

Instructions to Authors

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPENS 1 DECEMBER 2017

Please submit your abstract via: [_http://cpaper.ctimeetingtech.com/ests2018](http://cpaper.ctimeetingtech.com/ests2018)

Please follow the instructions given on-line, otherwise your abstract cannot be selected for review. A summary of the guidelines is as follows:

- The abstract language is English
- The text should be not more than 300 words
- The use of 1 table or 1 graph is possible
- The abstract must consist of four paragraphs labelled: OBJECTIVE, METHODS, RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS
- The text and the title should be free from abbreviations, except those commonly used. It should concisely address the problem and the purpose of the study (OBJECTIVE); how the study was performed (METHODS); the main findings with numerical data and statistical significance (RESULTS); and the principal conclusions drawn from the study (CONCLUSIONS)
- The title of the abstract should be printed in CAPITAL LETTERS; the name(s) of the author(s) should be preceded by the full first name (middle name Initial optional) - omit titles. The number of authors is unlimited.
- Since the abstracts will be judged anonymously, the text should not reveal the institutional affiliation
- Mark the category which best describes the subject of your abstract
- The material should not have been published, or presented at any international meeting before, nor submitted to another meeting during the same period.
- Only co-authors are allowed to present the paper

4 types of abstracts will be considered:

• Oral/Poster	• Videos
• Case reports	• Nurse symposium

Abstracts will not be accepted by e-mail or fax
All abstracts should be submitted and posted according to the format and instructions described above no later than Tuesday 09 January 2018, 23:59 CET

The Program committee will meet 16-17 February 2018. The best abstracts are selected based on the average score by the reviewers from 2 rounds (one round for case reports and videos) and allocated for presentations as oral, case report, video or poster, nurse symposium. Abstract acceptance and Program scheduling will be communicated to the corresponding author's e-mail address early March 2018.

For your abstract to be included in the final scientific Program, it is mandatory to register for the congress and to settle payment as soon as you have received the notification of abstract acceptance.

Please check the eligibility for prize awards.

The presenter of an accepted abstract will also be asked to complete a form to be signed at the time of uploading the presentation to state whether his/her presentation can be released or cancelled after the meeting

IMPORTANT:

All speakers presenting in the following oral sessions: Brompton, Young Investigator Award, Experimental/Innovative, Pulmonary Neoplastic I sessions must **submit full manuscripts online** for review to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) by **1 September 2018**.

Note that the Program Committee will consider the previous manuscript submission record of ALL speakers when preparing future ESTS meetings.

THE FIRST AUTHOR OF ABSTRACTS IN THE PRIZE WINNING SESSIONS ABOVE WHO DOES NOT SUBMIT HIS/HER MANUSCRIPT TO EJCTS BY 1 SEPTEMBER 2018 WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AT THE NEXT ESTS ANNUAL MEETING

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Submission for review of oral, case report, and video or poster presentations to either EJCTS or ICVTS is optional but welcomed.

Manuscripts should be prepared and submitted according to the Instructions to Authors (follow relevant link):

- [EJCTS](#)
- [ICVTS](#)

The manuscript submission is online only at: <https://ejcts.oxfordjournals.org/>

Please mention "Presented at the 26TH European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 27 -30 May 2018," on the title page of the manuscript.

ESTS requires that all speakers competing for the Brompton & Young Investigators Prizes sessions submit full manuscripts by e-mail to the ESTS Executive Director (sue@ests.org.uk) one month before the meeting at the latest, since these papers are included in the total scoring by the jury. The audio-visual recording of the scientific presentations will be the property of the ESTS.

ABSTRACT SESSIONS

Papers are allocated 7 minutes presentation time followed by a discussion period of 3 minutes. Please note that only data projection will be available.

INTERACTIVE CASE PRESENTATION SESSION

The Program committee invites submissions of case reports for interactive presentation. It is an opportunity for any thoracic surgeon, particularly trainees and young surgeons, to present a case for discussion by the meeting and the experts who will be present. We encourage you to submit cases that are of interest in any of the followings:

- An uncommon clinical problem
- A particularly challenging problem of diagnosis or management
- An innovative surgical technique
- A clinical lesson
- A particularly illustrative case of interest for the thoracic community

The interactive presentations should be 5 minutes long including interactive discussion of 10 minutes. Video clips are welcomed but must be included within the time limit. The speaker should present the clinical case only, NOT a literature review or case series.

We would like you to explain in the abstract (300 words) what your case is about, what you think is of special interest for the audience and its clinical implications.

POSTER SESSION

A number of abstracts will be selected for poster presentation as moderated posters. There will be a Junior Poster Session and a Senior Poster Session.

This year during the allocated slot the presenter from each poster will have to be available to discuss his/her own work.

Maximum dimensions: Portrait: Length 140 cm, width 90 cm

Poster Printing in Ljubljana: The option is offered for printing your poster in Ljubljana.

Printing company: [EksPLICIT](#)

Contact for orders: bostjan@eksPLICIT.si

Cost: 42 euros + VAT for colour print including delivery to the Conference Venue on 25 May 2018

Deadline for orders: Monday 21 May 2018

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VIDEO SESSION

Submitted videos should be uploaded online in a compact-sized, average-quality format up to 100 MB for scoring by reviewers. The film should be 7 minutes maximal duration and it will be followed by a 3-minute discussion. The following formats are supported to upload:

PC formats: .WMV and .AVI
MAC formats: .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the principal surgeon is a requirement of participation.

Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.

NURSE SYMPOSIUM

Abstracts for the Symposium for Nurses should be submitted online using the same system as other abstracts. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words. Videos can be considered and they should be uploaded online.

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PC formats: .WMV and .AVI
MAC formats: .MOV

Sound is acceptable but not necessary. However live narration by the presenting nurse is a requirement of participation.

Authors will be asked to present their video at the meeting in a high-quality format without changes if accepted.

NO-SHOW AND WITHDRAWALS

Presenter: please note that if you accept to present your paper and then subsequently do not show up for presentation at the meeting in Innsbruck, you will be excluded from presenting at the next three annual ESTS meetings. If you are experiencing any unexpected problems to attend the meeting, please notify the Program Committee and ask one of your co-authors to replace you as presenter of the abstract. Only co-authors may present.

If you WITHDRAW your presentation less than four weeks prior to the meeting, after Friday 27 April 2018, the Presenter will be considered as No-Show

DUPLICATE SUBMISSION

We will use special software to check for duplicate submission. Duplicate submission will be defined according to the below indicated joint statement. For duplicate submission, the first author will be excluded from presenting abstracts to the next three ESTS meetings. The first author will not be permitted to be included in the list of authors for the next three years.

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JOINT STATEMENT ON REDUNDANT (DUPLICATE) PUBLICATION BY THE EDITORS OF THE UNDERSIGNED CARDIOTHORACIC JOURNALS

Full Text: [http://www.jtcvsonline.org/article/S0022-5223\(15\)01306-9/fulltext](http://www.jtcvsonline.org/article/S0022-5223(15)01306-9/fulltext)

The co-signatory Editors hereby declare that they adhere to a process of information exchange and cooperation aimed at eliminating redundant (duplicate) publication in their journals. Briefly, redundant publication is a paper that overlaps substantially with one submitted elsewhere or published without adequate cross-referencing and justification. We consider redundant publication to be unethical for the following reasons: The author unjustifiably receives 2 or more citations for only 1 article; the time of unpaid peer reviewers and editors is wasted on duplicate submissions; the burden of extra work slows the peer review process; the already extensive scientific literature is further inflated making literature search even more cumbersome; valuable journal pages are wasted. Furthermore, meta-analysis of multiple studies may become flawed when the same material is published repeatedly.

We intend to combat redundant publication by: using electronic search applications to identify potential duplications; sending doubtful papers for review by other journal editors; exchanging information about conference submissions and joint collaboration in Program committees; publishing joint statements exposing offenders in clear cut cases; imposing bans where necessary; and following up on potential copyright infringements.

For the purposes of this declaration, redundant publication is defined as follows:

- 1. The numbers or sample sizes are similar.
- 2. The methodology is identical or nearly so.
- 3. The results are similar.
- 4. At least 1 author is common to both reports.
- 5. Little or no new information is made available.

To classify as redundant publication all of points 1-5 must apply. Exceptions may include publications in local or regional journals, abstracts at scientific meetings, or original publication in a language other than English. The authors must bring these exceptions to the Editor's attention. The Editor's judgment decides if points 1-5 apply for a specific case. The authors will be informed, and will be given the opportunity to respond. Because redundant publication constitutes serious academic misbehavior, instances may be reported to specialty society ethics committees for review and possible disciplinary action.

We hope that the authorship of our journals and the scientific community at large will support us in this endeavour, which we believe to be in the best interests of all.

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