

# Welcome Message

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

**We are delighted to invite you to the 33rd Annual Meeting of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS),** which will take place in the beautiful city of Budapest, Hungary, from 25-27 May, 2025.

This year's meeting will feature the **latest scientific advancements and surgical innovations and will promote deeper collaboration within our community.** As thoracic surgery rapidly advances, the significance of uniting expertise, ideas, and experiences has never been greater. Regardless of your level of experience, this meeting provides a fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and inspire. **We are excited to introduce new formats and interactive sessions to enhance connections and stimulate creativity.** The event will focus on fostering connections and community, complemented by Budapest's rich cultural heritage. In addition to the wide range of scientific programs, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in Hungary's rich 1000-year-old culture, cuisine, and experience our warm hospitality.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a transformative and exciting gathering for the ESTS family.

*"Budapest 2025 – we beLUNG together!"*

**Ferenc Rényi-Vámos**

**Chair, Local Organising Committee ESTS 2025** Dear esteemed members of the ESTS and colleagues,

Our Board of Directors and Program Committee are working hard to organize the best Thoracic Surgery meeting in the history of ESTS.

**We designed an exceptional event that will deliver cutting-**

**edge scientific content, warm networking opportunities and a perfect blend of professional development and collegial atmosphere.** Our conference offers a diverse range of programs, including sessions on innovative techniques, the latest advancements in device and instrument development, groundbreaking discoveries in surgical research, and interactive workshops. You'll also have opportunities for networking and hands-on activities.

We have chosen Budapest, with its rich history and modern amenities, to provide an inspiring backdrop to surround and support our gathering. This vibrant city will not only host our academic pursuits but also offer you a chance to explore its cultural treasures.

**We have strived to enhance every facet of this year's meeting, ensuring it fosters that special ESTS atmosphere** where professional activities flourish in a familiar, collaborative environment widely known from all our meetings. Participating in all aspects of the conference, leveraging this unique platform for scientific exchange and professional growth has never been so easy and I encourage you to do so.

As President and on behalf of the Board of Directors, **it is my honor to invite you to Budapest where our 33rd ESTS annual meeting will take place in May 2025.** I promise you it will be worth the effort to participate. Join us in Budapest – where history meets innovation, and where together, we will shape the future of thoracic surgery.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Budapest 2025, we *beLUNG* together!

**Nuria M. Novoa**

**President of the ESTS**