



COVID-19 and the European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery The Hague, The Netherlands

The Board of Directors and Program Committee have been closely following the current health crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The health and safety of the participants at the ESTS meetings is our utmost priority.

Travel restrictions and a ban on indoor meetings are currently in place in The Netherlands and it is difficult to know how the situation will evolve over the next months.

As a result of these factors and the paramount importance to protect the health of our faculty, delegates, staff, suppliers, and exhibitors, the Board of Directors has agreed, after long and complex discussion, that postponing the meeting in The Hague to 2021 was the only responsible course of action.

The 29th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery will now be held in The Hague, on Sunday 20 June 2021 to Tuesday 22 June 2021.

The 30th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery will be held in Milano, Italy in the first week of June 2022.

We are aware of all the work done by many preparing for this conference and apologise for the inconvenience this will cause.

The Board of Directors together with the Program Committee is exploring the possibility to have a virtual meeting in October and further information will be announced when available.

If you have registered for the meeting you will be receiving an email outlining the options being offered.

FAQs are available at the Congress website regarding:

- Registration
- Transportation and hotels
- Faculty presentations
- Abstract presentations
- Industry

Our conference organisers, Viajes El Corte Ingles (VECI) will be happy to help with any further questions you have: ests@viajeseci.es.

We hope you understand the extraordinary situation and the unavoidable decision which has been taken.



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