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An exciting journey through ESTS: from birth to adulthood

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Development of lung surgery in the United Kingdom

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Prof. VM/IR  30.09.92

Dear friends,

referring to my recent circular and a conference of those thoracic surgeons who were present in Geneva, we want to make the following proposals:
Each of you that up till now has not clearly expressed his view yet, would you please let me know once again, if you vote for the foundation of our own society! This is particularly important for the active influence of thoracic surgery in Brussels.

It is possible to have a meeting in Heidelberg from Friday, November 19 to Sunday, November 21, 1993, together with the German Society for Thoracic Surgery. Suggested title: European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery.

With the constitution of a European Society, there is the opportunity to have our own journal.

I would like to ask for your prompt answer, as everything needs to be well prepared and organised. In case you agree with the foundation would you please propose further inaugural members from your respective country. We would then try to prepare everything in writing, in order to manage with one single inaugural meeting in spring of next year.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. med. I. Vogt-Moykopf
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Figure 1: The inaugural Conference on Thoracic Surgery was held in Heidelberg in November 1993. The photograph shows some of the founding members.
European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery
with the
2nd Annual Meeting of the German Society for Thoracic Surgery
Heidelberg, Germany, November 18 - 20, 1993

Invitation list
EUROPEAN CONSENSUS MEETING - FOUNDATION SESSION

Detlev Branscheid, Hamburg, Germany
Francesco Carpagnano, Bari, Italy
Peter Drings, Heidelberg, Germany
Giovanni Ferrante, Naples, Italy
Pierre Fuentes, Marseille, France
Peter Goldstraw, London, United Kingdom
Dirk Kaiser, Berlin, Germany
Leon Lacquet, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
László Kecskés, Szombathely, Hungary
Toni Lerut, Leuven, Belgium
Philippe Levasseur, Paris, France
Laureano Molins, Barcelona, Spain
Klaus-Michael Müller, Bochum, Heidelberg
Heinz Neef, Halle, Germany
Tadeusz Orlowski, Wroclaw, Poland
Francisco Paris, Valencia, Spain
Michail Perelman, Moscow, Russia
Costante Ricci, Rome, Italy
James Thorpe, Sheffield, United Kingdom
Heikki Toomes, Stuttgart, Germany
Vladimir Utkin, Riga, Latvia
Jean-Marie Wilhm, Strasbourg, France
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CONSTITUTION OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS

Established at the Founding session in Heidelberg, November 18th 1993.

1.0 NAME, NON-PROFIT STATUS, SEAT, FISCAL YEAR

1.1 The name of this organisation shall be the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons.
1.2 The Society shall be registered at Heidelberg district Court (Amtsgericht).
1.3 The Society does not pursue any other non-profit making objectives:
Receipts and funds are exclusively spent according to this constitution; i.e. no person
or group may gain financial benefit from the society.
1.4 The Society’s official seat is in Heidelberg.
1.5 The fiscal year corresponds with the calendar year.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The Society represents the speciality for Thoracic Surgery. It is its task to develop
this field together with the related intensive care, and to stimulate close co-operation
between its members, and exchange views and experiences among specialists and
groups within and outside Europe. The Society supports the matters of teaching
(basic and specialist training courses), research and medical care of patients. For this
it maintains contact with public health institutions and authorities of the member
countries, and with other international associations related to general thoracic
surgery.

2.1.1 The purpose of the Society shall be:

2.1.1.1 To co-ordinate the training for general thoracic surgeons. General
thoracic surgery comprises prevention, identification, diagnosis,
conservative and surgical treatment, and postoperative care in
surgically manageable diseases, injuries, malformations of the
chest wall, mediastinal organs, esophagus, diaphragm, lungs with
vascular system including adjacent cardiac structures. Furthermore
the speciality contains the related intensive care, follow-up,
rehabilitation, including quality control of this management.

2.1.1.2 To co-ordinate and develop all scientific research growing from the
tasks established in 2.1.1.1 both within and outside European
context wherever this is required. This includes organising the
exchange of thoracic surgeons, both for trainees and heads of
departments.

2.2 To obtain these objectives and tasks:

2.2.1 At least one scientific conference is organised on European ground each
year, advice is provided for further scientific meetings on topics of the
speciality, publications about general thoracic surgery are supported.

2.2.2 Scientific investigation in the speciality field is encouraged.

2.2.3 Advice and support is maintained for the European authorities and
committees on matters concerning general thoracic surgery.
THE LOGO OF THE ESTS

The question of a logo of our Society was discussed during Executive Committee Meeting in Lausanne on June 24, 1995. A number of styles were presented. The logo presented here was unanimously agreed by the Executive that this be adopted as the logo of our Society. This logo should appear on all our literature. This will include future copies of the Newsletter and the programme for future conferences.
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2008 Bologna  

2009 Krakow  

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2011 Marseille  

2012 Essen
Apologies

- Leon Lacquet, president-elect 1998
- Pierre Fuentes, president 2002
- Kumarasingham Jeyasingham, editor 1999
- Ab Hensens, councillor
- Andrew Thorpe, regent
Honorary Member 1996
Dear Madam,

please convey my thanks to Professor
Beke Van Raemdonck, but I presently am not in such
a state to allow myself to go to Birmingham.

With my compliments, send back the photo asked for
your message. If it is helpful to you to resume the pen-
manship, sent the Dutch one from the right hand, though
being the tallest one, my face is partially washed.

The foundation of ESTS was one of the happiest mo-
ments of my professional life. Please, when you meet-
him in Heidelberg, remind me to my dear friend
Ingolf Vossby lotz, who owns the memory bits of my
speeches in Heidelberg, Sienna and Nancy.

with our best regards.

April 7th, 2018

DOCTEUR MICHEL RIBET
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