Information for Prospective Members

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EACTS membership benefits include:
- European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (print and online)
- Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery (print in addition to online access)
- Reduced rates to EACTS for the Annual Meeting and other EACTS meetings held during the year
- Complimentary subscription to the Society's quarterly newsletter, EACTS News
- Opportunity to participate in the work of EACTS, either in committees or journals
- Online services through www.eacts.org with personal web page on the online cardiothoracic surgery network, www.ctsnet.org
- Membership Certificate

EACTS user area
The EACTS user area provides members with one central log in for all the EACTS activities thus enabling members to edit and change personal data, pay membership fees, review and print correspondence including membership invoices and receipts, submit abstracts, register for the annual meeting and other courses with minimum of effort.

Application instructions
At www.eacts.org click on [Membership Info, Application]

Previous contact with EACTS
If you have registered for a meeting or submitted an abstract since the beginning of 2009 you will have an account with EACTS. Log in with using your EACTS username and password and apply for membership using the box [Become a Member]. A reminder of the userid and password can be obtained if you have forgotten it.

No previous contact with EACTS
Go to [Create New Account] and follow the online instructions creating a unique EACTS userid and password to be used for all future contact with EACTS. Once your personalised EACTS account is created, you can proceed to box [Become a Member] and follow the online instructions.

On completion you will receive two emails, one giving membership subscription confirmation: confirming receipt of application and invoice details, and second advice of your unique login data (user id and password). Trainee applicants are reminded that a letter from head of department confirming applicant's training status is required.

What happens next?
All online applications complete at 1 July will be considered by the General Assembly. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Temporary membership is granted pending approval by the General Assembly.

Membership fees are due on application. The membership invoice is available in the EACTS User Area [Confirmations/Invoices/Receipts]. Applicants can view and/or print the invoice at any time. Payment can be made by credit card using the secure and encrypted payment system. Bank Transfers are also accepted – bank details are listed on your invoice. Cheques will NOT be accepted and will be returned.

Applicants will NOT be able to register to the EACTS Annual Meeting at the discounted member fee unless the member subscription has been paid.

On receipt of payment applicants will be added to the circulation list of the EACTS and IOVTS and you will receive all issues both print and electronic access.

An additional userid and password (for the online cardiothoracic surgery network [www.ctsnet.org]) will be forwarded to you allowing full access to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery. Expect an administrative time period for this process to be complete.

EACTS members seeking STS membership
EACTS members who joined EACTS prior to, or during 2008 remain eligible for reciprocal recognition when applying to STS for membership. Those EACTS members should complete an STS application and provide their curriculum vitae. No further vetting by STS membership is necessary. Initiation fees will be waived by the STS.

EACTS members who joined EACTS after 2008 will need to submit a completed STS membership application, together with their curriculum vitae and three supporting letters from EACTS members. These applications will be subject to the normal STS membership vetting procedure. Initiation fee will be waived for those EACTS members.

What are the options when I retire?
Members reaching the age of 65 years (or who retire from active practice at an earlier age) shall automatically become a Senior Member. Senior members only pay the member fee if wishing to continue to receipt of the journals.

How to discontinue membership?
Any member may voluntarily resign from membership. Any member whose dues are in arrears for two years will have his membership terminated. Upon payment of his arrears a member may be reinstated by simple action of the Secretary General.