51ST ANNUAL MEETING
November 4-6, 2004
FIESTA AMERICANA GRAND CORAL BEACH HOTEL
CANCUN, MEXICO
ADVANCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Southern Thoracic Surgical Association
**Presidential Invitation**

*Dear Colleague,*

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA) will host its 51st Annual Meeting on November 4-6, 2004 at the Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel in Cancun, Mexico. As always, an outstanding educational program has been developed. The Program Committee did a great job creating a curriculum that highlights the best in cardiothoracic techniques and research. In addition to the superb educational benefits, the camaraderie and social activities for which the STSA is so well known, are not to be missed.

The Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel is a beautiful venue for the STSA 51st Annual Meeting. The social agenda for this year's meeting is top quality. You can choose activities including golf, tennis, fishing, swimming and snorkeling, or taking in beautiful Cancun on a day trip; perhaps to visit the ruins.

Take some time to enjoy Cancun and participate in our planned functions. The President’s Mixer is a favorite among attendees and will be held on Friday, November 5th. Also, be sure to join us at the annual formal black tie dinner dance. The gala will feature the time honored tradition of the naming of the Tiki and Osler Abbott awards. This evening of dining, dancing and renewing friendships is sure to be unforgettable.

I invite each of you to join your colleagues at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association in Cancun!

*Sincerely,*

D. Glenn Pennington, MD
STSA President

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**Program Committee Message**

*Dear Colleague,*

On behalf of the Program Committee and President Glenn Pennington, we are pleased to present the agenda for the STSA 51st Annual Meeting. This year's meeting in Cancun, Mexico promises to be an excellent educational as well as social event. The three day schedule includes a variety of stimulating scientific educational opportunities with many excellent speakers to encourage an interactive exchange of ideas with attendees.

The Postgraduate Program on Thursday morning includes presentations designed to provide new or important information about the current practice of cardiothoracic surgery. Scientific Sessions will be held from Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning, presenting new and clinically important information from well-conceived and conducted investigations in cardiothoracic surgery. The Video Sessions on Thursday evening are designed to present visual instruction of surgical procedures. New sessions for this year will be a moderated electronic poster session after lunch on Friday, as well as a surgical forum for basic science presentations on Saturday morning. The presidential address by Dr. Glenn Pennington, the invited lecture given by Dr. Palmisano and a special presentation by Dr. Cooley will also be among the highlights of the meeting.

In addition to providing members with a state of the art scientific session, the STSA is also dedicated to providing its members with social events and networking opportunities. Take advantage of the President’s mixer, fishing, tennis, golf, and the annual dinner dance.

We are proud to present an educational venue that will meet the high standards of this association and provide you with a quality experience. So mark your calendar and make your reservations.

*See you in Mexico,*

Scott M. Bradley, MD
Program Committee Co-Chair

James A. Quintessenza, MD
Program Committee Co-Chair

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**November 4-6, 2004**

**FIESTA AMERICANA GRAND CORAL BEACH HOTEL**

**CANCUN, MEXICO**
Thursday, November 4, 2004 • 8:00am – 12:00pm
Postgraduate Program

**Educational Objective:** To provide new or important information from recognized authorities about the current practice of thoracic surgery.

**CME Credits Available:** 3.5

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Thursday, November 4, 2004 • 1:00pm – 2:30pm
1st Scientific Session: Session A

**Educational Objective:** To provide new and clinically important information from well-conceived and conducted investigations in the practice of thoracic surgery.

Speakers are limited to seven minutes for their presentation followed by seven minutes of discussion.

**CME Credits Available:** 1.50

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<td>Edward H. Kincaid, David A. Ashburn, John R. Hoyle, Marc G. Reichert, *John W. Hammon, <em>Neal D. Kon. Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston Salem, North Carolina</em></td>
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Thursday, November 4, 2004 • 3:00pm – 5:00pm
1st Scientific Session: Session B

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Speakers are limited to seven minutes for their presentation followed by seven minutes of discussion.

**CME Credits Available:** 2.0

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### Thursday, November 4, 2004 • 8:00pm – 10:20pm

#### Video Sessions

**Educational Objective:** To provide a visual instruction from recognized authorities on how to perform new or important procedures in the field of thoracic surgery. Authors are present at the meeting and discussion time is allocated for questions from the audience.

Videos presentations are limited 10 minutes followed by five minutes of discussion.

**CME Credits Available:** 2.25

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| 8:00pm – 8:15pm | Left Carinal Pneumonectomy With Partial Resection Of Left Atrium On Cardiopulmonary Bypass  
Hon Chi Suen, Bill B. Daily. St Elizabeth Hospital, Belleville, Illinois |
| 8:15pm – 8:30pm | Retro-cardiac Ascending Aorta To Descending Aorta Bypass: A Safe Alternative For Repair Of Coarctation Of The Aorta In High-risk Patients  
| 8:30pm – 8:45pm | Modified Konno Procedure To Spare Aortic Valve In Severe Sub Aortic Stenosis  
Irving Shen, *Ross Michael Ungerleider. Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, Oregon |
| 8:45pm – 9:00pm | Robotic Atrial Septal Defect Closure  
*James Anthony Quintessenza, *Jeffrey Phillip Jacobs. Congenital Heart Institute of Florida CHIEF, Saint Petersburg, Florida |
| 9:00pm – 9:15pm | Video Aortoscopy For Immediate Assessment Of Aortic Valve And Root Anatomy After Repair/Replacement  
| 9:15pm – 9:30pm | Membranous Tracheoplasty For Resection Of Benign Tracheal Tumors  
*Daniel L. Miller, Seth D. Force, Daniel L. Serna, *Kamal A. Mansour. Emory University and Clinic, Atlanta, Georgia |
| 9:30pm – 9:45pm | Norwood Operation Using Right Ventricular to Pulmonary Artery Shunt, Without Circulatory Arrest  
*Vincent KH Tam, Eldad Erez. Cook Childrens Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas |
| 9:45pm – 10:00pm | Operative Cryoablation Of Atrial Fibrillation By Epicardial Approach  
Sidney Chocron, Pierre Falcoz, Florent Briand, Lucian Stoica, Frederic Laluc, Djamel Kaili, Joseph-Philippe Elievent. Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Hospital Jean Minjoz, Besancon, France |
| 10:00pm – 10:15pm | Replacement Of The Descending Thoracic Aorta In An Animal – A Totally Robotic Procedure  

**Friday, November 5, 2004 • 7:45am – 9:15am**

#### 2nd Scientific Session: Session A

**Educational Objective:** To provide new and clinically important information from well-conceived and conducted investigations in the practice of thoracic surgery.

Speakers are limited to seven minutes for their presentation followed by seven minutes of discussion.

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| 7:45am – 8:00am | Isolated Mitral Valve Repair In Patients With Impaired Left Ventricular Function: An Expanding Role For A Minimally Invasive Approach.  
| 8:00am – 8:15am | Prevalence Of Benign Disease In Patients Resected For Suspected Lung Cancer  
| 8:15am – 8:30am | Ten Years Experience On Left Ventricular Aneurysm Repair: Endoaneurysmorrhaphy Versus Linear Suture  
Andrea Colli, *Tiziano Gherli. Flavio Cocconcelli, Roberto Paravincini. ‘Cardiac Surgery Department University of Parma, Parma, Italy. ‘Cardiac Surgery Department University of Modena e Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy |
| 8:30am – 8:45am | Right Ventricular Dysfunction After Complete Repair Of Conotruncal Defects In Early Infancy: Fact Or Fiction?  
*Antonio Laudito, Varsha Bandisode, Andrew M. Atz, *Fred A. Crawford Jr., *Scott M. Bradley. Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina |
| 8:45am – 9:00am | Bicaval Or Biatral Technique For Orthotopic Heart Transplantation: dispelling The Myth.  
| 9:00am – 9:15am | Acute Sleep Deprivation In The Thoracic Surgical Resident Does Not Affect Operative Outcomes  
| 9:15am – 9:45am | Break - Visit Exhibits |
| 9:45am – 10:00am | President’s Invited Lecturer: Donald Palmisano, Past AMA President |
| 10:00am – 10:30am | Kent Trinkle Education Lectureship: Joseph Coselli |
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| 11:00am – 11:30am | All-Attendee Lunch |

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Friday, November 5, 2004 • 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Poster Presentations

**Educational Objective:** To provide new and clinically important information from well-conceived and conducted investigations in the practice of thoracic surgery.

Poster Presentations are limited to six minutes for their presentation.

**CME Credits Available:** 1.0

12:30pm – 12:36pm **Concomitant Great Vessel And Coronary Artery Disease: Outcome And Decision Analysis**


12:36pm – 12:42pm **Cold Agglutinines In On-pump Cardiac Procedures: A Rare But Lethal Problem**

Ulrich FW Franke, Heike Jütte, Navid Madershahian, Thorsten Wittwer, Jens Wiippermann, Dagmar Barz, Thorsten Wahlers. Department of Cardiovascular and Vascular Surgery Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany; Institute of Transfusion Medicine Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany

12:42pm – 12:48pm **Surgery May Prolong Survival In Combined Treatment Of Small-cell Lung Cancer**

Dariusz Sagan, Kazimierz Gozdziuk, Małgorzata Zdunek, Alicja Sawa. Medical University of Lublin Department of Thoracic Surgery, Lublin, Poland; Medical University of Lublin Dept of Pathology, Lublin, Poland

12:48pm – 12:54pm **The Use Of MRI For Diagnosis Of Anomalious Right Coronary Artery From The Pulmonary Artery And Aneurysmal Coronary Dilation**

Dawn E. Jaroszewski, Dan J. DiBardino, David S. Morales, Jason T. Sui, *Jeffrey S. Heinle*, Fraser D. Charles. Baylor College of Medicine, Texas; Texas Childrens Hospital, Houston, Texas

12:54pm – 1:00pm **A Novel Approach To Tricuspid Valve Replacement: The Upside Down Stentless Aortic Bioprosthesis**


1:00pm – 1:06pm **A Prospective, Randomised, Controlled And Blinded Comparison Between Flexible Fluted Silastic And Conventional Polyvinylchloride Chest Drains Following Cardiac Surgery**

Karen M. Brown, David J. Chambers, Joshua Vecht, Ata Kasis, Abigail Saba, Michael S. Sabetai, David John McCormack, G. E. Venn, Christopher I. Blauth. Texas Heart Institute, Houston, Texas

1:06pm – 1:12pm **Long-term Results Of Apical Aortic Valved Conduits In Children With Complex Left Ventricular Outflow Tract Obstruction**

*John W. Brown*, Mark Ruzmetov, *Andrew C. Fiore*, Robert Poston, Donald Girod, Mark W. Turrentine. Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana; St. Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

1:12pm – 1:18pm **Sternal Nourishment In Different Conditions Of Vascularization**

Alexander A. Fokin, *Francis Robicsek*, Alex Fokin, Jr., Thomas N. Masters. Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina

1:18pm – 1:24pm **Surgical Venricular Restoration Using Endovascular Device: Reshaping The Ventricle**

Tea Acuff, *Steven Boyce*, *John Conte*, Marisa DiDonato, Lorenzo Menicanti. Denton Regional Medical Center, Denton, Texas; Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC; Medical City Hospital, Dallas, Texas; San Antonio Hospital, Milan, Italy; Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

1:24pm – 1:30pm **Transmyocardial Revascularization Improves Three-year Outcomes In A Single Center Follow-up Study**

Masoud Alzeerah. Northwest Texas Health Care, Amarillo, Texas

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Friday, November 5, 2004 • 1:30pm – 3:00pm
2nd Scientific Session: Session B

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Speakers are limited to seven minutes for their presentation followed by seven minutes of discussion.

**CME Credits Available:** 1.50

1:30pm – 1:45pm **The Elephant Trunk Technique For Treatment Of Complex Aneurysms Of The Entire Thoracic Aorta: 144 Patients**


1:45pm – 2:00pm **Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation For Pediatric Cardiac Support: Cannulation During Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Is Not A Risk Factor For Mortality**


2:00pm – 2:15pm **Results Of The Omental Flap In The Treatment Of Postoperative Mediastinitis: 27 Years Experience**


2:15pm – 2:30pm **The Incidence Of Deep Sternal Wound Infection Following Tracheostomy In Cardiac Surgery Patients**


2:30pm – 2:45pm **Use Of A Miniaturized Circuit And An Asanguineous Prime Reduces Organ Dysfunction Following Infant Cardiopulmonary Bypass**


2:45pm – 3:00pm **Atrial Fibrillation Is Reduced In Patients Immediately Extubated After Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting**

James R. Edgerton, Morley A. Herbert, Syma L. Prince, Jeffery Howard, Mitchell J. Magee, Todd M. Dewey, *Michael J. Mack*. Cardiopulmonary Research Science and Technology Institute, Dallas, Texas; Medical City Dallas Hospital, Dallas, Texas

3:00pm – 3:15pm **Break - Visit Exhibits**

Friday, November 5, 2004 • 3:30pm – 5:00pm
2nd Scientific Session: Session C

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**CME Credits Available:** 1.50

3:30pm – 3:45pm **Use Of Adjuvant Perfusion Techniques Decreases The Incidence Of Paraplegia After Repair Of Traumatic Thoracic Aortic Transection**


3:45pm – 4:00pm **Long-term Results Of Surgical Coarctectomy In The Adolescent And Young Adult With 18-year Follow-up**


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Saturday, November 6, 2004 • 7:00am – 8:00am

CME Credits Available: 1.0

Moderator: *Joe B. Putman, Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, November 6, 2004 • 7:00am – 8:00am

Ethics Session: Surgical Misadventure: Conceal or Reveal?

Conceal: the risk of an unjustified lawsuit is too great
Reveal: honesty pays off in fewer lawsuits and sounder sleep

Educational Objective: To provide an ethical viewpoint in the area of case selection related to factors surgeons encounter on a daily basis.

CME Credits Available: 1.0

Moderator: *Robert M. Sade, Charleston, South Carolina

Saturday, November 6, 2004 • 7:00am – 8:00am

Basic Science Forum

Educational Objective: To provide new and clinically important research information from well-conceived and conducted investigations in the practice of thoracic surgery.

CME Credits Available: 1.0

Saturday, November 6, 2004 • 8:15am – 9:00am

CME Credits Available: .25

Saturday, November 6, 2004 • 8:15am – 9:00am

3rd Scientific Session: Session A

Educational Objective: To provide new and clinically important information from well-conceived and conducted investigations in the practice of thoracic surgery.

Speakers are limited to seven minutes for their presentation followed by seven minutes of discussion.

CME Credits Available: .75

Saturday, November 6, 2004 • 8:15am – 9:00am

8:15am – 8:30am
Successful Outpatient Management Of Patients With Ventricular Assist Devices: A Twelve Year Experience
Amit N. Patel, Steve Winovich, Eileen Stanford, Larry Shears, Robert Kormos. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

8:30am – 8:45am
Seven Year Clinical Experience With The Extracardiac Pedicled Pericardial Fontan Operation

8:45am – 9:00am
Pulmonary Resection After High-dose Chest Radiation
*Robert James Cerfolio, Ayesha S. Bryant. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama

9:00am – 9:15am
Dr. Cooley
CME Credits Available: .25

9:15am – 9:45am
Break – Visit Exhibits

Saturday, November 6, 2004 • 9:45am – 11:00am

3rd Scientific Session: Session B

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CME Credit Available: 1.25

Saturday, November 6, 2004 • 9:45am – 11:00am

9:45am – 10:00am
Radiofrequency Ablation For Treatment Of Atrial Fibrillation During Concomitant Cardiac Operations

10:00am – 10:15am
A Multinstitutional Experience With The Cryomaze Procedure: Atrial Fibrillation Cure Rates Are Equivalent To The Classic Cox-maze Operation
*James S. Gammie, *John C. Laschinger, Linda G. Romar, Kimberly A. Schwartz, *Bartley P. Griffith. University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland; *St Joseph Medical Center, Towson, Maryland

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**Activities/Events**

**Spouses’ Hospitality Suite**
*Friday, November 5 – Saturday, November 6*
*Time: 8:00AM – NOON*

STSA is providing a hospitality room for your spouse to mingle with other spouses while enjoying your stay at the Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel. Complimentary massages are available Friday and Saturday mornings.

**Salsa Dance Exercise Class**
*Friday, November 5*
*Time: 8:00AM – 9:00AM*
*Cost: $20*

Come work out to a Caribbean beat! This class offers a blend of dance and exercise set to your favorite music.

**President’s Mixer**
*Friday, November 5*
*Time: 6:30PM – 9:00PM*
*Cost: Complimentary*

Gather with fellow meeting attendees for an evening of networking and fun.

**Deep Sea Fishing**
*Saturday, November 6*
*Time: 1:00PM – 4:00PM*
*Cost: $150/person Includes transportation to and from the marina, refreshments, fishing license, equipment and a box lunch.*

All aboard with your colleagues to enjoy this STSA Annual Meeting tradition.

**Golf Tournament: Pok-ta-Pok Golf Course**
*Saturday, November 6*
*Time: 12:00PM*
*Cost: $95/person – includes greens fees, transportation and a box lunch.*

This 18 hole Pok-ta-Pok Golf Course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., features both ocean and lagoon views. Feel free to bring your clubs or you can leave your gear at home, and rent or purchase anything from clubs and shoes, to balls and tees.

**Tennis Tournament: Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel Tennis Courts**
*Saturday, November 6*
*Time: 1:00PM*
*Cost: $35/person – includes court fees, tennis balls and refreshments*

Join fellow attendees for an afternoon of tennis. The Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel offers guests top-notch courts and amenities.

**Annual Dinner Dance/Reception & Banquet**
*Saturday, November 6*
*Reception: 7:00PM – 8:00PM*
*Dinner (Black Tie): 8:00PM – 11:00PM*
*Cost: $95.00/person*

End your STSA 51st Annual Meeting experience in style – the annual formal black tie dinner dance is the event that attendees remember long after the conference has concluded. This evening of dining, dancing and networking with colleagues is sure to be an unforgettable time.
Hotel Registration
The Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel is the site of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association’s 51st Annual Meeting. The Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel, located in Cancun, Mexico, is a AAA Five Diamond, all suite luxury resort, sure to provide you with a most comfortable home away from home.

A discounted block of rooms will held until October 14, 2004 after which reservations are taken on a space available basis. Please make your reservations by filling out the enclosed reservation form and fax it to 011-52-998-881-32-73. Be sure to mention that you are part of the STSA meeting. Visit the STSA Web site at www.stsa.org for details.

A two night’s deposit will be required for each reservation.

Cancellations after seven (7) days prior to arrival and No Shows will be charged a penalty of two (2) nights, plus any applicable taxes.

The rate for a single/double room is $215/night.

Taxes are 10% Federal VAT and 2% city occupancy tax.

Conference Registration
Complete and mail the enclosed registration form by October 22, 2004. The registration form is also available on the STSA Web site at www.stsa.org. If you are unable to register by this date, please wait and register on site at the Annual Meeting. Refunds will not be given for registrations made after October 22, 2004. All requests for cancellations must be given in writing prior to October 22, 2004 to receive a refund less a $50 administrative fee. Credit card registrations may be faxed to STSA at 312/202-5801.

Delta Air Lines Special Meeting Fare
Call 800/241-6760
Delta Air Lines is offering special rates which allow you a 5% discount off Delta’s published round-trip fares* to Mexico. By purchasing your ticket 30 days or more prior to your departure date, you can receive an additional 5% bonus discount.

*Applicable restrictions must be met. Seats are limited. Booking classes A, D, I, U and T are not eligible for Delta Meeting Network discounts.

A 10% discount will be offered on Delta's domestic system for travel to the meeting based on the published unrestricted round-trip coach (Y06) rates. No advance reservations or ticketing is required, but if you purchase your ticket 30 days or more prior to your departure date, you can receive an additional 5% bonus discount. Booking classes A, D, I, U and T are not eligible for Delta Meeting Network discounts.

Special round-trip Zone Fares are also available to all cities served by Delta and Song in the continental U.S. and Mexico for savings on midweek travel to the meeting. Two day minimum stay; no Saturday night stay required. Only seven days advanced reservations and ticketing: Fares are fully refundable, less administrative service fee.

To take advantage of these discounts, follow these simple steps:
Call Delta Meeting Network Reservations at 800/241-6760. Monday-Sunday, 8:00am – 11:00pm Eastern Standard Time. Or, have your travel agent call Delta’s toll-free number to obtain these same advantages for you. Refer to File Number 206288A.
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