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What topics would you like to read about in the next edition of International Connection? The Society would like your feedback and suggestions in order to provide you with the most relevant resources and information. Please send your feedback to communications@sts.org.

Submit Abstracts, Proposals for Educational Events

Build your professional portfolio by applying to present your work during these upcoming STS educational programs:

Annual Meeting: Just a few days are left to [submit abstracts](#) for the [STS 57th Annual Meeting](#), scheduled January 30-February 2. You may submit late-breaking promissory abstracts if you are involved in Phase I, II, or III clinical trials for which no preliminary data will be available by the August deadline and you expect the data to be available by December 14, 2020.

STS also is accepting proposals for the [Tech-Con Shark Tank](#) session. Proposals should explore new cardiothoracic surgical technologies, off-label, or outside-the-box techniques that address complex problems in the specialty.

The deadline for both Annual Meeting and Tech-Con submissions is **Tuesday, August 11, 2020**.

Critical Care Conference: The deadline also is approaching to submit abstracts for the [17th Annual Perioperative and Critical Care Conference](#), September 24-26, 2020. This virtual event will enhance your knowledge and expertise in cardiovascular and thoracic critical care and enhanced

recovery after surgery. Also, new for 2020, some sessions will be dedicated to COVID-19 and disaster management. The deadline to [submit abstracts](#) is **Monday, August 17, 2020**, at 3:00 p.m. CT.

Maximize Your Experience with Upgraded STS Learning Center

The new and improved [STS Learning Center](#) is now available. This enhanced educational platform offers improved navigation, functionality, and searchability for a better overall user experience. You easily can view webinars, complete e-learning modules, review educational content, and much more. Annual Meeting Online and the Thoracic Surgery Curriculum are on the new platform, ready for viewing. Additional features and activities will be available later this fall. To help familiarize yourself with the new platform, review the Getting Started Guides on the [STS website](#).



Apply for TSF Awards

The Thoracic Surgery Foundation (TSF), the Society's charitable arm, is now accepting applications for its [2021 awards](#). The awards, which include a variety of grant offerings in research, education, leadership, and surgical outreach, can

help expand your clinical and research abilities. New this year, the [Saha Award](#) will cover the costs for two cardiothoracic surgery residents—one from the US and one from India—to attend the STS 57th Annual Meeting. The deadline for most awards is **Tuesday, September 15, 2020**. For more information, contact [Priscilla Kennedy](#).



Listen to Podcast Episodes, View Webinars

Take advantage of relevant and timely STS podcast episodes and webinars. The Society's podcast, [Surgical Hot Topics](#), features leaders in cardiothoracic surgery discussing important issues in the field. Recent episodes highlight the role of social media in academic life and the publishing process, ethical considerations during a pandemic, and various others. [Free webinars](#) also are available featuring presentations and discussions from the "Cardiothoracic Surgery in the COVID Crisis" and "STS Summer Series" collections.

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