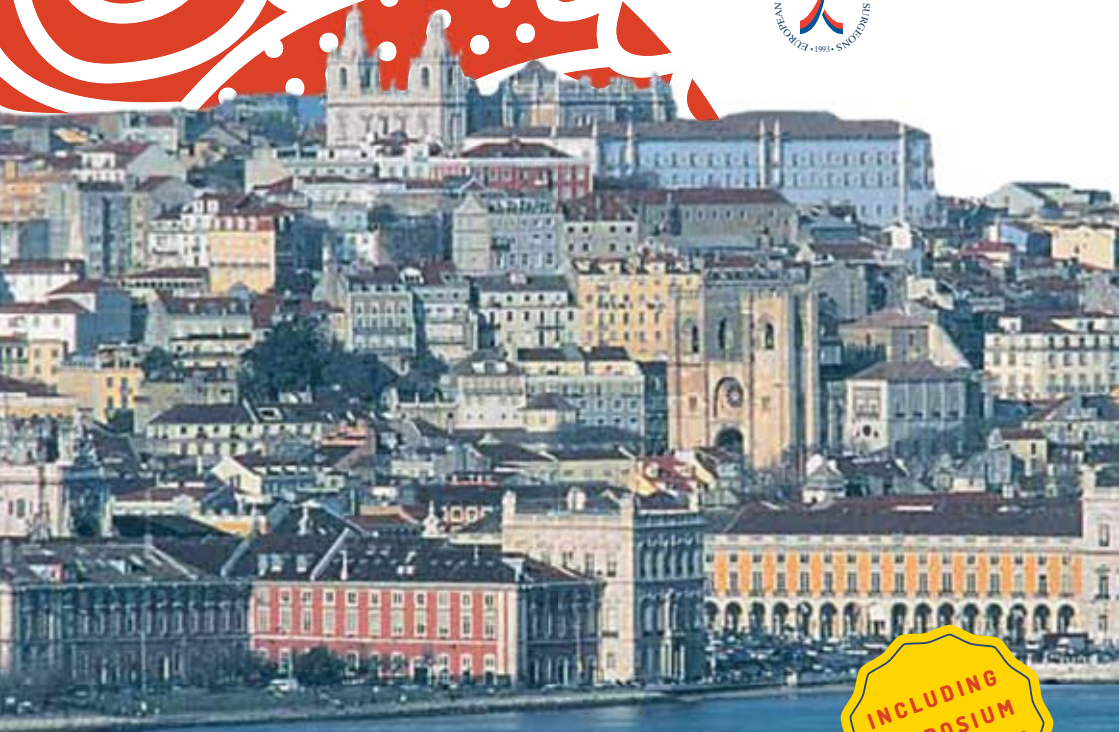




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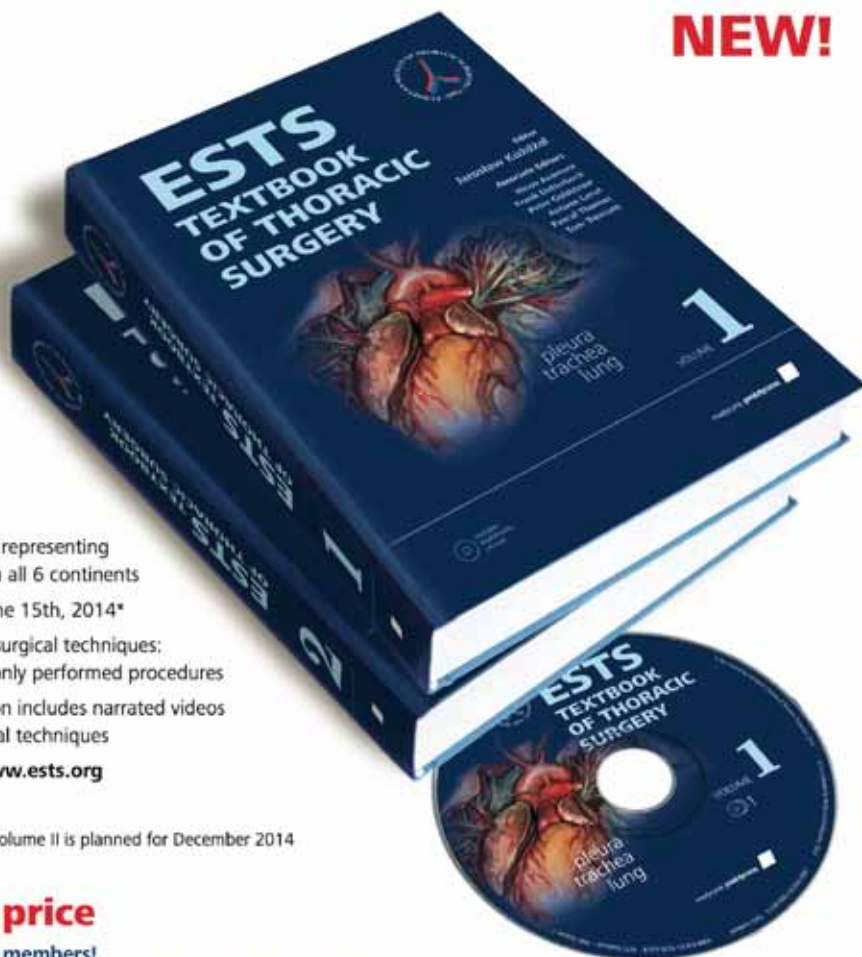
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members, Distinguished Guests and Friends,

On behalf of the Councillors and the Program Committee of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Lisbon, the westernmost capital of Europe on the Atlantic Ocean, for the 23rd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery. This will be our largest global reunion of general thoracic surgeons with 1,500 participants expected.

The outstanding program includes the lectures of special speakers, joint sessions with international scientific societies, breakfast sessions given by experts invited from all over the world, working group sessions and techno meetings. In addition, the program will include parallel sessions with a selection of the best of the submitted abstracts. This year we will host the 7th Joint Collaborative Post-Graduate course organised by Dirk Van Raemdonck and Alan Sihoe. I hope this course will attract the participants to highly interactive discussions and learning. This program would not be possible without the efforts of our organising Committee Chair and Director of Annual Meetings, Enrico Ruffini.

Stay tuned for our greatly anticipated special sessions on Wednesday morning. I highly encourage all of the participants to arrange their travel itineraries to stay through to Wednesday afternoon.

A program of this size requires a lot of planning. I would like to thank the members of the Program Committee for their continuous hard work. I would also like to thank the individuals and societies who have contributed to the organisation of the scientific sessions.

Your full and active participation will make this the most memorable conference. As we contribute our work and experience, we will develop new sources of collaboration and friendship. This will expand and advance our society into new dimensions. These memorable days filled with the exchange of knowledge, skills and ideas would not be possible without the generous support of our industry partners, who have been a part of all of the ESTS conferences.

It is my pleasure to invite you to join us in Lisbon, a wonderful city on the Atlantic coast with a Mediterranean atmosphere.



Alper Toker

ESTS President



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues, Guests and Friends

Between 31 May and 3 June 2015, the Local Organizing Committee would like to welcome you to Lisbon, to the 23rd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery.

Lisbon city has a population of 550,000 but the Greater Lisbon Area is the country's largest population centre, with 2,821,697 inhabitants (2011), or around 20% of Portugal's entire population. It is home to four public universities, with a total of some 100,000 students.

Lisbon occupies an advantageous geographical position, with archaeological evidence indicating that it was first settled over 6,000 years ago. Its location has proved favourable to the shipping and commercial activity that has attracted so many peoples over the ages, from Phoenicians to Greeks and Romans to Arabs.

Throughout the 15th Century and into the early 16th Century, such Portuguese navigators as Vasco da Gama, Pedro Álvares Cabral and Ferdinand Magellan set sail from here in their caravels. They opened up the world for Europeans and helped forge contacts between the people of the various continents. The Belém Tower and the Jerónimos Monastery, masterpieces of the Portuguese art and architecture of the time, are just two of the monuments that continue to evoke the era that was immortalised by the Portuguese poet Luís Vaz de Camões (1524-1580) in his celebrated work "The Lusiads".

Lisbon is a city that is both ages-old and cosmopolitan. Its soul has always been manifest in the dialogue and meeting of cultures and civilisations. This interaction takes place on the open stage that nestles between the "seven hills" that mythically encircle the city and the Tejo River, whose horizon is a mystifying melding of a unique quality of light and the blue of the sky.

A city where poets, heirs of the old gods, sit in cafés and write in the voice of Fernando Pessoa (1888-1935), the universally renowned poet whose multiple personality was reflected in his various heteronyms and in an extensive opus that was published throughout the world. These poets write "Saudade" (longing), a word that epitomises a unique emotion, moored between the past and the future but with eyes firmly set on the present. "Saudade" is the soul of Fado, an urban song form that was recognised by UNESCO in 2011 as an intangible cultural heritage of humanity. We invite you to come and hear it – and feel it – in Alfama, one of the city's historical neighbourhoods. Here you will find the Fado Museum and myriad iconic "Fado Houses", which open their doors each night to offer visitors a unique and unforgettable experience.

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Lisbon is just a short 1 to 3 hour flight from most European cities and only 5 to 8 hours from North America. Lisbon airport is centrally located and transfer times to the city are as short as 15 minutes. The airport is served by all major airlines and there are daily non-stop connections to all major European cities as well as to the US, South America and Africa.

The 23rd ESTS European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery will be held at the Lisbon Congress Centre, located in the Belém neighbourhood, close to the Jerónimos Monastery, the Belém Tower and the River Tejo. Riverside restaurants are just a short walk from the conference centre. The buses and trams that pass right by the congress centre also interchange with the metro.

With its mild climate, 3,000 hours of sunshine per year and 850 km of splendid beaches bathed by the Atlantic Ocean, Portugal is the perfect holiday destination all year round.

I encourage you to spend a few extra days in Portugal. For visitors, Lisbon is at the heart of a vast resort. Along the coast road, you'll find beaches and beach resorts populated by magnificent early 20th Century villas and hotels, with their accompanying marinas, terraces and first-class golf courses. Further along the coast, you'll come across world-renowned surfing beaches and the palaces that are scattered across the cultural landscape of Sintra, a World Heritage Site.

Portugal has the oldest borders of any country in Europe. Within these borders, the country offers an exceptionally varied range of landscapes in a relatively compact area. On offer are myriad leisure activities and a truly unique cultural heritage, in which tradition and modernity blend in perfect harmony. Our superb cuisine, fine wines and hospitable people make this a tourist paradise of the highest quality.

Come to the 23rd ESTS Annual Meeting 2015 and discover the charms of our country, too.



Fernando Palma Martelo

On behalf of the ESTS Local Organizing Committee



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SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES

Monday, 1 June and Tuesday, 2 June 2015

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the 2nd Symposium for Nurses. Due to the previous success, we will repeat this gathering, this time in Lisbon. Here we can share scientific knowledge as well as enjoy the beauties of our wonderful city.

The purpose of this meeting is to share knowledge of evidence-based practice in thoracic nursing and physiotherapy with a view to improving patient care and advancing health outcomes. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their expertise in clinical practice and their knowledge with others to generate new perspectives.

The interdisciplinary nature of the conference is intended to provide a comprehensive over-view of thoracic surgery and other specialized aspects of care.

The scientific programme will be composed of invited keynote speakers, oral presentations and a poster session.

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

Sunday, 31 May 2015 the Surgeons Postgraduate Session will take place. North and South America, Asia and Europe are competing for the Masters Cup, followed by the Opening Ceremony and Reception.

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 we are delighted to invite you to visit the ward and the operating theatre of the cardiothoracic surgery department at Santa Marta Hospital, in Centro Hospitalar de Lisboa Central.

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Topics for the Symposium for Nurses include:

- > Lung transplant: nurse's experiences
- > Thoracic trauma: prehospital and emergency room approach
- > Pain management and thoracic surgery
- > Perioperative nursing and new technologies.
- > Palliative care and lung cancer.
- > Pulmonary rehabilitation
- > Patient positioning in the operating room
- > Follow up of thoracic surgery patients
- > Communication
- > Post-operative of tracheal stenosis surgery
- > Educational programmes with thoracic surgery patients

Please help us to enrich this experience by submitting your abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

Call for abstracts is from 1 December 2014 to 9 January 2015

We are looking forward to welcoming you to some wonderful days with scientific empowerment.



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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- Abstract Sessions
- Postgraduate Symposium
- Invited Lectures
- Breakfast Sessions
- Industry Sessions
- Ticketed Hands-on Sessions
- Networking Events
- Breaks

| SATURDAY 30 MAY | | SUNDAY 31 MAY | | | MONDAY 1 JUNE | | | |
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| | | BFS 1 VATS anatomical segmentectomy | BFS 2 Eso-coloplasty: when and how | BFS 3 Vascular access for ECMO: Tips and tricks | | BFS 4 Neonatal thoracic emergencies in thoracic surgery | BFS 5 Diaphragmatic stimulation | BFS 6 Contemporary modalities of radiation therapy: what the surgeon should know |
| 07:30 - 08:00 | | | | | | | | |
| 08:00 - 08:20 | | | | | | | | |
| 08:30 - 09:00 | | | | | | | | |
| 09:00 - 09:30 | | Postgraduate Course Session 1 | | | Session I Brompton Session | | | Nurse Symposium Welcome |
| 09:30 - 10:00 | | | | | | | | Invited Keynote Speaker |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | | Coffee Break | | | | | | Abstract Session |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | | | | | Coffee Break | | | Coffee Break |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | | Postgraduate Course Session 2 | | | Invited Lecture | | | Invited Keynote Speaker |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | | | | | Presidential Address Alper Tokar | | | Abstract Session |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | | | | | | | | |
| 12:30 - 13:00 | | | Lunch Symposium | | Session II Videos I | Lunch Symposium | Lunch Symposium | Junior Lunch Symposium |
| 13:00 - 13:30 | | | | | | | | |
| 13:30 - 14:00 | | | | | | | | Invited Keynote Speaker |
| 14:00 - 14:30 | | Database and Quality Certification | | Lunch Symposium | Session III Pulmonary Non - Neoplastic | | | |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | | | | | Session IV Pulmonary Neoplastic I | Session: Pediatric/ Congenital Thoracic Malformations | | Abstract Session |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | | | | | Coffee Break | | Coffee Break | |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | | Postgraduate Course Session 3 | | | Session V Young Investigator Award | Coffee Break | | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | | | | | | | Biology Club | Invited Keynote Speaker |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | | | | | | | | |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | | Coffee Break | | | | | | Abstract Session |
| 17:30 - 18:00 | | Postgraduate Course Session 4 | | | VATS/ RATS Session | | | Nurse Symposium Moderated Poster Session |
| 18:00 - 18:30 | | | | | Session VII Moderated Posters | | Session VI Innovative/ Experimental | Nurse Symposium Final Remarks |
| 18:30 - 19:00 | | | | | | | | |
| 19:00 - 19:30 | | Opening Ceremony | | | | | | |
| 19:30 - 20:00 | | | | | Oscar Night Video Session | | | |
| 20:00 - 20:30 | | | | | | | | |
| 20:30 - 24:00 | | | | | | | | |

| TUESDAY 2 JUNE | | | | | WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE | |
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| | BFS 7 VATS lobectomy: this is the optimal access - uniportal access - multiportal access | BFS 8 Parapneumonic empyema - early VATS debridement - Fibrinolytic therapy | BFS 9 Surgical treatment for mesothelioma - extended pleuro-pneumectomy - decortication | | Session XVII Videos III | |
| ESTS-EACTA Joint Session | Session VIII Mixed Thoracic I | Session IX Pulmonary Neoplastic II | | | Coffee Break | ESTS School Hands-on Session |
| Techno Meeting Part I | | | Coffee Break | Coffee Break | ESTS-CATS Joint Session | Coffee Break |
| Coffee Break | | | | | | ESTS School Hands-on Session |
| Techno Meeting Part II | Session X Mixed Thoracic II | ESTS-Portuguese-Brazilian Joint Session | | | | |
| Extraordinary Guest Lecture | | | | | | |
| Session XI Videos II | Lunch Symposium | Lunch Symposium | Lunch Symposium | | | |
| Session XII Interesting Cases | Session XIII Esophagus/ Mediastinum | Session XIV Airway/ Transplantaton | | | | |
| Coffee Break | | Coffee Break | | | | |
| Session XV Chest wall/Diaphragm/ Pleura | Session XVI MITIG VATS Resections | ESTS-STS Joint Session | | | | |
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| | General Assembly | | | | | |
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| ESTS Party (at own expense) | | | | | | |



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

POSTGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM ON GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY

Sunday, 31 May 2015 08:00 – 12:30 & 15:00 – 18:30

Organisers: Dirk Van Raemdonck (Leuven, Belgium), Alan Sihoe (Hong Kong, China)

The Format

- > The Postgraduate Course aims to educate and update knowledge in Thoracic Surgery through a fun and friendly competition format
- > Teams compete to answer questions based around challenging but clinically relevant case scenarios
- > Questions are designed to be informative but also thought provoking

The Teams

- > Teams from Europe, the Americas (North and South), and Asia will compete to win the Masters Cup
- > Teams go head-to-head in 3 Rounds of competition, with the top 2 Teams advancing to the Final Round
- > In each Round, each Team fields 3 Trainees supported by 3 leading Thoracic Surgeons from that continent
- > As an added incentive this year, the Trainee with the Best Performance in the competition will win an expenses-paid attachment to a leading Thoracic Surgery unit in China

The Audience

- > The audience is randomly allocated to support one of the 3 competing Teams
- > Audience members can join in the open debate over the 'right answer' for each question: your opinion can make a difference to your Team winning or losing
- > This year, all audience members in the sector supporting the winning Team will win a 'surprise' – so make sure you get behind your Team!

DATABASE AND QUALITY CERTIFICATION SESSION

Sunday, 31 May 2015 13:30 – 15:00

Organisers: Pierre-Emmanuel Falcoz (Strasbourg, France), Alessandro Brunelli (Leeds, UK)

- > ESTS Database: 2015 Annual Report
- > Institutional accreditation
- > The Hungarian model
- > The Mesothelioma satellite database
- > The Thoracic Surgical database in the UK
- > Abstract presentation: 2 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session



BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Organisers: Gilbert Massard (Strasbourg, France)

Sunday, 31 May 07:30 - 08:20

How to do it

- > VATS anatomical segmentectomy
- > Esophagus: when and how
- > Vascular access for ECMO : tips and tricks

Monday, 1 June 07:30 - 08:20

State of the Art

- > Neonatal thoracic emergencies in thoracic surgery
- > Diaphragmatic stimulation
- > Contemporary modalities of radiation therapy: what the surgeon should know!

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 07:30 - 08:20

Debate

- > VATS lobectomy: this is the optimal access
 - > Uniportal access
 - > Multiportal access
- > Parapneumonic empyema
 - > Early VATS debridement
 - > Fibrinolytic therapy
- > Surgical treatment for mesothelioma
 - > Extended pleuro-pneumonectomy
 - > Decortication

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SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

SYMPOSIUM FOR NURSES

Monday, 1 June 2015 09:00 – 18:30 **Lunch break** 12:30 – 13:30

Organisers: Fernando Palma Martelo (Lisbon, Portugal), Clara Vital (Lisbon, Portugal), Joana Silva (Lisbon, Portugal), Ana Mendes (Lisbon, Portugal), Mariana Tranquada (Lisbon, Portugal), Sónia Morgado (Lisbon, Portugal), Graça Martinho (Lisbon, Portugal)

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

Topics:

- > Lung transplant: nurse's experiences
- > Thoracic trauma: pre-hospital and emergency room approach
- > Pain management and thoracic surgery
- > Perioperative nursing and new technologies
- > Palliative care and lung cancer
- > Pulmonary rehabilitation
- > Patient positioning in the operating room
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- > Educational programmes with thoracic surgery patients

MODERATED POSTER SESSION

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND INVITED LECTURES

- > Perioperative care in living donor lobar lung transplantation: nurse's experience.
- > Non pharmacological pain management in lung cancer patients.
- > Thoracic trauma from the prehospital to the emergency room. What's the nurse's role?
- > Lung cancer patients follow up: a holistic perspective.

Tuesday morning: 2 June 2015

Tour of the ward and operating theatre of the cardiothoracic surgery department at Santa Marta Hospital, in Centro Hospitalar de Lisboa Central.

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JUNIOR LUNCH SYMPOSIUM

Monday, 1 June 2015 12:30 – 13:30

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

The junior lunch symposium is a dedicated session designed to facilitate debate and discussion on important issues facing thoracic surgical trainees. The session has an exciting mix of both clinical and research topics facilitated by both consultants and trainees.

Multicentre collaboration in research

- > Trainee: VATS training survey
 - > Consultant: Developing international databases to aid research
- Discussion

How to save a life: management of complications and acute situations

- > Trainee: Management of complicated Esophageal perforation
 - > Consultant: How to learn to deal with a difficult pulmonary hilum
- Discussion

PEDIATRIC/CONGENITAL THORACIC MALFORMATIONS

Monday, 1 June 2015 13:30 – 15:30

Organisers: Laureano Molins (Barcelona, Spain), Herbert Decaluwe (Leuven, Belgium)

- > Treatment of long gap esophageal atresia
- > Fetoscopic trachea balloon occlusion in the treatment of severe congenital diaphragmatic hernia
- > Technique for the treatment of asymmetric Pectus Excavatum
- > Cystic adenomatoid malformation: diagnosis and treatment
- > Pediatric Thoracic Imaging interesting to thoracic surgeons

Abstract presentations: 4 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session



ESTS BIOLOGY CLUB

Monday, 1 June 2015 15:30 – 17:30

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

Biology Club Workshop For Residents

We are happy to announce the 2015 ESTS Biology Club session as a follow up of the successful updates on translational research topics during the previous ESTS meetings. We are looking forward to seeing you in Lisbon to be kept abreast of the new developments in the field of thoracic translational research such as immunotherapy for thoracic malignancies. Moreover, you will have the chance to listen to the next generation of thoracic surgeons applying for the ESTS Zurich fellowship.

- > Immunotherapy for thoracic malignancies
- > Presentation of ESTS Zurich Research Fellowship Applicants

Abstract presentations: 4 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

JOINT ESTS-IASLC SESSION

Monday, 1 June 2015 16:00 – 18:00

Organisers: Ramón Rami Porta (Terrassa, Spain), Peter Goldstraw (London, UK)

Revised staging of thoracic malignancies

- > Lung cancer
- > Surgical implications of the new proposals
- > Mesothelioma
- > Thymic tumours
- > Esophageal cancer

Abstract presentations: 4 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

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VATS/RATS SESSION

Monday, 1 June 2015 17:00 – 19:00

Organisers: Alper Toker (Istanbul, Turkey), Henrik Jessen Hansen (Copenhagen, Denmark)

VATS and RATS: Current Trends and Superiorities

- > Superiorities of RATS
- > Superiorities of VATS

Extended resections including surgery after neoadjuvant

- > Robot assisted thoracic surgery (RATS) for locally advanced lung cancer
- > Video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) for locally advanced cancer

Abstract presentations: 4 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

OSCAR NIGHT VIDEO SESSION

Monday, 1 June 2015 19:00 – 20:30

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

This video session will highlight the next generation of thoracic “superstars” as we present the top videos from our participants less than 35 years old. 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 and paparazzi. Oscar statuettes will be awarded in the categories of “best video presentation” and “best scientific video”.

Presenters to this session should be younger than 35 years old.

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JOINT ESTS-EACTA SESSION

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 08:00 – 09:30

Organisers: Eugenio Pompeo (Rome, Italy), Laszlo Szegedi (Brussels, Belgium)

Non-intubated Thoracic Surgery. When, How And For Whom?

- > Nonintubated thoracic surgery. Indications and results
- > Thoracic surgery by nonintubated anesthesia. How far can we go?
- > Nonintubated anatomical resections for lung cancer. A new perspective

Abstract presentations: 4 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

TECHNO MEETING

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 08:30 – 12:30

Organiser: Konstantinos Papagiannopoulos (Leeds, UK)

Topics to be announced

JOINT ESTS-PORTUGUESE-BRAZILIAN SESSION

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 10:30 – 12:30

Organisers: Fernando Palma Martelo (Lisbon, Portugal), Fernando Vannucci (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

- > Implementation "ab initio" of VATS lobectomy program. 1, 2, 3 Ports technique: thinking the reasons and options
- > An alternative for the treatment of severe pulmonary emphysema
- > Living donor lung transplant
- > Mediastinal staging methods in lung cancer
- > Pancoast tumor – a surgical challenge? One center's experience
- > Bronchoplastic procedures. Experience of a Portuguese thoracic unit

Abstract presentations: 4 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

JOINT ESTS-STC SESSION

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 15:30 – 17:30

Organisers: Gaetano Rocco (Naples, Italy), Robert Shen (Rochester, USA)

- > N2 Disease – Is there ever room for primary surgery?
- > What do we really expect from future randomized controlled trials of VATS vs. open lobectomies?
- > Reconstruction after complex chest wall resections: conventional or new materials?

Abstract presentations: 4 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session



ESTS School at the Congress: Practical Skills Workshop

Wednesday, 3 June 2015 09:00 – 13:00

Organisers: Gilbert Massard (Strasbourg, France), Konstantinos Papagiannopoulos (Leeds, UK)

ESTS announces a new initiative within the annual conference. The specific session will be a hands-on session facilitated by our industry partners. The attendees will have the opportunity to be introduced to new or niche technology by Key Opinion Leaders in the field. The lectures will be short and compact. This will be followed by the opportunity to trial and experience the technology by already set working stations, mentored by experienced faculty.

Contents of the course and practical skills stations:

1. Stapling technology
2. High energy devices
3. Haemostats
4. Suture technology
5. Precision laser technology in lung tissue management and airway management
6. Chest wall reconstruction with plating systems and biological materials

The course will take place in 3 different rooms where delegates will be introduced into the technology through a 10 minute lecture followed by practical skills stations

There will be 3 cycles of training in each group

Delegates should pick up their vouchers at the booth of the relevant industry partners on Monday and Tuesday and be introduced to the new technology in preparation of the practical skills

Limited number of places are available in the Practical Skills Workshop and requires registration via the online registration form. The cost of participation is 50,00€

JOINT ESTS-CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF THORACIC SURGEONS SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday, 3 June 2015 09:30 – 11:30

Organisers: Alan Sihoe (Hong Kong, China) Liu Lunxu (Chengdu, China)

Thoracic Surgery in China: Current Status & Future Prospects

- > The world is familiar with the progress in industry and economy in China, but much less is known in the West about recent developments in Thoracic Surgery in the Middle Kingdom
- > This hybrid session will consist of expert reports from leading European and Chinese surgeons as well as original abstracts detailing the state-of-the-art of Thoracic Surgery in China
- > The aim is to present a portrait of where the specialty stands in China, where it is headed, and where the potential lies for future collaborations between East and West
- > Topics to be presented in this session include:
 - A European Surgeon in China
 - Development of VATS in China
 - Troubleshooting VATS in China
 - Thymic Surgery in China
 - Clinical Research in China – opportunities and challenges

Abstract presentations: 4 abstracts will be selected pertinent to the topic of the session

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INVITED LECTURE

Monday, 1 June 2015 11:00 – 11:30



GENE SIGNATURE: AN ALTERNATIVE TO ANATOMICAL STAGING OF CANCER?

Professor Rogelio Gonzalez-Sarmiento

Professor of Medicine, Salamanca School of Medicine

Director Salamanca's Bio-sanitary Institute of Investigation (IBSAL)

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INTRODUCTION TO THE PRESIDENT

Monday, 1 June 2015 11:30 – 11:45



Gonzalo Varela

Salamanca, Spain

President Elect

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Monday, 1 June 2015 11:45 – 12:30



CREATIVE DESTRUCTION: A NEW ERA IN THORACIC SURGERY

Alper Toker

Istanbul, Turkey

President

EXTRAORDINARY GUEST LECTURE

Tuesday, 2 June 2015 12:30 – 13:00



"KNOW THYSELF": A SHIFT IN THE PARADIGM OF IMMUNOLOGICAL TOLERANCE

Antonio Coutinho MD, PhD

Professor of Basic Immunology at the Lisbon University Medical School

Coordinator of the National Council for Science and Technology.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstract submission will open on **1 December 2014**

Please submit your abstract via: <http://abstracts.webges.com/ests2015>

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. The number of authors is unlimited.
- > Since the abstracts will be judged anonymously, the text should 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.
- > Only co-authors are allowed to present the paper

4 types of abstracts will be considered:

- Oral/Forum/Poster
- Videos
- Case Reports
- 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 09 January 2015

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The programme committee will meet 13-14 February 2015. 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. Selected abstracts are considered to be incorporated in special/joint sessions along with invited lectures based on their relevance with the topic of the session. Abstract acceptance and programme scheduling will be communicated to the corresponding author's e-mail address early March 2015.

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.

Please check the eligibility for prize awards.

The presenter of an accepted abstract will also be asked to complete a form to be signed at the time of uploading the presentation to state whether his/her presentation can be released or cancelled after the meeting.

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) 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.

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://ejcts.oxfordjournals.org/>

Please mention "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.



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 the ESTS.

ORAL AND FORUM SESSIONS

Oral papers are allocated 8 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 5 minutes long including interactive discussion of 10 minutes. 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 SESSIONS

A number of abstracts will be selected for poster presentation. A number of case reports will also be considered for poster presentations.

The moderated poster sessions will take place on Monday, 1 June. The poster presenters are allocated 3 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 2 minutes each. There are two consecutive sessions (17:00 - 17:50 + 18:00 - 18:50).

Posters not selected for the moderated poster sessions will be on display on Tuesday, 2 June.



VIDEO SESSION

Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average-quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration. The following formats are supported to upload:
PC formats: .WMV and .AVI
MAC formats .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the principal surgeon is a requirement of participation. Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.

NURSE SYMPOSIUM

Abstracts for the Symposium for Nurses should be submitted online using the same system as other abstracts. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words. Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average-quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration. The following formats are supported to upload:
PC formats: .WMV and .AVI
MAC formats .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the presenting nurse is a requirement of participation. Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.



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, 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 – **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 – 2015 Scholarship ESTS Skill Track Course, Strasbourg, France.

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

> ESTS – JACS Award – **1000 EUR**

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

> ESTS – Covidien Nurse Symposium Award 2015 – **1000 EUR**

This prize is split into 500 euros offered for the best oral presentation and 500 euros for the best poster presentation. The prize comes courtesy of a donation by Covidien.

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> 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 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.

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

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE

Lisboa Congress Center (CCL)
Praça das Indústrias
1300-307 Lisboa Portugal
Tel: +351 213 691 400/1
<http://www.lisboacc.pt>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Abstract submission opening: Monday, 1 December 2014
Abstract submission deadline: Friday, 9 January 2015
Notifications: early March 2015
Early bird registration fee deadline: Monday, 20 April 2015*

*please note that after this date on-site registration fee will apply.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

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

BADGES

You will receive a personalised name badge when collecting your participant material. Please make sure to wear the badge visible at all times during the conference in order to grant access to the scientific sessions, exhibition area and official networking events. Admission to scientific sessions will only be granted to delegates wearing a badge.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Delegates will be provided with a certificate of attendance.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) CREDITS

The 23rd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery has been granted 21 European CME credits (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). 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

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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 Postgraduate Symposium on Sunday, nor for the following conference days. Please note that during industry lunch symposia, lunch is provided for delegates by the company holding the lunch symposium.

EXHIBITION AND SPONSORING

The organising committee of the 23rd European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery invites you to exhibit at the conference taking place in Lisbon in 2015.

For the 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 & support brochure is available including detailed information on the various conference support items and /or exhibition spaces available at the conference. This conference is providing your company with an opportunity to promote and contact with the leading thoracic surgical community not only from Europe but worldwide. Please make sure to book early to ensure a prominent spot or sponsorship items.

For further information about the exhibition and additional sponsorship opportunities, please contact the exhibition management company MAW.

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OFFICIAL CURRENCY

Payment of conference related matters such as registration fees and networking programme etc. will only be accepted in Euro.

REGISTRATION

Please register online at: www.estsmeetings.org/2015

For group registrations, we kindly ask you to contact the conference secretariat via e-mail: ests2015@leading.pt

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CONFERENCE FEES

Member fee is applicable to all those who have applied for ESTS membership and have paid the 2015 member fee. To apply for ESTS membership please visit: www.ests.org/shop/memberships.aspx

| | Early registration fee (until 20 April 2015) in EURO | Registration fee late/onsite (from 21 April 2015) in EURO |
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| POSTGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM ON GENERAL THORACIC SURGERY (Sunday, 31 May 2015) | | |
| High income countries | 130 | 190 |
| Upper middle income countries | 60 | 95 |
| Low income & lower middle income countries* | 30 | 65 |
| Allied professionals, e.g nurses (certificate)** | 30 | 65 |
| CONFERENCE (Monday, 1 June – Wednesday 3 June 2015) | | |
| ESTS member fee (high income countries)* | 200 | 260 |
| ESTS member fee (upper middle-income countries)* | 80 | 105 |
| ESTS member fee (low income & lower middle income countries)* | 50 | 55 |
| ERS member fee (for pulmonologists) | 100 | 210 |
| Non member fee | 315 | 365 |
| Trainee ESTS Member | 50 | 105 |
| Trainee Non ESTS member (certificate)** | 105 | 160 |
| Allied professionals, e.g. nurses (certificate)** | 50 | 65 |
| Medical student (certificate)** | fee waived | fee waived |
| Breakfast Session (cost per session) | 50 | 50 |
| Ticketed Hands-on Sessions Wednesday, 3 June | 50 | 50 |

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



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Reduced early registration is available to ESTS members who have paid their 2015 member fee by Monday, 20 April 2015. **For members that pay their member fee after this date, the on-site registration fee will apply.**

Participant's Registration fee includes:

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

Please note that registrations will be confirmed upon receipt of full payment of registration fee

Please note that the date stated on the bank transfer order is valid in order to obtain the early bird registration fee. For information on payment, please refer to "TERMS OF PAYMENT".

Once your payment has been identified and duly registered, you will receive an automatic email confirming your registration.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations and changes to registrations must be made in writing to e-mail: ests2015@leading.pt.

The following registration cancellation policies apply:

Written notice of registration cancellation by 30 April 2015: 50% refund of the paid registration fee (less EUR 25 administration fee).

No refund will be granted for registrations cancelled after this date.

Reimbursements will be made after the conference.

All costs and bank charges applied for payments and reimbursements of registration fees must be supported by the participant.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

The following payment options are available via the online registration form:

Bank transfer – all relevant bank details are made available on the registration form.

Credit card – payment via secure online e-commerce gateway (VISA and Mastercard accepted)

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HOTEL BOOKINGS

Please be informed that the conference secretariat has secured a certain number of rooms at well located hotels in the city centre as well as close to the conference venue. Please see the registration form and meeting website for information on the available rooms and room rates.

Room rate liability: The conference secretariat has negotiated best available rates with the hotels on offer in the registration form, this does not guarantee that other rates will be available at general search engines and online booking services.

We would like to advise participants to make early reservations as the months of May and June are high season in Lisbon and several international events are taking place immediately before or during the dates of the ESTS conference. For alternative hotel reservations for groups, please do contact the conference secretariat on e-mail: ests2015@leading.pt

DAILY TRANSFER SERVICE

The 23rd ESTS conference organization will provide a daily coach transfer service between centrally located pick up points close by the hotels and the Lisbon congress centre (CCL).

The choice of pick up locations was made taking into consideration authorized and safe parking/pick up spaces for the coaches as well as access to the best route to the congress centre.

ROUTE A – Lisbon City Centre Hotels

Two pick up points: Hotel Altis Grand and Dom Pedro Palace Hotel

Transfer duration about 15–20 min

ROUTE B – Campo Pequeno Area Hotels

Pick up point: Hotel Vip Zurich

Transfer duration about 15–20 min

TIME TABLE

Sunday, 31 May

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

Monday, 1 June – Wednesday, 3 June

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

Sunday, 31 May : Monday, 1 June – Wednesday, 3 June

Afternoon departure from the Congress centre: Two departure hours scheduled following the closing of the daily conference programme. Exact timetable to be announced closer to the conference dates.

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OFFICIAL NETWORKING PROGRAMME

Opening Ceremony & Opening Reception

Sunday, 31 May 2015

Join your colleague conference participants for the Opening Ceremony and Opening Reception that will take place at the conference venue, the Lisbon Congress Centre.

ESTS Party (at own expense)

Tuesday, 2 June 2015, Patio da Galé

The ESTS party aims to provide an opportunity to network and share experiences with fellow thoracic surgeons from all over the world in an informal atmosphere.

Situated in the west wing of Lisbon's biggest and most emblematic square, Terreiro de Paço, (the palace square) and facing the river Tagus. The buildings surrounding the square were part of the extensive reconstruction works carried out in Lisbon after the devastating 1755 earth quake. The buildings previously housed government departments but since 2011 Patio da Galé offers a privileged setting, combining its historical background with a fashionable atmosphere, for special events.

It is also possible to join the music and dance party from 23:00 for free (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.

Limited tickets available, please book in advance when registering for the conference.

Dress code: informal





ABOUT LISBON

Lisbon (Lisboa)

Lisbon always offers something special to its visitors and however many descriptions you have read, you will only know which Lisbon is yours once you have arrived here. We will lend the climate, colors, gastronomy, history, diverse culture life and the breathtaking landscape in the surroundings to your visit.



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Legend has it that Lisbon was founded by Ulysses. The name comes from “Olissipo”, which has its origins in the Phoenician words “Allis Ubbo”, meaning “enchanted port”.

Most likely it was founded by the Phoenicians and styled by the Moors which shows in the strong Arabic influences. It was, after all, ruled by the Moors for 450 years. In the 12th century the Christians reconquered the city but it was not until the mid-13th century that Lisbon became the country's capital.

Over the past few years the city has prepared itself for the future. Lisboa held an enormously successful international EXPO in 1998 and European Football Championship in 2004. As a result, a city that was already vibrant and diverse rapidly acquired a more modern and avant-garde dimension. As The Observer said, “Lisbon itself changed, phoenix-like, into a more modern and colourful city”. Lisbon is an historic capital, a potpourri of unusual character and charm, where 800 years of cultural influences mingle with modern trends and life styles creating spectacular contrasts.

Tram in Lisbon



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Currency

Portugal is a member of the European Monetary System, and the previous currency Escudo was replaced by the Euro on January 2002.

Climate

The average maximum daily temperature and average minimum temperature in the Lisbon area in July are 27°C / 84 F (high) and 18°C / 64 F (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.

Time Zone

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

Electric Current

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.

Visa requirements / Letter of invitation

EU citizens travelling to Portugal need a valid passport or national ID card.

Check visa requirements in due time before you leave. If you have any questions please ask your nearest Portuguese Consulate. The Embassy Page for Portugal (www.embassypages.com) lists all diplomatic and consular missions in Portugal and all Portuguese diplomatic and consular representations abroad. Should you need an Invitation Letter from the Conference Organiser in order to request a VISA, please contact the Conference Secretariat via e-mail: ests2015@leading.pt

Participants requesting an invitation letter should have the conference registration fully paid. Please note that a letter of invitation does not financially or otherwise oblige the conference organizer in anyway. All expenses incurred in relation to the VISA requirement is the sole responsibility of the delegate.

Official Carrier

The Star Alliance member airlines are pleased to have been appointed the Official Airline Network for the ESTS 2015. To obtain the discounts offered, please follow the information provided on the ESTS 2015 conference website <http://www.estsmeetings.org/2015/> to access the online flight booking tool.



Arrival Information

Lisbon International Airport (Portela).

The airport is centrally located, about 15 minutes from the Lisbon city centre. Lisbon is served by daily non-stop flights operated by most of the major airlines as well as by several low cost companies.

Lisbon congress centre accessibility by public transports

Please find below our suggestions how to reach the Lisbon Congress Centre (CCL) by public transport.

From the Airport:

- By Taxi: The city is served by 3,500 taxis, and a taxi ride from the airport to the city centre should cost between 8,00 € and 15,00 €.

- By Airport bus: Contact the Airport Information Desk for information on the exact location of the AEROBUS. Leave the bus at the last stop of the AEROBUS – Estação do Cais do Sodré (Commuter Train Station). From here take the bus or tram to the CCL (bus 714, 728, 732 | tram 15).

- By Metro: The RED LINE is starting at the airport. Use this line until the Alameda station where you change to the GREEN LINE until its end station – Estação do Cais do Sodré. When leaving the Metro station at Cais do Sodré you will see the Bus/Tram stops. Take bus 732 (direction: Caselas) or bus 714 (direction: Outurela) or tram E15 (direction: Algés). Get out at stop at Rua da Junqueira/Congress Centre located just behind the CCL (8 stops after Cais do Sodré).

Should you want to reach the city centre only please leave the underground at the Saldanha station or at the end station S.Sebastião.

From the Hotels:

- By Underground (Metro) GREEN LINE – Use the Metro until the end station – Estação do Cais do Sodré. When leaving the Metro station at Cais do Sodré you will see the Bus/Tram stops. Take bus 732 (direction: Caselas) or bus 714 (direction: Outurela) or tram E15 (direction: Algés). Get out at stop at Rua da Junqueira/Congress Centre located just behind the CCL (8 stops after Cais do Sodré).

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