

## **ESTS MISSION**

‘Our mission is to improve quality in all aspects of our specialty: from clinical and surgical management of patients to education, training and credentialing of thoracic surgeons in Europe and worldwide.’

### **How to become a member of ESTS:**

Application is online at [www.ests.org](http://www.ests.org)

You are required to obtain two Active ESTS Members to sponsor your application and you will need to enter their details during the application. (Trainee or provisional members are not eligible to sponsor applications)

Select the membership status that applies to you, including if you are a member of European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS), Canadian Association of Thoracic Surgeons (CaTS), Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS).

Trainee Membership is for a maximum of 5 years duration from the start date of training.

Following approval of the Membership Committee, applicants will be provisional members until formally ratified by the General Assembly.

#### Active Membership Application:

- Online Membership application (with 2 sponsors)
- English version of CV and list of any publications.

#### Trainee Membership Application:

- Online membership application (with 2 sponsors)
- English version of CV
- Letter from your Head of Department confirming your Trainee Status including date training started and date due to complete.

### **Membership Process:**

Applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee. Review and decision takes approximately 7-10 days.

Once their decision is made you are notified by email and invited to pay your Membership Fee for the current membership year. The membership year is 1 January – 31 December.

Membership fees are set at three levels according to the average per capita income in the country according to the World Bank.

Fees are paid annually (Invoiced in January and paid via ESTS website).

Trainee members who have completed their training will automatically become active members the following year, will be notified and invoiced appropriately.

### **Additional Option: dual membership with European Respiratory Society (ERS)**

Members may also take advantage of dual membership with the European Respiratory Society (ERS) for an additional payment of 30 euros per year.

### **What happens once the Membership Committee has made their decision?**

- New members are put forward for ratification at the General Assembly at the annual ESTS Conference on General Thoracic Surgery and applicants are 'provisional' until then. Deadline for applications is 31 March. A two-third vote of those present and voting at the General Assembly shall be required to elect new members.
- Applications received after 31 March will be provisional until the following year's General Assembly. Provisional members are eligible for the benefits of membership.

### **What happens after your Membership has been ratified?**

- You will be able to download your membership certificate from your online member area.
- You will be sent an ESTS lapel pin.
- You will be notified annually when your Membership Fee is due for payment and also when you are changing from Trainee to Active status.
- Active members can sponsor new membership applications

### **Provisional Member Benefits include:**

- EJCTS - when you have been accepted as a provisional member and following payment of the membership fee, the publishers, Oxford University Press, will contact you by email to organise your subscription for accessing the EJCTS online.
- Please note that the EJCTS is informed monthly of new members and so expect an administrative period for this process to be completed.
- Provisional members are eligible for reduced registration to the annual meeting, reduced registration to educational events and eligible for joining the ESTS Database.

### **Access to Member Home page on ESTS website**

- Login to membership area to update profile and photo.

### **How can I discontinue my Membership of ESTS?**

Members of any category may resign at any time by informing the Secretary General.

### **What happens when I retire from active practice?**

Senior Membership is reserved upon request after the age of 65 for active members who retire from active clinical practice but who wish to remain members of the Society. There is no fee for Senior Membership but online access to the EJCTS would be discontinued.

### **What is an 'Honorary Member'?**

Honorary Membership is reserved for distinguished persons who have promoted the development of thoracic surgery in an outstanding manner. Honorary members are proposed by ESTS Board of Directors and appointed by two-thirds of the voting members in the General Assembly. Election to Honorary Membership is for life.

### **Our aim . . .**

We aim to process your application for membership of ESTS in a timely and professional manner, communicating with you on a regular basis so that you are kept informed of your application's progress and status.

If you have any queries regarding the Membership process, please contact the Secretariat on [dsnowdon@ests.org.uk](mailto:dsnowdon@ests.org.uk) or call +44 1392 332818.

**We look forward to welcoming you as a Member of ESTS!**