Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advice

There is understandably a great deal of concern about the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and safety of our participants at the ESTS meetings are the utmost priority. Please be assured that we are monitoring the situation very closely.

At present, there are no plans to curtail or cancel the 28th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery, being held in The Hague, The Netherlands, 31 May – 3 June 2020.

Should there be any changes to the current status, we will take account of any recommendations from the relevant national and regional authorities, and the municipal health authorities, and implement all appropriate instructions.

We draw your attention to the World Health Organization’s Situation Reports which provide updates on the virus. https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports.

ESTS Educational Courses:
The following ESTS courses being held in March and April 2020 have been postponed and participants will be notified with further details:

- **4th Vienna-ESTS Laryngotracheal Course**
  5 – 7 March 2020, Vienna Austria

- **ESTS School of Thoracic Surgery – Knowledge Track course**
  16 – 21 March 2020, Prague, Czech Republic

- **Joint ESTS/ERS Course on Thoracic Oncology**
  6 – 8 April 2020, Hamburg, Germany

The following ESTS course is being held in April 2020 and currently there are no restrictions. If the situation changes, participants will be notified.

- **MI Esophagectomy and Anastomosis Course**
  16 – 17 April 2020, Istanbul, Turkey

We advise all participants:
- Please keep up to date with the official travelling advice offered by each country
- Please follow standard hygiene procedures leading up to attending an event, visit https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/disease/221/novel-coronavirus-covid-19

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