



About EACTS

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

EACTS mission is to advance education in the field of cardiac, thoracic, and vascular interventions; and to promote research into cardiovascular and thoracic physiology, pathology, and therapy, to correlate and disseminate the results for the public benefit. 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 trainees to experienced surgeons.

EACTS MEMBER VALUE PROPOSITION (MVP)

EACTS MEMBERSHIP

Why should people in the cardiothoracic field become EACTS members?

EACTS strives to move forward, grasping new technologies and opportunities and we are always trying to transform into doing things more effectively and address challenges.

EACTS membership is available for residents, active surgeons, allied health members, industry representatives and the cardiothoracic community from low-income countries. And there is even a category for retired members.

The EACTS membership offering contains powerful and tangible pathways through which EACTS can create value for members. We are creating value at a level that far exceeds the membership fee and these are the powerful reasons to join EACTS.

GENERATIONAL, INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE

Associations need to bridge an ever-widening generational divide. They must be able to create an organisation that younger and diverse people want to join and engage with and EACTS is addressing this.

EACTS Residents Committee

To help shape the future of cardiothoracic surgery EACTS has the EACTS Residents Committee. The EACTS Residents Committee is devoted to representing the views and interests of cardiothoracic surgery residents and helping to facilitate education and identify training needs. They are involved to organise EACTS educational events, including the resident activities at the EACTS Annual Meeting and work with the EACTS Education Committee and assist in developing educational curriculums. It is important to ensure the voice of Resident surgeons is heard and has an impact on all aspects of EACTS governance and practice. Residents' members represent the interests of Residents by making recommendations for training opportunities and fellowships and are engaged in writing position papers to assist in the standardisation of cardiothoracic training across Europe. Residents choose EACTS because EACTS is a successful, responsive, innovative, and socially aware organization.

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Women in Cardio-Thoracic Surgery

It is our mission to guide the Association in its efforts to champion the role of women throughout the organisation, identifying opportunities and making recommendations for EACTS to create a fair, equitable, diverse, and inclusive culture in which women have equal opportunities in training, research, and leadership. The WiCTS Committee aims to spread awareness of gender disparity and provide assistance to women in cardiothoracic surgery through research, training, and mentorship. The **WiCTS** Committee is a standing committee of the EACTS Council and reports and recommends directly to the Council via the Committee Chair through the Secretary-General. The Chair of the WiCTS Committee is appointed by the EACTS Council for an initial term of 3 years, renewable for a second term of 3 years.

TANGIBILITY

Members are looking to engage with organisations that can deliver results, not rhetoric. EACTS is addressing this through productive outcomes, and we are being able to demonstrate the tangible difference we are making.

EBCTS

The primary aim of The European Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery (EBCTS) is to encourage common high standards and qualifications in cardiothoracic surgery in all European countries and beyond. This should potentially allow for the mutual recognition of these qualifications between European countries and elsewhere.

Francis Fontan Fund

Passionate about lifelong learning, Francis Fontan founded the European Association for Cardiothoracic Surgery to advance education in the field of cardiothoracic and vascular interventions. The Francis Fontan Fund was created in his honour, to celebrate his dedication to lifelong learning. The prestigious Francis Fontan Fund for Education offers an exciting opportunity to advance surgical education, foster professional development and learn from the highest standards of cardiothoracic care at some of the most prestigious institutions around the world. The Fund is open to EACTS members from all countries and currently supports several different Fellowship schemes specialising in a breadth of cardiothoracic techniques.

Clinical Guidelines

EACTS also works with other associations on clinical guidelines, recommendations, and position papers.

Quality Improvement Programme (QUIP)

EACTS has also 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 into 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.

PERSONALISATION

The highly personalised nature of the services we experience in our daily life has created the expectation of customisation amongst members. We meet these baseline expectations for our members by segmenting and personalising our offers and communications to target different groups. Our members stay up to date and can choose from various offerings to meet their demands.

EACTS Journals

The European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) publishes original scientific reports documenting significant clinical and experimental advances relating to surgery of the heart, the great vessels, and the chest. EJCTS is an international journal and accepts submissions from all over the world. Papers are peer-reviewed by members of the journal's Editorial and Advisory Board and by other invited reviewers.

Interdisciplinary CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery (ICVTS) is an open-access journal publishing scientific contributions in the field of cardiac, vascular, and thoracic surgery. It covers all aspects of surgery on the heart, great vessels, and chest. ICVTS is an international journal and accepts submissions from the global community of CT surgeons. Authors are encouraged to submit video clips with their articles. Papers are peer-reviewed by members of the journal's Editorial and Advisory Board and by other invited reviewers.

The Multimedia Manual of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (MMCTS) is the premier online video manual for cardiac, vascular, and thoracic surgical procedures. It features step-by-step narrated videos demonstrating how to perform a comprehensive range of different surgeries. Each video tutorial is accompanied by detailed how-to descriptive text, and illustrations where relevant. In addition to tutorials focused on standard procedures, MMCTS is now accepting submissions of video case reports. All submissions are reviewed by MMCTS's Editorial Board. MMCTS is open and free for all to use. It is published as a service for cardiothoracic surgery by EACTS.

EACTS Academy

The EACTS Academy offers "One-stop-shopping" for training. The Academy offers courses to build your training plan, and book according to your educational needs whether you are an experienced surgeon or still in training, our courses make it easy to identify and book the training you need.



EACTS News

Members stay connected with EACTS News, EACTS News is now a digital-only publication, circulated quarterly, and every day at the Annual Meeting.

COMMUNITY

People are driven by the need to belong and connect. EACTS can harness this desire and become the facilitator of positive connections in our community. Learn from the best, network, create the future of the Association and improve patient outcomes through exclusive participation in influential EACTS committees and task forces.

Council & Committees

The EACTS Council is the governing, decision-making body of EACTS. Each Councillor will serve a set term and each year, new Councillors are appointed as the terms of current Councillors come to an end. EACTS Task Forces play an important role in achieving EACTS' mission to advance education and raise standards to improve outcomes for patients in cardiothoracic surgery. Any EACTS member can nominate a fellow member for a specified role on Council. The EACTS Committees are member-led groups working across the four EACTS Domains to drive forward the Association's mission of advancing education and promoting research. Committees participate in various projects and meet as required.

EACTS Annual Meeting

And of course, there is our flagship event, the Annual Meeting. The EACTS Annual Meeting is always THE event in the cardiothoracic calendar for the worldwide cardiothoracic community. Every year colleagues from around the world come together to learn together at the largest event for the cardiothoracic community to experience a feast of world-class education and science. The meeting provides a myriad of opportunities to network with peers and colleagues from around the world.

If you join EACTS you do not just join an association, you get emotionally attached and this is the glue that binds the EACTS member community.

Become a member today!

For more information on how to become a member visit <https://www.eacts.org/the-association/membership-2/>

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