



December 2016

Register for the STS Annual Meeting and Plan Your Trip to Houston

The [STS 53rd Annual Meeting](#) is only a month away! It's not too late to join your colleagues, January 21-25, 2017, in Houston, Texas, at one of the largest international educational events in cardiothoracic surgery. [Registration and housing are still available](#); the deadline to receive the special STS rate at official meeting hotels is this Thursday, December 22. You won't want to miss the thought-provoking lectures, hands-on learning, and unparalleled networking opportunities.

STS has compiled [travel information for international attendees](#). Learn about visa requirements, submit a Letter of Invitation Request Form, and get helpful travel tips for your trip to the United States.

Check Out Some Must-Attend Sessions

The upcoming Annual Meeting is filled with great sessions, offering a variety of hot topics and presenters from around the world:

- **Heater-Cooler-Induced Infections: Practices, Protocols, and Mitigation Strategies** (Sunday, January 22)—In light of recent findings tracing *Mycobacterium chimaera* infections to heater-cooler devices used in cardiac surgery, this symposium will include presentation of data, reflect policy from various constituents—including the European response to this public health issue—and offer a panel discussion of clinical implications.
- **Resuscitation of Patients Who Arrest After Cardiac Surgery** (Sunday, January 22)—This session will provide information on improving clinical outcomes after postoperative cardiac arrest, including brief lectures combined with hands-on practice with emergency pacing, internal and external defibrillation, and open chest resuscitation techniques.
- **International Symposium: The Quality vs Access Dilemma in Cardiothoracic Surgery** (Monday, January 23)—Experts will examine the costs and benefits of regionalized/specialized care, building sustainable cardiothoracic surgery programs in underserved countries, and providing quality care in the midst of humanitarian crises.
- **EACTS @ STS** (Tuesday, January 24)—This session will highlight the various treatment strategies and techniques for distal thoracic aortic dissection.
- **ESTS @ STS** (Tuesday, January 24)—Discussion will center on controversial issues in general thoracic surgery, including adjuvant treatment for thymic malignancies, donors for lung transplantation, the role of lung volume reduction surgery for emphysema, and the surgical management of spontaneous esophageal perforations.

Review the [Abstract Book](#) for additional information about these and other must-attend courses.

Don't Miss the Keynote Lectures

The C. Walton Lillehei lecturer will be Samer Nashef, MD, author of *The Naked Surgeon: The Power and Peril of Transparency in Medicine*. He will provide an overview of the evolution and impact of monitoring outcomes and transparency on cardiac surgery. The Thomas B. Ferguson lecturer will be Ralph W. Muller, MA, Chief Executive Officer of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. In his lecture, "Specialty Care in an Age of Population Health," Muller will examine how to manage complex, chronic patients and will emphasize how specialists, such as cardiothoracic surgeons, can take a broader role in patient care through service lines and disease team approaches to promote care standardization. Both lectures will take place on Tuesday, January 24.

Invite Your Trainees to Become STS Members

Do you know any cardiothoracic surgery trainees who share your commitment to quality patient care? Encourage them to apply for [STS Candidate Membership](#) at a special reduced rate. Upon admission, they can begin to enjoy all the career-enhancing benefits of membership, including networking with the most influential cardiothoracic surgeons in the world, a complimentary subscription to *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, and deep discounts on STS educational programs.



Special Bonus! Recruit a trainee to apply by December 31, 2016, and STS staff will send both of you a special STS Member coffee mug*—just like the one Sir Bruce Edward Keogh, KBE, FRCS, FRCP, Medical Director of the National Health Service in England, is proudly displaying. To claim your gift, e-mail the applicant's name to Kristin Schukar, STS Marketing Manager, at kschukar@sts.org. Note: application must be completed in order to receive your gift, and supplies are limited.