up to 9 trains an hour, you can reach the city centre in just 10 minutes.

Visit www.birminghamairport.co.uk for more information.

ARRIVAL BY TRAIN

Birmingham is serviced by all of the UK's leading rail network operators, including Chiltern Railways, London Midland, Virgin Trains and CrossCountry.

Chiltern Trains (<http://www.chilternrailways.co.uk/>) leave London Marylebone and pull into Birmingham Moor Street and Snow Hill stations just 100 minutes later.

With Virgin Trains, London Euston is less than 90 minutes away. CrossCountry, the UK's most extensive network, and London Midland add even more options.

For more information, visit nationalrail.co.uk

ARRIVAL BY CAR

The M6, M42, M54 and M5 service the city from all directions, with many of the junctions just a few minutes from the city centre. And there are over 23,500 well signed parking spaces in the city centre alone – so parking isn't a big issue when you arrive.

GETTING AROUND BIRMINGHAM

TAXIS

Black cabs can be hailed in the street or reached at one of the many taxi ranks in the city centre; the main ones are at New Street Station, Stephenson Street and Digbeth Coach Station.

BUSES

Birmingham is brilliant for buses. Network West Midlands has all the online timetables and fare information you need with easy ticket buying and route planning. Birmingham buses cannot be hailed to be stopped; passengers wishing to board or leave a bus, should do so at an official bus stop. Please remember that you need to give the exact fare to the driver as you board.

TRAINS & METRO

Eight local rail lines criss-cross the city to ensure quick links to all attractions and venues (as well as other UK cities and towns). Midland Metro is the latest addition. Network West Midlands (www.networkwestmidlands.com) provides online timetables, fares including day tickets and passes, ticket purchase and route planning.

NOTES

ESTS SCHOOL OF THORACIC SURGERY



PRACTICAL COURSE

Elancourt, France

11 – 12 February 2013

Minimally Invasive Approach to Thoracic Disorders

23 – 24 September 2013

Lung Transplantation - Minimally Invasive Surgery

THEORETICAL COURSE

Antalya, Turkey, 13 – 17 March 2013

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