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# RAISING THE BAR

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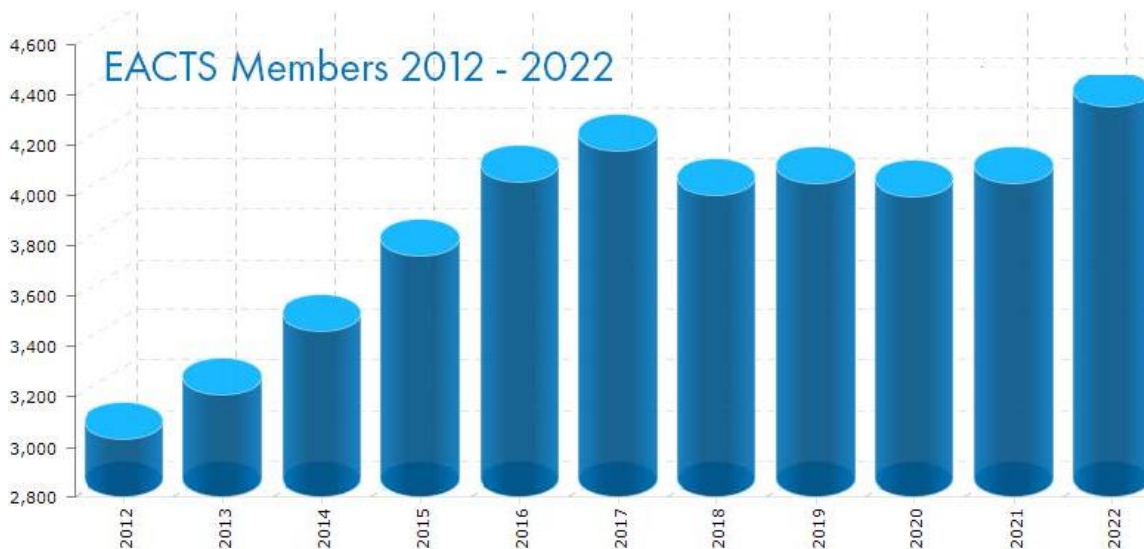
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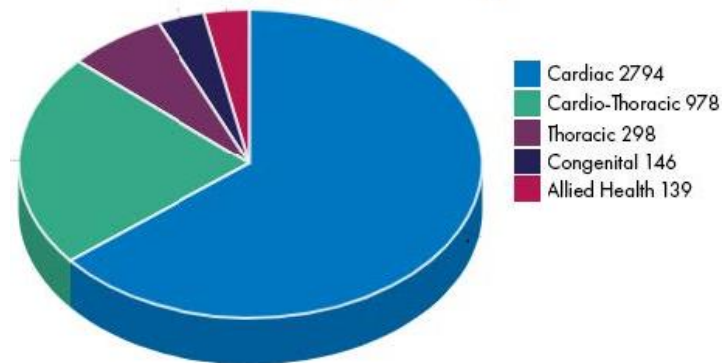
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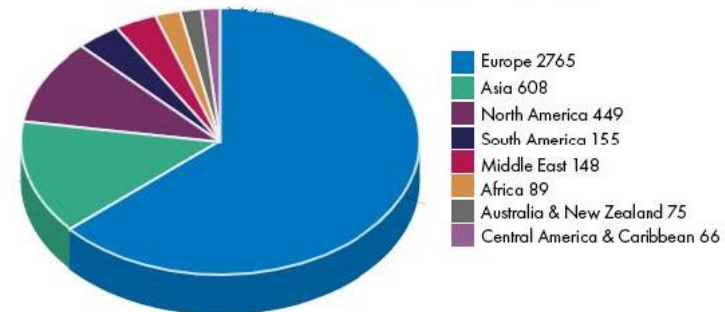
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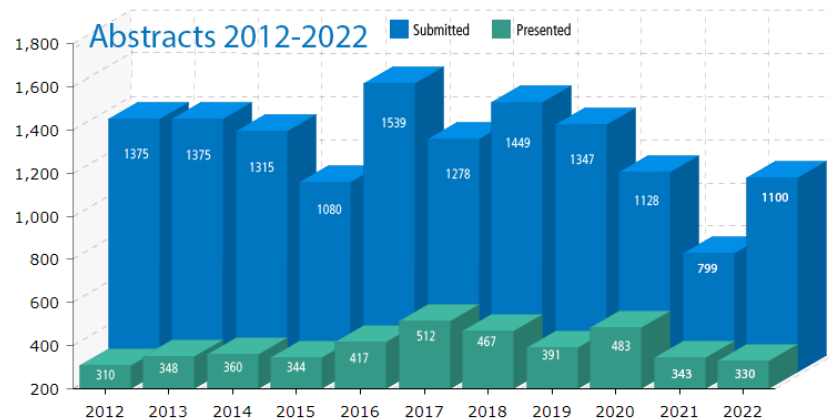
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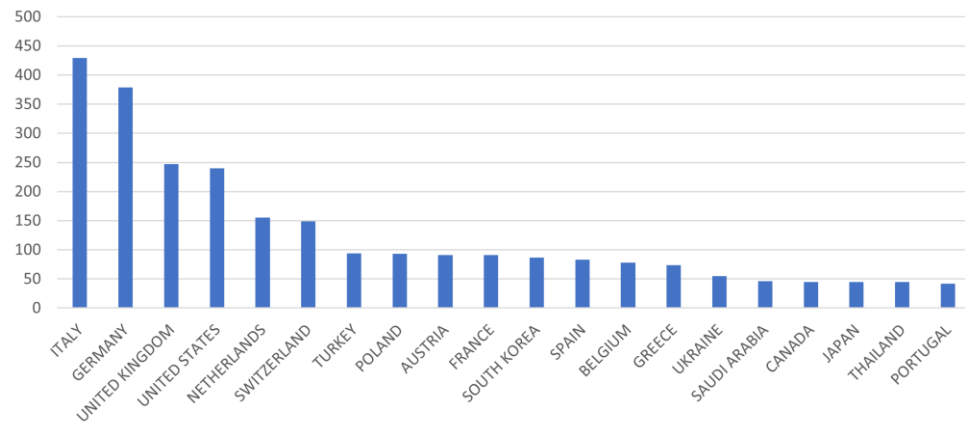
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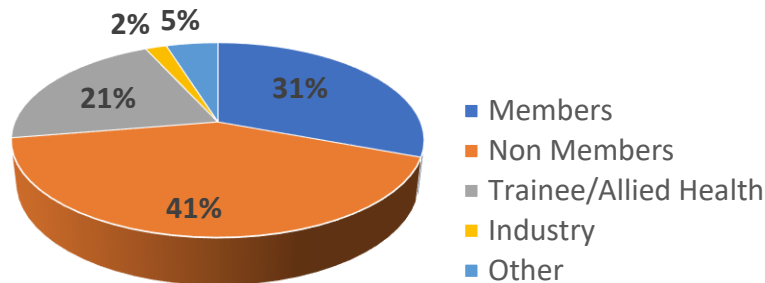
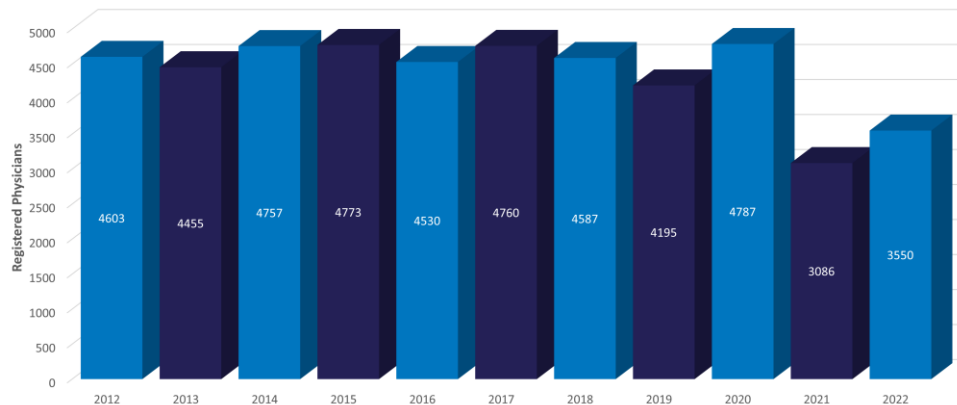
# ANNUAL MEETING



Top 20 Countries 2022



Registered Physicians 2012-2022



# EDUCATION



## Academy

STEP INTO A WORLD OF SURGICAL TRAINING  
AND CLIMB THE ACADEMY SKILLS LADDER



### WHAT'S YOUR LEVEL?

**Level 1**  
for residents in training with the course content closely allied to the EBCTS syllabus

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**Level 2**  
for residents in the final years of training and for surgeons at the beginning of independent practice

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**Level 3**  
for surgeons established in independent practice.

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**Conferences/summits**





# Academy

# 2023



Fundamentals in Congenital Heart Disease  
1-3 March, Windsor, UK



Fundamentals in Aortic Surgery  
16-18 March, Windsor, UK



Fundamentals in Thoracic Surgery: Part 1  
17-19 April, Windsor, UK



Fundamentals in Cardiac Surgery: Valvular Heart Disease  
25-27 April, Windsor, UK



Fundamentals in Thoracic Surgery: Part 2  
29 November-1 December, Windsor, UK



Mitral Valve Repair  
8-9 March, Windsor, UK



Congenital Skills  
14-15 September, Krakow, Poland

Cardiopulmonary Transplantation  
11-12 December, Newcastle, UK



Aortic Dissection  
16 February, Online Webinar

Annuloplasty for Aortic Valve Repair  
22-24 March, Paris, France

Connective Tissue Disease  
11 May, Online Webinar

Endoscopic Port-Access Mitral Valve Repair Drylab Training  
11-12 May, Maastricht, The Netherlands

Cerebral and Visceral Protection  
28 September, Online Webinar

Aortic Valve Repair and Ross Operation  
23-24 November, Brussels, Belgium

Endovascular Aortic Repair  
7 December, Online Webinar





# Academy

# 2023

## CASE CORNER



Case Corner: Mitral Valve Repair  
30 March, Online Webinar

Case Corner: Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation  
20 April, Online Webinar

Case Corner: Thoracic Surgery  
25 May, Online Webinar

Case Corner: Aortic Dissection  
29 June, Online Webinar

Case Corner: Mechanical Circulatory Support  
21 September, Online Webinar

## WEBINARS



Robotic Surgery  
22 February, Online Webinar

Building and Leveraging your Network (WiCTS)  
2 March, Online Webinar

Political Savvy as a Critical Leadership Skill (WiCTS)  
6 April, Online Webinar

Becoming an Inclusive Leader: from Hero to Host (WiCTS)  
11 May, Online Webinar

Lung Volume Reduction  
14 June, Online Webinar

VATS Segmentectomy  
7 September, Online Webinar



# Academy

# 2023

Aortic Forum  
21-23 June, Brussels, Belgium



7th EACTS Mechanical Circulatory Support Summit  
2-4 November, Copenhagen, Denmark

Minimally Invasive Techniques in Adult Cardiac Surgery  
(MITACS)  
30 November–1 December, Leipzig, Germany



# WEBINARS

## The changing face of leadership: moving from diversity to inclusion

Brought to you by the **Women in Cardiothoracic Surgery Committee**



## Webinar Series

*15 September 2022 - 11 May 2023*



Jolanda Kluin  
**Programme Director**



Maleene de Ridder  
**Coach and Moderator**





# WEBINARS Highlights

- **First programme** of its kind at EACTS
- Programme explores **gender, diversity** and **inclusion** in medicine
- Aim to enhance **leadership, management, and communication skills** for surgeons
- Experts in field of **leadership, D&I, career development, communications gender and health**
- **Monthly** 90-minute webinars – available On-Demand for delegates
- **140** delegates from **40 countries, 30% male / 70% female**
- **Created community** for male and female surgeons at different stages of their career
- **Next Webinar on 2 March.** Register here: [www.eacts.org/educational-events/programme/wicts-webinar](http://www.eacts.org/educational-events/programme/wicts-webinar)



WEBINARS

**UNCONSCIOUS BIASES @WORK**  
**1. INCLUSIVE CULTURE**  
Insurance company: We only appoint leaders with proven inclusion skills.  
**2. RECRUITMENT & SELECTION**  
University: We have a group of diverse employees check our vacancy texts to double-check attractiveness.  
Bank: We always have at least two female candidates in the final selection for a position.  
**3. ONBOARDING**  
Health care innovator: We eliminate jargon.  
**4. DAILY INTERACTIONS**  
Accountancy firm: We equally assign highly valuable and visible tasks in our team and equally rotate the invisible tasks into teams.

Raising Standards through Education and Training

WEBINARS

The changing face of leadership: moving from diversity to inclusion

Brought to you by the Women in Cardiothoracic Surgery Committee

*Medicine is not gender-neutral – She is male*

Thursday 15 September 20:00-21:30 CEST

EACTS is grateful to the following companies for their support of the WICTS webinar programme

AtriCure Edwards Medtronic

WEBINARS

Micheline de Ridder MSc

Dr. Deborah Koell

Professor Jolanda Klain

Mira Lehtinen



# WEBINARS Feedback

## Hear from our delegates!

*"The WiCTS webinar is a **wonderful opportunity to go beyond our surgical profession** and at the same **time learn fundamental skills** that are an absolute must to progress in our job. The focus lays on **daily communication, perception of your team** and **individual career planning**... I really enjoy that after few sessions we already **created a WiCTS webinar community where nobody wants to miss the next session.**"* Female delegate from Switzerland



*"The Webinar series offers a yet unheard of opportunity to **broaden our skillset as the future of cardiothoracic surgeons.** The topics discussed were relevant for **every aspect of our daily work.** They were based upon experiences others have gained and **the great scientific background that has risen from it.**"* Female delegate from Germany



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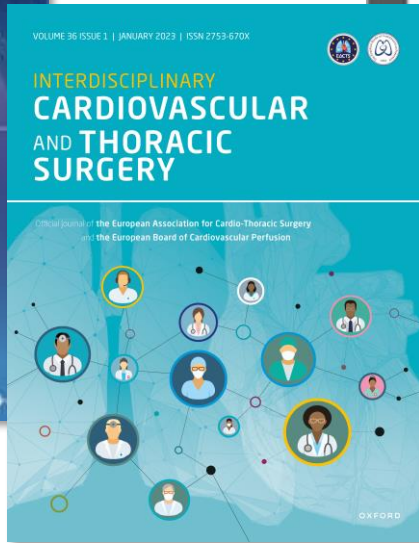
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# PUBLICATIONS



Ash Merrifield  
Publications Director



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# PODCAST

## ***A Cut Above: Cardiothoracic insights from EACTS***

Published monthly, our podcast allows the cardiothoracic and wider Heart team community to keep abreast of the latest research, guidelines and key discussions impacting day-to-day practice whilst on the go.



Episode	Topic	Speakers
January	The war in Ukraine and the impacts on day-to-day practice of cardiothoracic surgery and residency	Igor Mokryk Ihor Stetsyuk
February	Standing on your shoulders: Friedhelm Beyersdorf	Friedhelm Beyersdorf
March	Challenges and Opportunities in the Development of Joint Clinical Practice Guidelines	Milan Milojevic TBC
April*	Francis Fontan Fellowships: Sharing our experience	TBC
May*	Heart Team – Working together to improve patient outcomes	Peyman Sardari Nia TBC
June*	The future of MV therapy: interventional vs. surgical	TBC
July*	European women ruling the US	TBC

*\*Subject to change*



# QUALITY IMPROVEMENT



**ADULT CARDIAC  
DATABASE**



**EUROMACS**



Stephanie Halksworth  
**Operations Manager**





# FRANCIS FONTAN FUND

## Francis Fontan Fund Fellowship Programmes

FELLOWSHIP	Advanced Postoperative Care	Aortic Root & Valve Repair	Atrial Fibrillation	Aortic TEVAR	MICS CABG	OBCAB	TSF-FFF International	Quality & Outcomes
SPONSOR	EACTS	EACTS	AtriCure	TERUMO Aortic	Medtronic Further Together	Medtronic Further Together	Duel : STS & EACTS	EACTS (with MSTCVS)
Location	University of Barcelona	Paris, Rome, Germany, Brussels	8 Centres in Europe	TBC	Toronto General Hospital	Hospital Santa Cruz, Portugal,	North America or Europe	Michigan, USA
Fellows 'Graduated'	4	6	18	0	4	4	2	4
2022-23 Fellows	1	4	6	2	3	1	2	1



# FRANCIS FONTAN FUND

## Francis Fontan Fund Fellowship Programmes – NEW for 2022-23

### FELLOWSHIP

### SPONSOR

### Location

Fellows  
Complete  
(by Dec 2022)

Fellows  
starting in  
2023

### Clinical Trials & Stats

EACTS

Remote :  
UCL

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### OPCAB Extended

Medtronic  
Further, Together  
& EACTS

Italy

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### Robotic Surgery : Cardiac

Medtronic  
Further, Together  
& EACTS

8 Centres in  
Europe

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### Robotic Surgery : Thoracic

EACTS -  
TBC

TBC

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### Ukrainian Support

EACTS

University of  
Barcelona

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### VATS

EACTS

Odense,  
Denmark

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### TSF-FFF- LACES International

Duel : STS &  
EACTS with  
LACES

North  
America or  
Europe

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# GUIDELINES

Societies	Project	Article Type
EACTS/ ESTS	Ground Glass Opacities	Guideline
ERS/ EACTS / ESTS	International Guideline for the management of spontaneous pneumothorax	Guideline
EACTS/ ESC	Revision of 2018 myocardial revascularization guideline( LM Chapter only)	Guideline
ESC	2023 Guideline for management of infective endocarditis	Guideline
EACTS in collaboration with STS/ AATS	2023 Aortic Disease Guidelines	Guideline
EACTS/ ESC	Update of 2014 ESC Guidelines on the diagnosis and treatment of aortic diseases	Guideline
ESAIC/ EACTS	VTE Guidelines: Cardiovascular Section	Guidelines
ESC in collaboration with EACTS	2024 Updated ESC Afib Guidelines	Guidelines
ESC in collaboration with EACTS	2024 Chronic Coronary Syndrome guidelines	Guidelines
EACTS /STS/ AATS	Guidelines on short term mechanical circulatory support	Guidelines
EACTS/ EACTAIC/ EBCP	Update of the 2019 EACTS/EACTA/EBCP Guidelines on cardiopulmonary bypass in adult cardiac surgery	Guidelines
EACTS/ EACTAIC in collaboration with EBCP	Update of 2017 EACTS/EACTA Guidelines on patient blood management for adult cardiac surgery	Guidelines

# CONSENSUS STATEMENTS

Societies	Project	Article Type
EACTS/ EAPC	Frailty assessment before cardiac surgery	Expert Consensus Statement
EACTS/ EBCP	Perioperative blood management guideline for pediatrics	Expert Consensus Statement/Guideline
EACTS	Expert consensus on perioperative myocardial infarction	Expert Consensus Statement
ESC/ EACTS	Expert Consensus on intraoperative and postoperative management of conduits for coronary artery bypass grafting	Expert Consensus Statement
ESC/ EACTS	Expert Consensus on antithrombotic therapy post coronary artery bypass grafting	Expert Consensus Statement
EACTS	Update of Methodology manual for EACTS clinical guidelines and joint guidelines with other surgical associations (STS/AATS)	Manuel/Clinical Statement

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