

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.

About EACTS

EACTS was founded as a European organisation. However, its membership is now spread all over the world in all continents representing some 100 countries. Since its foundation in 1986 more than 4000 members have been admitted.

EACTS' mission is to raise standards of patient care through education and training. To support our mission EACTS publishes three journals and holds an annual scientific meeting. EACTS also offers a vast variety of courses at the EACTS Academy. Launched in 2012, the EACTS Academy offers a high-quality educational programme to suit a range of levels, from trainee through to experienced surgeons.

EACTS co-operates with other leading scientific societies in creating clinical guidelines.

EACTS has established a Quality Improvement Programme (QUIP) to encourage the improvement of clinical outcomes for patients and to promote the importance of integrating quality improvement initiatives in daily clinical practice.

The Quality Improvement Programme operates two international databases, the Adult Cardiac Database (ACD) and EUROMACS – the European Registry for Patients with Mechanical Circulatory Support.

EACTS encourages members to get involved with the Quality Improvement Programme, as your support will lead to more quality improvement projects and will increase the difference we can make to our patients.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Who can become a member of EACTS

Membership of EACTS is open to all medical and non-medical professionals involved directly or indirectly in our main specialities; Acquired Cardiac Disease, Congenital Heart Disease, Vascular Disease, and Thoracic Disease and who have fulfilled the Membership requirements.

How to become a member of EACTS

Application for membership is online at www.eacts.org. Support from existing members is not required. Admission to Membership is by election at the General Assembly, held in conjunction with the EACTS Annual Meeting. A three-quarter majority vote of those present and voting is required to elect a member. Temporary membership (Applicant) is granted, pending approval by the General Assembly.

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EACTS membership benefits include

- European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (online)
- Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery (online)
- MMCTS
- Reduced rates to EACTS for the Annual Meeting and other EACTS meetings/courses 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 a personal web page on the online cardiothoracic surgery network, www.ctsnet.org
- Membership Certificate

EACTS Online Account

The EACTS online account provides members with one central login for all the EACTS activities thus enabling members to edit and change personal data, pay membership fees, review and print correspondence including membership payment demands and invoices and receipts, register for the annual meeting and other courses with minimum effort.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES		DESCRIPTION
Active Member		Standard EACTS Membership option
Allied Health		Technicians / Perfusionists / Nurse & Physician Assistants
Resident/Trainee		Membership option for those in speciality 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 the department confirming training status
Low Income Countries		Low Income Countries per the World Bank As of July 1, 2020: Afghanistan, Burundi, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Dem Rep), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Malawi, Niger, North Korea, Rwanda, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tajikistan, Uganda, Yemen
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.	Annual Fee	Additional Information
Active Member	€250	
Allied Health	€125	
Resident/Trainee	€125	Resident/Trainee Membership Fee is for a maximum of five years. On completion of training, the full fee becomes payable.
Low Income Country	€125	
Senior	No Fee*	*Without journals. Full member fee payable to continue receiving journals.
Honorary	No Fee	

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 card details to hand. If you are applying for Resident/Trainee Membership please ensure that you have the end date of your training.



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What happens next?

Please note that your application is not considered complete until you have made the payment for your membership subscription. Only after you have completed the payment your status will change from "In progress" to "Applicant".

Trainee applicants are reminded that to apply for the Trainee membership fee a letter from the head of the department that states that the applicant is in training is necessary. Please upload this letter in your account. Your application is not considered complete until this letter has been uploaded and only after this letter has been acknowledged/reviewed by the association.

The EACTS Secretariat will collate all applications. All online applications complete at **1 July**, members to be elected, will be presented at the General Assembly at the EACTS Annual Meeting for approval by all members. Given the procedures outlined above, an applicant does not become a full member of EACTS until after the Annual Meeting.

Once your application is complete, you will receive an email from OUP (Oxford University Press) asking you to register for accessing your online subscription to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS). This will be sent separately as soon as EACTS has informed OUP of the new applicants which happen monthly. Expect an administrative time period for this process to be complete.

With the applicant status, you will automatically qualify for member reduced fees for EACTS Academy courses. Annual Meeting; in order to qualify for member reduced fees for the Annual Meeting, your application needs to be complete by 1 July.

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 receive 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 will be reinstated.

The council acting as Board of Censors may remove a member of the grounds of professional or ethical misconduct, after giving such a member ample opportunity to appeal on his own behalf.



Reciprocal membership with The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (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 online EACTS membership application together with their STS membership number. The initiation fee will be waived for those STS members who are admitted to EACTS 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 previously. This means that they simply need to complete an STS application and provide a copy of their CV. Payment is required up front (when someone applies and before an application is considered/approved). Since the EACTS and STS membership databases aren't integrated, it is not possible to verify EACTS membership automatically. STS will waive the initiation fee by refunding the initiation fee after confirming the applicant is an EACTS member. The STS Membership Committee will submit these individuals' names to the STS membership for consideration.
2. Any individual who becomes an EACTS member after 2008 will need to submit a completed STS membership application, their CV and one letter of sponsorship from an STS member who is a current STS Active, International or Senior Member. Their applications will be thoroughly vetted by the STS Membership Committee prior to their names being submitted to the STS membership for consideration. Payment is required up front (when someone applies and before an application is considered/approved). Since the EACTS and STS membership databases aren't integrated, it is not possible to verify EACTS membership automatically. STS will waive the initiation fee by refunding the initiation fee after confirming the applicant is an EACTS member. Please note Active and International Members are no longer elected at the membership meeting that takes place at the Annual Meeting every year. They are approved by the Board of Directors when it meets (typically three times a year).