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# ESTS MEMBERSHIP

## ESTS MISSION STATEMENT

‘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.’

The European Society of Thoracic Surgeons joins together more than 1600 members from 91 different countries all over the world. Every year since 1993, a European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery is celebrated, achieving a high quality scientific content.

In the latest years, several educational courses and the School of Thoracic Surgery have gained special prominence.



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Application is open to thoracic surgeons in Europe and worldwide who fulfil the membership requirements

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Reduced registration to the Annual Meeting
- Reduced registration to Educational Events
- Access to the European Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Leadership opportunities to join and contribute to ESTS Working Groups and Task Forces
- Eligibility to join ESTS Database
- Home page on Cardiothoracic Surgery Network [www.ctsnet.org](http://www.ctsnet.org)
- ESTS membership certificate
- ESTS member lapel pin

## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

**Application** is online requiring the support of two Active ESTS members.

Provisional membership is granted following approval of the Membership Committee pending formal ratification and voting at the annual General Assembly held at the time of the Annual Meeting. A two-third vote of those present and voting at the General Assembly shall be required to elect new members.

Provisional members are entitled to the benefits of Membership.

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



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## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

<b>ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE</b>	230 EUROS HIGH INCOME COUNTRY 150 EUROS MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRY 50 EUROS LOW INCOME COUNTRY
<b>TRAINEE MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE</b>	50 EUROS

Trainee membership is open to those in specialty training for a maximum of five years from the start date of training. Applicants must provide a letter from the Head of Department confirming trainee status and start date of training.

### Senior Membership

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.

### Honorary Membership

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.

