Southern Thoracic Surgical Association

50th Annual Meeting

Advance Registration Information

November 13-15, 2003

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point • Bonita Springs, Florida
Presidential Invitation

Dear Colleague,

The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA) will host its 50th Annual Meeting on November 13-15, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs, Florida. As always, an outstanding educational program has been developed. Special program features that will highlight 50 years of superb education and camaraderie will include a historical review of cardiothoracic surgery and the STSA as well as an outstanding social program for which the STSA is so well known. My thanks to the Program Committee for creating a program that highlights the best in cardiothoracic surgical techniques and research.

The social agenda, a trademark of the STSA Annual Meeting, will offer you time to catch up with colleagues and friends. You will have your choice between, golf, tennis, deep sea fishing or taking in the beautiful surroundings of the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point and nearby Naples. The President’s Mixer is a favorite among attendees and will be held on Friday, November 14. Added this year to give you more time with your STSA friends and included in your registration fee, will be a luncheon on Friday, November 14. The President’s Gala will be the final event of the 50th Celebration and I hope you will attend. The gala will feature the time honored tradition of the naming of the Tiki and Osler Abbott Award recipients as well as an evening of dancing and socializing.

The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point is a beautiful venue for the STSA’s 50th Annual Meeting. The hotel has all the modern conveniences we’ve become accustomed to at STSA Annual Meetings and its surroundings are spectacular.

Please join me in celebrating the STSA’s 50th Annual Meeting, I look forward to seeing you in November in Bonita Springs!

Sincerely,

Joseph I. Miller, Jr., MD
STSA President

Program Committee Chairman’s Message

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Program Committee and President Miller, I am pleased to present you with the STSA’s 50th Annual Meeting program. The three day event will include 10 surgical videos, the Postgraduate Program, 40 outstanding oral presentations and new this year will be scientific poster presentations in the exhibit hall.

Thursday morning’s Postgraduate Program, chaired by Keith S. Naunheim, MD, will take you through the evolution of procedures in cardiothoracic surgery. The surgical videos will be held on Thursday evening and have a special emphasis this year on new techniques. The scientific sessions will be begin on Thursday afternoon and conclude on Saturday. Scientific posters have been added to the program to enhance your educational opportunities. The posters will be on display in the exhibit hall, Thursday – Saturday.

This year’s exhibit area will provide opportunities for networking with colleagues and industry leaders. The exhibits are a place where you can learn about the latest technologies, trends and products in cardiothoracic surgery, furthering your educational experience.

The 50th Annual Meeting promises to be a look back at where we have been and a look forward to where we are headed. Join me and your colleagues for this exciting event!

Sincerely,

Thoralf M. Sundt, III, MD
STSA Program Committee Chair

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Thursday, November 13, 2003
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Postgraduate Program – Evolution of Procedures in Cardiothoracic Surgery

Educational Objective: To disseminate and provide the participant with recently obtained information and recently applied technologies as they apply to cardiothoracic surgery.

CME Credits Available: 4.0

8:05 AM – 8:20 AM Management of Congenital Heart Disease in the Adult
*Duke E. Cameron, Baltimore, Maryland

8:20 AM – 8:25 AM Discussion

8:25 AM – 8:40 AM Appropriate Valve Replacement for the Pediatric and Young Adult Patient
*Christopher Knott-Craig, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

8:40 AM – 8:45 AM Discussion

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation in the Adult Cardiac Patient
James L. Cox, Marco Island, Florida

9:00 AM – 9:05 AM Discussion

9:05 AM – 9:25 AM What To Do With Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation: A Pro & Con Debate
Pro: *Kevin D. Accola, Orlando, Florida
Con: *Robert A. Guyton, Atlanta, Georgia

9:25 AM – 9:35 AM Discussion

9:35 AM – 10:05 AM Break

10:05 AM – 10:25 AM Surgery for Heart Failure: Procedures and Devices (DOR, LV Reduction, Infarct Exclusion and Devices)
*Irving L. Kron, Charlottesville, Virginia

10:25 AM – 10:30 AM Discussion

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM A Potpourri of Thoracic Problems: Incisions, Closures, Tubes and Pain
*John A. Howington, Cincinnati, Ohio

10:45 AM – 10:50 AM Discussion

10:50 AM – 11:05 AM Pneumonectomy Versus Sleeve Lobectomy: Which is the Operation of Choice?
*David R. Jones, Charlottesville, Virginia

11:05 AM – 11:10 AM Discussion

11:10 AM – 11:25 AM Patient Selection for Surgery of Esophageal Cancer
*Carolyn E. Reed, Charleston, South Carolina

11:25 AM – 11:30 AM Discussion

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM Current Status of LVRS: The Nett Trial
*Robert J. Cerfolio, Birmingham, Alabama

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM Discussion

12:00 PM Program Adjourns

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Thursday, November 13, 2003
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
First Scientific Session

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 five minutes of discussion.

CME Credits Available: 3.5

1:00 PM – 1:12 PM Cardiac Retransplantation In Children
*Kirk R. Kanter, Robert N. Vincent, Alexandria M. Berg, William T. Mahle, *Joseph M. Forbes, *Paul M. Kirshbom. Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia; Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston, Atlanta, Georgia

1:12 PM – 1:24 PM The Ross Procedure: Long-term Clinical And Echocardiographic Follow-up
*Nicholas T. Kouchoukos, Paolo Masetti, Nancy J. Nickerson, William D. Shannon, Victor G. Davila-Roman. Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Saint Louis, Missouri; Washington University School of Medicine, Saint Louis, Missouri

1:24 PM – 1:36 PM Outcomes Following Resection Of Giant Emphysematous Bullae

1:36 PM – 1:48 PM Long-Term Neurologic Hand Complications Following Radial Artery Harvesting: Conventional Technique Versus Harmonic Scalpel

1:48 PM – 2:00 PM Endoscopic Radial Artery Harvesting Is Better Then The Open Technique
*Amit N. Patel, Carol Hunnicutt, Brittany Willey, A. Carl Henry, *Harold C. Urschel, Jr. Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Texas

2:00 PM – 2:12 PM Reoperation For Failed Mitral Valve Prostheses

2:12 PM – 2:24 PM Pediatric Cardiac Transplantation In Children With High Pre-formed Reactive Antibody

*Mark J. Krasna, King F. Kwong, Arash Soleimani, Lesli A. Bennett, Whitney Burrows, Ziv Gamiliel. University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

2:36 PM – 2:48 PM The Reversed Elephant Trunk Technique Used For Treatment Of Complex Aneurysms Of The Entire Thoracic Aorta
*Joseph S. Coselli, Scott A. LeMaire, Lori D. Conklin, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas; Methodist DeBakey Heart Center, Houston, Texas

2:48 PM – 2:56 PM Does Coronary Artery Bypass Improve Survival In Patients With End Stage Renal Disease?
*Todd M. Dewey, Morley A. Herbert, Syma L. Prince, Christina M. Worley, Carrie L. Murphree, *Michael J. Mack, Mitchell J. Magee. Cardiopulmonary Research Science and Technology Institute, Dallas, Texas; Medical City Dallas Hospital, Dallas, Texas
Thursday, November 13, 2003
8:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Surgical Videos

Educational Objective: To provide a visual instruction from recognized authorities on how to perform new or important procedures in the field of thoracic surgery.

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

CME Credits Available: 2.5

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM  Break – Visit Exhibits and Scientific Poster Exhibits
See page 6 for a complete listing of the Scientific Posters

3:30 PM – 3:42 PM  Midterm Outcomes Using The Physio Ring In Mitral Valve Reconstruction Experience In 492 Patients

3:42 PM – 3:54 PM  Serum Protein Expression Predicts Recurrence In Patients With Early Stage Lung Cancer After Resection

3:54 PM – 4:06 PM  Simplified Treatment Of Postoperative Mediastinitis
Walter Hilson Merrill, Shahab A. Akhter, John B. Flege. University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

4:06 PM – 4:18 PM  Elephant Trunk Procedure: New Indications And Uses
Lars G. Svensson, Kyung-Hwan Kim, Roy Greenberg, Jospeh F. Sabik, Michael K. Banbury, Nicholas G. Smedira, Bruce W. Lytle, Delos M. Cosgrove. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio

4:18 PM – 4:30 PM  Oral Slidenafil As An Adjunct In Treatment Of Pulmonary Hypertension Following Cardiac Surgery
Aaron L. Trachte, Charles T. Klodell, Robin D. Carrie, James A. Alexander, William D. Spontin, Thomas M. Beaver. University of Florida Department of Surgery Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Gainesville, Florida

4:30 PM – 4:42 PM  Flow Dynamics Of The Internal Thoracic And Radial Artery T-Graft
David G. Affleck, Hendrick B. Barner, Marci S. Bailey, Hersh Miani, Sunil M. Prasad, Ralph J. Damiano, Jr. Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

4:42 PM – 4:54 PM  Efficacy Of Routine Preoperative Duplex Carotid Screening In Reducing Perioperative Stroke In Coronary Bypass Patients
Daniel J. Durand, Maura A. Grega, Louis M. Borowicz, Bruce A. Perler, William A. Baumgartner, David D. Yuh. The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

3:00 PM – 8:47 PM  Malignant Tachyarrhythmia Cured By Tumor Resection And Cryoablation In A Patient With Giant Ventricular Lipoma
Erik A. Beyer, Patrick M. McCarthy. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio

8:47 PM – 9:02 PM  Right VATS Excision Of Mediastinal Parathyroid Gland With Intraoperative Parathyroid Hormone Sampling
Alacia McKelvey, Marc Margolis, Farid Charagoozlo, Barbara Tempesta, Nevin Katz, David Salter, E Pendleton Alexander. George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

9:02 PM – 9:17 PM  Ventricular Lead Placement
James R. Edgerton. CSANT, Dallas, Texas

9:17 PM – 9:32 PM  Combining Robotic Mitral Valve Repair And Microwave Atrial Fibrillation Ablation
Clifton C. Reade, Curtis E. Bowyer, Alan P. Kypson, W. Randolph Chitwood, Jr. Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina

9:32 PM – 9:47 PM  Repair Of Anomalous Right Subclavian With Reimplantation
Paul J. Chai, James Jaggers. Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina

9:47 PM – 10:02 PM  Right Vats Excision Of A Giant Left-Sided Leiomyoma Lying Behind The Aortic Arch
Marc Margolis, Farid Charagoozlo, Barbara Tempesta, Nevin Katz, David Salter, E Pendleton Alexander. George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

10:02 PM – 10:17 PM  Valve-Sparing Aortic Root Replacement For Marfan Syndrome
David G. Affleck, Cindy Camillo, Marc R. Moon. Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

10:17 PM – 10:32 PM  Robotic Mitral Valve Annuloplasty Utilizing Double Arm Nitinol U-Clips

Friday, November 14, 2003
7:30 am – 12:15 pm
50 Years of STSA – A Historical Review of Cardiothoracic Surgery and the STSA

Educational Objective: To provide a historical perspective on the advances of cardiothoracic surgery over the last 50 years and highlight the future of cardiothoracic surgery.

CME Credit Available: 4.5

7:30 AM – 8:10 AM  The STSA: A Look Back, A Current Look, And A Look Forward
Joseph I. Miller, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia

8:10 AM – 8:40 AM  A Review Of General Thoracic Surgery
Carolyn E. Reed, Charleston, South Carolina & Harold C. Urschel, Jr., Dallas, Texas

8:40 AM – 9:10 AM  A Review Of Congenital Surgery
Constantine Mavroudis, Chicago, Illinois & Robert M. Sade, Charleston, South Carolina

9:10 AM – 9:40 AM  A Review Of Adult Cardiac Thoracic Surgery
Kit V. Arom, Bangkok, Thailand & Frederick L. Grover, Denver, Colorado

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4 – STSA 50th Annual Meeting Advance Program
Friday, November 14, 2003
2:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Second Scientific Session

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

CME Credits Available: 2.75

2:15 PM – 2:27 PM
Physicians’ Assistants In Cardiothoracic Surgery: A Thirty-year Experience

Vinod H. Thourani, *Joseph I. Miller, Jr. Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia

2:27 PM – 2:39 PM
Veno-venous Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation For Salvage Of Acutely Hypoxic Patents With Unoperated Cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease


2:39 PM – 2:51 PM
Extracorporeal Life Support In Neonates, Infants And Children Following Repair Of Congenital Heart Disease. Modern Era Results In A Single Institution

Bahaaaldin Alsoufi, Irvin Shen, Carmen Giacomuzzi, *Ross Ungerleider, Brian Mejak, Eileen Heller, Jamie You, Richard Reed, Grant Burch, Michael Silberbach. Doernbecher Children Hospital Oregon Health Science University, Portland, Oregon

2:51 PM – 3:03 PM
Repair Of Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation Does Not Increase Mortality In Patients Undergoing Coronary Artery Revascularization: A Propensity Analysis


3:03 PM – 3:15 PM
Results Of Aortic Valve-sparing Operations: Experience With The Remodelling And Reimplantation Procedures In 65 Patents


3:15 PM – 3:45 PM
Break – Visit Exhibits and Scientific Poster Exhibits

See page 6 for a complete listing of the Scientific Posters

3:45 PM – 3:57 PM
Aortic Translocation And Biventricular Outflow Tract Reconstruction In The Management Of Complex Transposition Of The Great Arteries With Ventricular Septal Defect And Pulmonary Stenosis: Results And Follow-up

Victor Morell, *Jeffrey Jacobs, *James Quintessenza. Tampa Childrens Hospital, Tampa, Florida

3:57 PM – 4:09 PM
Correlation Of Preoperative Pet Scanning And Pathology Findings In Patients Undergoing Surgery For Suspected Thoracic Malignancies

Vinh H. Thourani, *Daniel L. Miller, Raghuveer Halkar, Daniel L. Serna, Jacob Delarosa, *Kamal A. Mansour, *Joseph I. Miller, Jr. Emory University and Clinic, Atlanta, Georgia

4:09 PM – 4:21 PM
The Accuracy Of Pet-cf Compared To Pet Alone For The Staging Of Patients With Non-small Cell Lung Cancer

*Robert James Cerfolio, Buddhiwardhani Olja, Ayesha S. Bryant, Vanguru Raghuveer, Alfred A. Bartolucci, James Michael Mountz. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama

4:21 PM – 4:33 PM
Results And Lessons Learned From A Phase One Study On The Feasibility Of Robotically Assisted Myocardial Revascularization On The Beating Heart

*J.W. Randolph Bolton. Carolina Heart Institute, Greenwood, South Carolina; Self Regional Healthcare, Greenwood, South Carolina

4:33 PM – 4:45 PM
Axillary Artery Cannulation – Routine Use in Ascending Aorta And Aortic Arch Replacement


4:45 PM – 5:45 PM
Business Meeting – STSA Members Only

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
President’s Mixer

See page 7 for details.

Saturday, November 15, 2003
7:00 am – 8:00 am
Coding Workshop

Educational Objective: To provide information to aid in the understanding of typical and challenging issues in coding and reimbursement of thoracic surgery procedures.

CME Credits Available: 1.0

Moderator: *Peter K. Smith, Durham, North Carolina
Faculty: James M. Levet, Cedar Rapids, Iowa & *Keith S. Nauheim, St. Louis, Missouri

Saturday, November 15, 2003
7:00 am - 8:00 am
Are Thoracic Surgeons Ethically Obligated to Serve as Expert Witnesses for the Plaintiff?

Educational Objective: To provide an ethical view in the area of expert testimony.

CME Credits Available: 1.0

Moderator: *Robert M. Sade, Charleston, South Carolina
Pro: *Donald C. Watson, Jr. Memphis, Tennessee
Con: *Francis Robicsek, Charlotte, North Carolina
Saturday, November 15, 2003
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Third Scientific Session

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 five minutes of discussion.

CME Credits Available: 3.5

8:00 AM – 8:12 AM  Desmoid Tumors Of The Chest: Results Of Surgical Intervention
Abbas El-Sayed Abbas, Mark S. Allen, Claude Deschamps, Peter C. Pairolero, Francis C. Nichols, Stephen D. Cassivi. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

8:12 AM – 8:24 AM  Changes In Laboratory And Bedside Measures Of Clotting Pathway And Platelet Function: Cell Salvage And Autotransfusion Versus Homologous Blood Transfusion In Elective Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (A Prospective Randomized Trial)
Gavin James Murphy, Simon M. Allen, Terence Lewis, Malcolm Dalrymple-Hay. South West Cardiothoracic Centre, Plymouth, Devon, United Kingdom

8:24 AM – 8:36 AM  The Surgical Management Of Pulmonary Artery Sling And Tracheal Stenosis
*Andrew C. Flore*, John W. Brown, Thomas R. Weber, Mark W. Turrentine. Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri; Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana

8:36 AM – 8:48 AM  Determinants Of Early And Late Outcome For Re-Operations Of The Proximal Aorta

8:48 AM – 9:00 AM  New Surgical Strategies To Minimize Sternal And Mediastinal Infections Following Cardiac Surgery
Felix W. Tsai, *E. Pendleton Alexander, *Luis Mispireta. George Washington University, Washington, DC; Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

9:00 AM – 9:12 AM  Improving Outcomes Following Esophagogastrectomy: The Importance Of Pulmonary Complications

9:12 AM – 9:24 AM  Improving Outcomes In Functional Single Ventricle With Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM  Break – Visit Exhibits and Scientific Poster Exhibits
See below for a complete listing of the Scientific Posters

10:00 AM – 10:45 AM  Patient Safety
*Ross M. Ungerleider, Portland, Oregon

Educational Objective: To educate the participants about the importance of patient safety as one of the driving aims for quality in medical organizations and what teams can do to improve this through competency-based education.

10:45 AM – 11:02 AM  Anatomic Reconstruction For Recurrent Aortic Arch Obstruction In Infants And Children
Daniel J. DiBardino, *Jeffery S. Heimle, Emmett D. McKenzie, Charles D. Fraser, Jr. Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

11:02 AM – 11:21 AM  Safety And Efficacy Of Aprotinin In Circulatory Arrest

Third Scientific Session continues on next page.

Scientific Posters

Posters will be available for viewing in the exhibit area, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Authors will be available to discuss their posters during the scheduled breaks.

**Surgical Treatment Of Hocm In Children by A New Approach**
Leo Bockertia, Konstantin Borisov, Alexey Sinyov. Bakuovle Center for Cardiovascular Surgery, Moscow, Russian Federation

**Acellular Remodelable Bovine Pericardium Reduces Adhesions And Inflammation In Thoracic Surgery**
Joel S. Oraya, Cullen D. Morris, Jason M. Buade, Anthony A. Gal, B. Nicholas Oraya, Yakob Vinten-Johansen, *Joseph I. Miller, Jr. Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia; Synovis Life Technologies Inc. St. Paul, Minnesota

**Angiographic Embolization Of A Traumatic Pulmonary Pseudoaneurysm And Review Of The Literature**
Thomas Lee Bauer, Ahmad Khan, David Bruce Panasuk, Allen L. Davies. Helen F. Graham Cancer Center Christianacare, Newark, Delaware

**First North American Totally Endoscopic Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting: Initial Results**
Shahri Binhmij, *Sudhir Srivastava. Cardiac Surgical Associates of West Texas, Odessa, Texas

**Determining The Utility Of Temporary Pacing Wires After Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery**

**Safe Off-Pump Cardiopulmonary Bypass With Bivalirudin In A Patient With Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia And Active Allergy To Lepirudin**
Kelly Calvert, *Jose Cruzvallal, James Cain, Tammy Filcheck. West Virginia University Hospital, Morgantown, West Virginia

**Endovascular Repair Of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm: Results From Phase I Study With Medtronic “talent” Stent Graft.**

**Primary Lung Malignancy After Thoracic Organ Transplantation**
Subir Datta, Ali Machaal, Colm Leonard, Nizar Youn. Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester, United Kingdom

**Mitochondrial And Plasmolemmal KATP Channels In Ischemic Lung Protection**

**In-Vivo Isolated Lung Perfusion With High-dose Cisplatin Is Well Tolerated By The Native Lung Tissue. Experimental Studies In Preparation Of Human Trials**
Ulrich FW Franke, Thorsten Watters, Arne Lessel, Martin Roskos, Mirko Kaluza, Valentin Becker, Mark S. Allen. Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany; *Institute of Laboratory Medicine Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany; *Institute of Pathology, Kaufbeuren, Germany
Activities/Entertainment

Spouses’ Hospitality Suite
Friday, November 14 - Saturday, November 15
Time: 8:00 A.M. - Noon
STSA is providing a hospitality room for your spouse to mingle with other spouses and to make plans for exploring Bonita Springs and the surrounding areas.

Miromar Shopping Shuttle
Friday, November 14
Time: 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Cost: Complimentary
Shuttle service will be provided between the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point and Miromar, a wonderful shopping outlet. Details will be in the Spouses’ Hospitality Suite.

All Attendee Luncheon
Friday, November 14
Time: 12:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.
Cost: Included in registration fee

President’s Mixer
Friday, November 14
Time: 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Cost: Complimentary
Gather with fellow meeting attendees for an evening of networking and fun.

Deep Sea Fishing
Saturday, November 15
Time: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Cost: $140/person (Includes transportation to and from the marina)
All aboard with your colleagues to enjoy this STSA Annual Meeting tradition.

Golf Tournament
Saturday, November 15
Time: 1:00 P.M. - Shotgun Start
Cost: $160/person – includes greens fees and box lunch.
The course is the Raptor Bay Course, a Raymond Floyd design, located on the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point grounds.

Tennis Tournament
Saturday, November 15
Time: 1:00 P.M.
Cost: $35/person – includes court fees, tennis balls and refreshments
Join fellow attendees for a day of tennis. The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point offers guests top-notch courts and amenities.

Annual Dinner Dance/Reception & Banquet
Saturday, November 15
Reception: 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Dinner: 8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.
Cost: $95.00
End your STSA 50th 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.

CME Overview

Discussion of Papers
Discussions of papers at the Annual Meeting are published in The Annals of Thoracic Surgery. Please review the program outline carefully to determine if you have a particular interest in some of the topics, then be prepared to discuss them at the meeting. If you wish, you may request a copy of the manuscript in advance of the meeting by contacting the author directly. (Discussions of papers are limited to five minutes.)

Presentation and Publication
Papers presented at the Scientific Sessions must be submitted to the editor of The Annals of Thoracic Surgery prior to or by the last day of the Annual Meeting. All manuscripts must be submitted using the Annals on-line manuscript submission system at www.atseditorialoffice.org. If a manuscript is not submitted prior to or by the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, a two-year period of ineligibility for participation in the Annual Meeting Program will be imposed upon all authors of the paper. Speakers for the program are limited to seven minutes with five minutes for discussion. Presentations are limited to PowerPoint. Speakers are asked to use the preview room prior to the opening of their session to prepare their PowerPoint presentation.

Accreditation
The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (AACME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The STSA takes responsibility for the content, quality and scientific integrity of this CME activity.

One credit hour in Category I of the Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association may be claimed for each hour of participation by the individual physician. A maximum of 21.75 hours are available for credit at this meeting.

Evaluations
Attendees are encouraged to provide feedback to STSA by filling out the post-session CME evaluations. These evaluations are used to program future CME opportunities, as well as provide the STSA leadership with a mechanism to improve future meetings.
Hotel Registration

The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point is the site of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association’s 50th Annual Meeting. The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point is a full-service resort, located in Bonita Springs, Florida.

A discounted block of rooms will be held until October 14, 2003 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 239.390.4277. Be sure to mention that you are part of the STSA meeting. You may also make your hotel reservations on-line. Visit the STSA Web site at www.stsa.org for details.

One night’s deposit will be required for each reservation. The deposit is refundable if individual accommodations are cancelled through the reservations department three days prior to the arrival date by 4:00 p.m.

The rate for a single/ double room is $219/night.

There will be a $10 per night Resort Fee added to these rates that includes: Golf Club Storage, DVD Rentals, Local and 800 phone calls, Incoming Faxes, Complimentary Self-Parking, Resort Trolley Service, Boat Shuttle, Island access and Exercise Facilities.

Conference Registration

Complete and mail the enclosed registration form by October 24, 2003. The registration form is also available on the STSA Web site at http://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 24, 2003. All requests for cancellations must be given in writing prior to October 24, 2003 to receive a refund less a $50 administrative fee. Credit card registrations may be faxed to STSA at 312.202.5803.

Getting Around Bonita Springs

Bonita Springs is strategically poised between Naples and Ft. Meyers. Although the resort has plenty to offer its guests in the form of recreation and dining, a car would be needed if you want to visit nearby Naples. The hotel does not provide shuttle service from Ft. Meyers airport. The hotel is approximately 18 miles from the Ft. Meyers airport.

Questions may be directed to 800.685.7872

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