



## STS 2023 Will Be an Unforgettable Experience in San Diego

Join your colleagues from across the globe for STS's 59th Annual Meeting, which promises an in-person experience that's better than ever. After 2 years of virtual-only programming, STS 2023 will bring you face-to-face with world-class instructors for hands-on courses, challenging case presentations, and never-before-seen scientific discoveries and surgical techniques.

You now can [browse the full STS 2023 program](#) as you plan your experience. Hotel blocks are filling up fast, so if you haven't already, [register now](#) and secure the room of your choice.



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## STS Remembers Compassionate Leadership of Dr. Sean Grondin

“Ambition sometimes is considered a dirty word, so I use the term ‘controlled ambition,’” said STS Past President Sean C. Grondin, MD, MPH, FRCSC, in an interview last year. “This means that it’s okay to be determined and driven, but not at the expense of stepping on other people or trying to get ahead of others in a destructive way. You want to succeed in a way that’s honorable and professional.”

As the STS community grapples with his unexpected death last week, colleagues are remembering Dr. Grondin's empathetic guidance during an ongoing pandemic—and the grace with which he handled a presidential term that included an [eleventh-hour pivot](#) from an in-person annual meeting to an outstanding virtual experience. In his [final President's Column in STS News](#), Dr. Grondin wrote about embracing international collaboration to optimize cardiothoracic surgery practice for everyone.



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## Sites in Rwanda, Mozambique Selected for Rheumatic Heart Disease Pilot

In response to the 2018 Cape Town Declaration on Access to Cardiac Surgery in the Developing World, STS and its partners in the Cardiac Surgery Intersociety Alliance (CSIA) began work to identify hospitals with a tangible plan to tackle the more than 33,000,000 cases of rheumatic heart disease across the globe. An [article in \*The Annals of Thoracic Surgery\*](#) details the history of the CSIA and the criteria behind its endorsement of Hospital Central Maputo in Mozambique and King Faisal Hospital Kigali in Rwanda.



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## Resident Showdown Champions Will Have Their Day in the Sun

Since tropical storm Nicole dampened plans for the CT Surgery Resident Showdown at the STSA annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the finalists will reconvene at the STS annual meeting for the ultimate faceoff. As the tension builds, plan to attend the Showdown at STS 2023 in San Diego and, meanwhile, show your love for the reigning European team, Samuel Heuts and Jules Olsthoorn, from Maastricht University Medical Center+ in the Netherlands.



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## Unlock the Joy in Your Work with Latest Podcast Episodes

Catch up on the new season of The Resilient Surgeon, the STS podcast designed to inspire cardiothoracic surgeons to be their best selves, in and out of the OR, using scientifically proven tools and recovery strategies of the world's top performers.

In the latest episodes, Dr. Michael Maddaus talks with Marcus Buckingham, a *New York Times* bestselling author who teaches people how to tap into their own unique spirit to circumvent burnout and find joy in their work; and with Christine Porath, an associate professor at Georgetown University McDonough School of Business who has dedicated her career to understanding the impact of how people treat one another in the workplace. Choose your favorite podcast app and [start listening](#).



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