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European Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS)-Catalan Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (ACECP) Travelling Fellowship

The ACECP was established in 2006 by Laureano Molins, M.D, Ramón Rami-Porta, M.D. and Enriqueta Felip, M.D, (Juan J Fibla, MD, since 2009) with the priority goal of offering to young surgeons grants to broaden their training and increase international contacts. Up to 2008, nine Spanish thoracic surgeons have received grants for attending the European School of Thoracic Surgery.

The ACECP Travelling Fellowship offered by the ESTS provides thoracic surgeons with a unique opportunity to visit medical institutions and learn valuable skills and techniques from some of the European leading thoracic surgeons. Each Fellow should plan to have one primary centre for his/her activities where he/she should spend three months. The Fellow should have identified an individual at that centre who will act as his/her sponsor and assist in planning the course of study at the host institution. In addition to the primary centre, the Fellow has the possibility to spend a shorter period of time, within the three-month period, at a secondary centre to enhance the Fellowship experience.

The Fellowship provides a stipend of €6,000. The selected Fellow will be introduced at the Gala Dinner of the Annual Meeting of the ESTS and will be expected to submit a report summarizing his/her experience prior to the next Annual Meeting.

The Fellow should become involved predominantly with observation, consultation, teaching and research at the thoracic surgical training centres during the three months. Patient contact will be determined by the sponsoring surgeon and will conform to the regulations and licensing requirements of the country in which he/she is studying.

Candidates should have completed their formal training in thoracic surgery and have received their national board certification in thoracic surgery no more than five years before the year of application for this Fellowship. Candidates must be sufficiently proficient in English to realize the full benefits of the Fellowship. Candidates should not have had clinical training for more than three months outside their country prior to submitting their application, and should be planning to return to their native country after the completion of their Fellowship.

Candidate application including

- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of certification in thoracic surgery
- Letter of candidate's sponsor at his/her current department
- Letter of candidate's sponsor at the host institution
- Letter of candidate explaining his/her objectives and the reasons for choosing the hosting institution

should be sent to:

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This collaborative project between the ESTS and the ACECP is planned for a three-year period (2012, 2013 and 2014), after which the results will be duly assessed and a decision will be made on its continuation or cancellation.

Fellowship applications will be assessed by a Selection Committee of Board members of the ESTS and the ACECP, who will meet and decide on the candidate during the first two months of the natural year. Applications for 2012 will be accepted till December 31st, 2011.