The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

Aortic Symposium 2012
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The Aortic Symposium 2012 is a two-day symposium focused on the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment of aortic aneurysms and dissections. The faculty consists of world leaders in this field who have been invited to share their experience regarding difficult problems in aortic disease.

PROGRAM FORMAT
The Aortic Symposium 2012 will primarily feature faculty presentations of original work and “how I do it” videos. Manuscripts and Videos selected from submitted abstracts will comprise the balance of the program and may be considered for publication in the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. Accepted presentations will be available on the Presentation on Demand (POD) System, a network of computer stations distributed throughout the meeting area that permits attendees to review PowerPoint and Video presentations on demand.

The preliminary program can be viewed online at http://www.aats.org/aortic/Program.html.

TARGET AUDIENCE
This conference is designed to meet the educational needs of cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons, residents, perfusionists, ICU and OR nurses, and those involved with the care of individuals with aortic disease.

ACCREDITATION
The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AATS 92nd Annual Meeting
(Immediately following the Aortic Symposium 2012 in New York, NY)
April 28–May 2, 2012
Moscone West Convention Center
San Francisco, CA

The AATS 92nd Annual Meeting is just over 2 months away and promises to deliver an outstanding program designed to improve cardiothoracic surgical practice and patient care. The 2012 scientific program features an impressive line-up of guest speakers, including John E. Bares, PhD, former Director of the Carnegie Mellon Robotics Institutes’ National Robotics Engineering Center (NREC), who will serve as the Basic Science Lecturer. Bares will detail applications of robotics in medicine with his lecture on “Will a Robot Take Your Job?” AATS member and Daytime Emmy Award–winning talk show host, Mehmet C. Oz, MD, will share his insights on “Medicine in Media” as the Honored Guest Lecturer. Scott A. Shappell, PhD, of Clemson University, will address the Sunday Postgraduate Symposia attendees with his insightful lecture on “Sleep Deprivation and Professional Performance.”

Other exciting highlights of the 2012 AATS Annual Meeting include:

- Focused and in-depth Skills Courses in Adult Cardiac, Congenital, and General Thoracic Surgery
- Developing the Academic Surgeon Symposium
- Surgical Robots/Technology Bazaar
- AATS/STS Postgraduate Symposia in Adult Cardiac, Cardiothoracic Critical Care, Congenital, and General Thoracic
- A full-day Allied Health Personnel Symposium featuring a state-of-the art update on evolving areas relevant to nurses, nurse practitioners, perfusionists, and physician assistants as they provide care to patients in the perioperative setting
- ICU of the Future allowing participants to see first hand what the future holds for cardiothoracic surgical critical care.
- Operating Rooms of the Future: Hybrid Technologies® exhibits and educational program
- Presentations on Demand (PODs) in the Exhibit Hall featuring cutting-edge research work from specially selected abstracts
- AATS Welcome Center
- Welcome Reception on Sunday, April 29th, in the Exhibit Hall, offers a great opportunity to network with colleagues and industry representatives
AATS Special Reception

The AATS Special Reception for attendees, guests, and exhibitors will take place on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the California Academy of Sciences. Join us for an enjoyable evening at the only place on the planet with an aquarium, a planetarium, a natural history museum, and a 4-story rainforest all under 1 living roof. This year’s Special Reception promises to entertain and engage with its wine-tasting theme.

Tickets are $75 per person and may be purchased when registering for the Annual Meeting.

Mobile Application

An interactive, electronic version of the AATS 2012 Annual Meeting Program Guide will be available for download this spring, prior to the Annual Meeting. It allows for searching of program topics, faculty, exhibitors, social functions, San Francisco information, and more. The mobile application will work on all Web-based devices, including iPhones, iPads, Androids, and BlackBerries.

Registration and Housing

The registration and housing website is open. We encourage you to sign up early to take advantage of discount pricing. Visit www.aats.org/annualmeeting for more information.

Target Audience

The AATS Annual Meeting is specifically designed to meet the educational needs of:

- Cardiothoracic Surgeons
- Physicians in related specialties including Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, Critical Care, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Radiology, Gastroenterology, Thoracic Oncology, and Vascular Surgery
- Fellows and Residents in Cardiothoracic and General Surgical training programs
- Allied Health Professionals involved in the care of cardiothoracic surgical patients including Nurses, Physician Assistants, Surgical Assistants, and Perfusionists
- Medical students with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery

AATS Annual Meeting Accreditation

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The American Association for Thoracic Surgery designates this live activity for a maximum of 37 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This program will be submitted to the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners for continuing education credit.

Conference organizers plan to request AAPA Category I CME credit from the Physician Assistant Review Panel. Total number of approved credits is yet to be determined.

For further information on the Annual Meeting, please contact AATS at:
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AATS Online Award Applications

Now Available at www.aats.org, Deadline July 1, 2012

Second John W. Kirklin Research Scholarship 2013–2015 provides an opportunity for research, training, and experience for North American surgeons committed to pursuing an academic career in cardiothoracic surgery.

- Research program must be undertaken within the first three years after completion of an approved North American cardiothoracic residency.
- Applications for the scholarship must be submitted during the candidate’s first two years in an academic position.
- The scholarship will begin July 1, 2012, and conclude on July 1, 2014.
- The Scholarship provides an annual stipend of $80,000 per year paid to the host institution for direct salary support and related research expenses

Deadline: July 1, 2012

Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship, 2013-2014 grants support for training of international surgeons who have been regarded as having the potential for later international thoracic surgical leadership.

- Candidate must be a non-North American who plans a cardiothoracic surgery training program in a North American center and who has not had extensive (exceeding a total of six months in duration) clinical training in North America prior to submitting an application.
- Candidate should have completed his/her formal training in general surgery and in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, but should not have reached a senior position.
- The Fellowship provides a stipend of $75,000 US, a major portion of which is intended for living and travel expenses incurred when visiting other medical centers

Deadline: July 1, 2012