

EACTS MEMBERSHIP

Thank you for your interest in the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS).

While each of our members is unique, one thing they all have in common is a thirst for knowledge and they rely on the EACTS to deliver it. When you become a member you enter into a mutually beneficial agreement to actively cultivate the objectives of EACTS and to work closely with EACTS to associate all medical and non-medical staff involved in all aspects of cardiac, thoracic and vascular interventions. Consequently, EACTS looks for members that are leaders in their fields. With this depth and breadth of content and networking opportunities, the EACTS membership offers excellent opportunities. Membership provides access to a network of knowledge and the opportunity to develop your own expertise and share this with fellow professionals.

The online application process is simple, and there are no sponsoring signatures required.

The following sections provide information on the types of membership and how to apply.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to all medical and non-medical professionals who have fulfilled the membership requirements and are involved directly or indirectly in our four main specialities: Acquired Cardiac Disease, Congenital Heart Disease, Vascular Disease, and Thoracic Disease. Admission to membership is by election at the General Assembly, held in conjunction with the EACTS Annual Meeting. Three-quarter majority vote of those present and voting is required to elect a member. Temporary membership is granted, pending approval by the General Assembly.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Member** Standard EACTS membership option.
- Resident / Trainee** Membership option for those in specialty training. Applicants must state the expected completion date of their training programme and the application must be supported by a letter from the head of department confirming training status.
- Senior** Members reaching the age of 65 years (or who retire from active practice at an earlier age) shall automatically become a Senior Member.
- Honorary** Reserved for such distinguished persons as may be deemed worthy of this honour by the Council with the concurrence of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

All members are invoiced annually.

Category	Annual Fee	Additional Information
Member	€200	€100 initiation fee for new members from 1 Jan 2016.
Resident / Trainee	€50	Resident/Trainee Membership Fee is for a maximum of five years. On completion of training the full fee becomes payable.
Senior	No fee*	*Without journals. Full member fee payable to continue receiving journals.
Honorary	No fee	

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 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

At the moment EACTS provides members with EJCTS and ICVTS in both print and online formats.

Some members prefer reading the journals online rather than in printed hard copy format because of associated environmental and other considerations.

If you would be just as happy – or perhaps happier – to receive EJCTS and ICVTS in its online format only, please contact Elvira Lewis at Elvira.Lewis@Eacts.co.uk

However, please note that the membership subscription for print and online only is the same, there is no difference in price.

In the future we might explore this subject further through a EACTS Member Needs-Assessment Survey.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applying online is quick and easy and will provide you with immediate access to information sources, support, advice and guidance. Before you start your application, please ensure that you have read this page and that you have your credit/debit card details to hand. If you are applying for Resident/Trainee Membership please ensure that you have the end date of your training.

EACTS USER AREA

Applications are managed via the [EACTS User Area](#). The 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.

Existing Account

If you have registered for a meeting or submitted an abstract since the beginning of 2009 you will

have an account with EACTS. Please log in using your EACTS username and password and follow the [Applying for Membership](#) process. A reminder of the User ID and password can be obtained from the User Area homepage if you have forgotten it.

New Account

Go to the User Area and follow the instructions below:

1. **Create New Account:** follow this link to complete your personal details. Click next.
Please note that fields marked with an asterisk must be completed.
2. **Special Fields of Interest:** select your Special Fields of Interest. Click next.
3. **Login Data:** create your User ID and Password (these will be required each time you log in to your User Area). Click next.
4. You have now created your personalised EACTS account. You will receive an email from EACTS to confirm the User ID and Password that you have created.
5. Follow the [Applying for Membership](#) process.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Completed applications must be received no later than 1 July. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **Application**
From your [EACTS User Area](#), click on "Become a Member" (Apply for EACTS Membership). Select the appropriate choices on the "My Membership" page and then finalise your membership application.
2. **Confirmation**
You will receive an email from EACTS to confirm receipt of your application.
Trainee applicants are reminded that a letter from the head of department is needed to confirm the applicant's status.
3. **Payment**
Your invoice for the membership subscription can be found in your EACTS User Area. You are able to view and/or print the invoice for your records (Confirmations/Invoices/Receipts - your personal payment confirmation). Payment can be made by credit card using the secure and encrypted payment system. Bank Transfers are also accepted - details will be found on your invoice. Cheques will NOT be accepted and will be returned.

RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP WITH STS

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) and EACTS have a reciprocal membership arrangement in place.

STS MEMBERS SEEKING EACTS MEMBERSHIP

Any Active, International or Candidate member of STS wishing to become a member of EACTS may apply. STS members seeking EACTS membership need only submit a completed EACTS membership application. The initiation fee will be waived for those STS members who are admitted to EACTS membership.

Please follow the [application process](#) to apply for membership.

EACTS MEMBERS SEEKING STS MEMBERSHIP

There are two options for EACTS members applying for STS membership:

1. Any individual who became an **EACTS member in 2008 or before** will remain eligible to apply for STS membership utilizing the process that has been in place for the past 2 years. This means that they simply need to complete an STS application and provide a copy of their CV. The STS Membership Committee will submit these individuals' names to the STS membership for consideration without vetting the applications further. Once elected to STS membership, the initiation fee for these individuals will be waived by the STS.
2. Any individual who becomes an **EACTS member after 2008** will need to submit a completed STS membership application, their CV and three letters of sponsorship from STS members. Their applications will be thoroughly vetted by the STS Membership Committee prior to their names being submitted to the STS membership for consideration. The initiation fee will be waived for those EACTS members who are elected to STS membership.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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. To continue receiving the journals, the full annual fee will be payable. Senior membership is free without the journals.

HOW DO I DISCONTINUE MEMBERSHIP?

Any member may voluntarily resign from membership. The Council acting as Board of Censors, may remove a member on the grounds of professional or ethical misconduct, after giving such a member ample opportunity to appear and appeal on his own behalf. 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.

HOW DOES THE EACTS REWARD THE IMPORTANT ROLE AND COMMITMENT OF CERTAIN MEMBERS?

Honorary membership shall be reserved for such distinguished persons as may be deemed worthy of this honour by the Council with the concurrence of the Association.