

## **APPLY FOR EACTS MEMBERSHIP ONLINE**

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 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 on all continents representing some 100 countries. Since its foundation in 1986 more than 4000 members have been admitted.

The mission of the Association 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.

The Association has four key areas that focus on the EACTS mission:

### **Academy**

Launched in 2012, the EACTS Academy offers a high-quality educational programme to suit a range of levels, from trainees to experienced surgeons. We offer a comprehensive programme of courses.

### **Annual Meeting**

The EACTS Annual Meeting is the largest cardio-thoracic meeting in the world focusing on scientific developments and research in the following specialities: Acquired Cardiac Disease, Congenital Heart Disease, Vascular Disease and Thoracic Disease.

### **Journals**

The EACTS has three journals for the publication of high-quality research: European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS), Interdisciplinary CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery (ICVTS), and Multimedia Manual of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (MMCTS).

### **Quality Improvement Programme**

The Quality Improvement Programme was launched in 2012 to facilitate continuous improvement of clinical outcomes in adult cardiothoracic surgery through improving education, and various research initiatives. The Quality Improvement Programme also operates two international benchmarking databases for adult cardiac surgery and patients with mechanical circulatory support systems.

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## **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**

The membership application is online at [www.eacts.org](http://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.

### **EACTS membership benefits include**

- Learn from the best and network with exclusive member discounts for the EACTS Annual Meeting and other events
- Receive discounts to attend high-quality training through The Academy
- Stay up to date with the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery and The Interdisciplinary CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery
- Support, learn from and publish in MMCTS, the premier online video manual of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery tutorials
- Stay connected with EACTS News, our quarterly newsletter
- Become eligible to apply for Francis Fontan Fund fellowship awards and travel bursaries
- Create the future of the Association and improve patient outcomes through exclusive participation in influential EACTS committees and task forces
- 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, and register for the annual meeting and other courses with minimum effort.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES		DESCRIPTION
Active Member		Standard EACTS Membership option
Industry Representative		For Industry (individual members)
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 their training status
Low-Income Countries		<b>Low-Income Countries</b> <b>Low-Income Countries per the World Bank as of January 2023:</b> Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Dem Rep), Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Korea, Dem. People's Rep (North Korea) Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Uganda, Yemen, Zambia
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	
Industry Representative	€250	
Allied Health	€125	
Resident/Trainee	€125	The 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	

### Application Process

Applying online is quick and easy and will provide you with immediate access to information sources, support, advice, and guidance. Before starting your application, please ensure that you have read this page and 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 to 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 are completed on 1 July, and 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 access to 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 monthly new applicants. Expect administrative time for this process to be complete.

With the applicant status, you will automatically qualify for member-reduced fees for EACTS Academy courses. Annual Meeting: 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 Senior members. 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 the Board of Censors may remove a member on the grounds of professional or ethical misconduct, after giving such a member ample opportunity to appeal on his 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.

#### **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 upfront (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 before their names are submitted to the STS membership for consideration. Payment is required upfront (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).