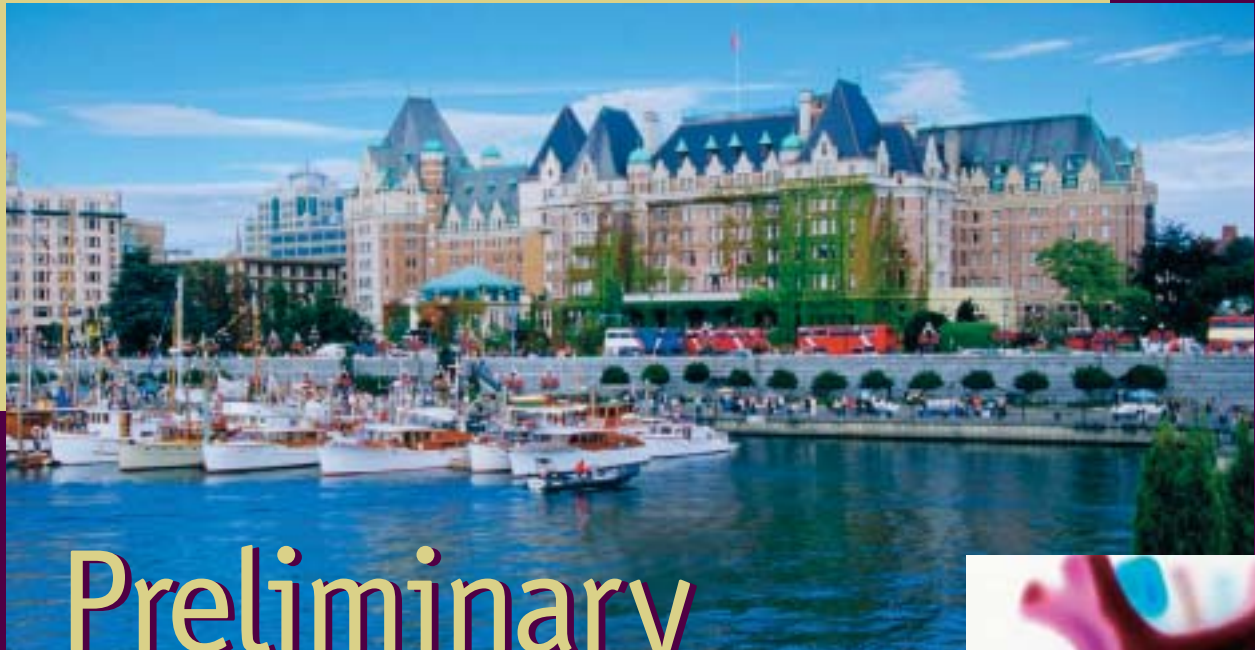


31ST ANNUAL MEETING

Western Thoracic Surgical Association

June 22–25, 2005



Preliminary
Program

Fairmont Empress Hotel
Victoria, BC Canada





See you in

Victoria!

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I take great pleasure in inviting you to the 31st Annual Meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association, which will be held June 22-25, 2005 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, BC, Canada.

With the mildest climate in Canada, Victoria is always in season. Called The Garden City, Victoria is a place so green all year round that even the lampposts bloom. The wild beauty of the Pacific coast and the adventure of the great outdoors are within the city limits, and ocean and mountain vistas will follow you wherever you go.

I look forward to meeting with you all this June and I hope you will take advantage of this year's exciting program put together by Dr. Robert Robbins and the rest of the Program Committee.

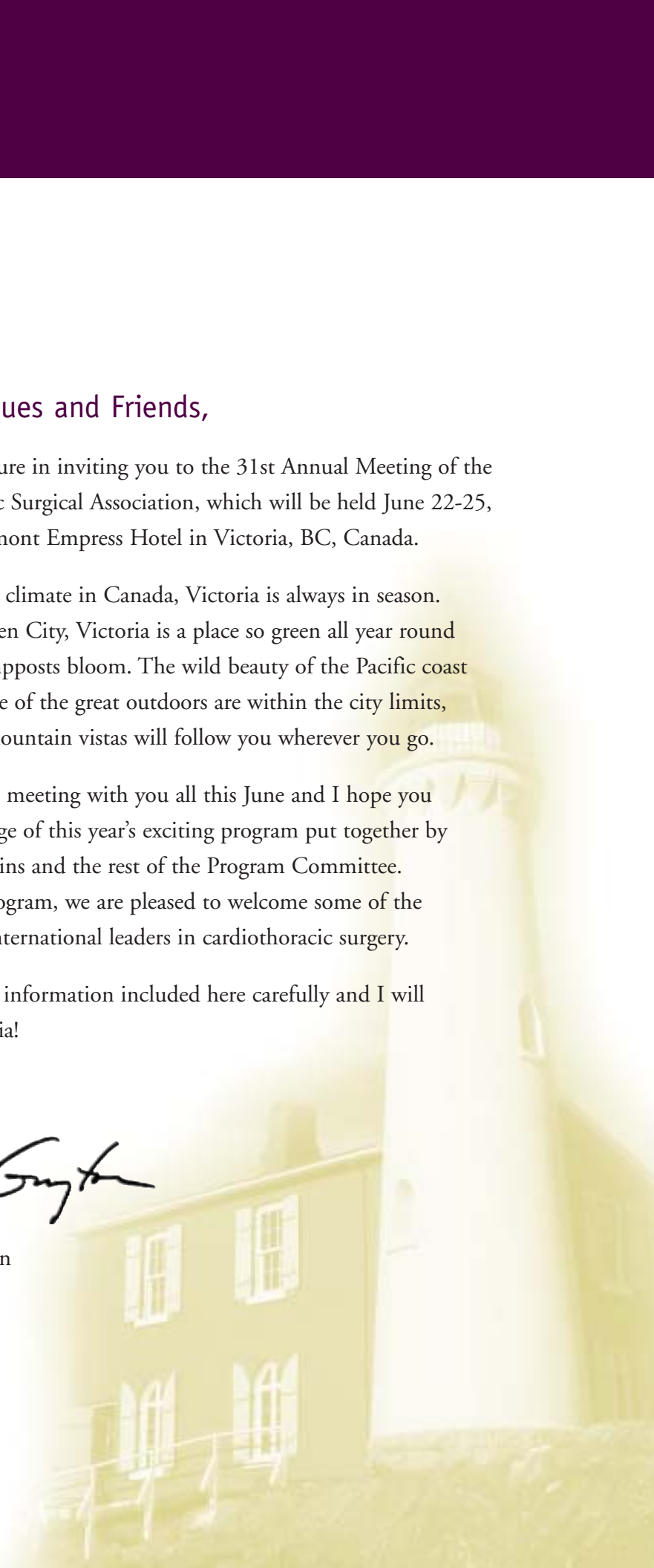
As part of the program, we are pleased to welcome some of the most respected international leaders in cardiothoracic surgery.

Please review the information included here carefully and I will see you in Victoria!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Guyton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steven W. Guyton
President



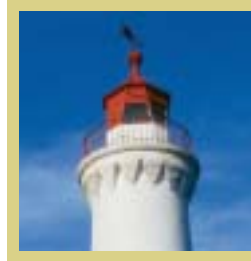
Registration and *Information*

General Information

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association will be held at the Fairmont Empress Hotel, June 22-25, 2005. Half-day scientific sessions will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with afternoons free to enjoy the many activities available in and around Victoria. Separate subscription breakfast sessions will be held on Friday morning prior to the Postgraduate Course.

Accreditation

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.



The Western Thoracic Surgical Association designates this continuing medical education activity for up to 12 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association (each hour of the annual meeting is equivalent to one hour of Category 1 credit).

Educational Objectives

The Annual Meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association is designed to provide a forum for communicating to the members and guest physicians the latest developments in the art and science of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery. The program will include original papers presenting new information, and a post-graduate course that amplifies areas of clinical interest through integration with associated basic scientific knowledge.

Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the latest clinical and research efforts in the field.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, participants should have a better understanding of current advances and controversies in the fields of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery for use in their daily practice.



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Scientific Program and *Breakfast Sessions*

A preliminary program listing breakfast session topics and faculty is included in this mailing.

Meeting Schedule

The 31st Annual Meeting will feature scientific sessions and social events as follows:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Registration Opens
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	New Members' Reception and Kid's Reception

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

6:00 am	Samson Fun Run
7:00 am – 12:00 noon	Registration
7:00 am – 12:00 noon	Exhibits Open/Continental Breakfast
7:00 am – 11:00 am	Spouse Hospitality Suite
8:00 am – 12:30 pm	Scientific Session
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	<i>A Taste of British Columbia</i> Theme Dinner

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

6:30 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast Sessions
7:00 am – 12:00 noon	Registration
7:00 am – 12:00 noon	Exhibits Open/Continental Breakfast
7:00 am – 11:00 am	Spouse Hospitality Suite
8:00 am – 8:50 am	Postgraduate Course
8:50 am – 12:00 noon	Scientific Session
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Golf Tournament
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Tennis Tournament
Evening Free	

The dress code for the meeting will be resort casual with the exception of the President's Reception and Banquet, which will be Black Tie optional.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

6:30 am – 10:30am	Exhibits Open/Continental Breakfast
7:00 am – 12:00 noon	Registration
7:00 am – 11:00 am	Spouse Hospitality Suite
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Concurrent Poster Sessions
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Scientific Session
12:00 noon – 12:30 pm	Business Meeting
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Saturday Barbecue
7:00 pm	President's Reception & Banquet
7:00 pm	Kid's and Teen's Banquets

Preliminary Program

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- 3:00 pm Registration Opens
- 7:00 pm New Members' Reception
Tea Lobby and Palm Court, Empress Hotel

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

6:00 am **Samson Fun Run**

- 7:00 am Registration
Victoria Conference Centre, Level Two

Exhibits Open/Continental Breakfast
Salon C, Victoria CC

- 8:00 am Introduction of New Members and Resident Essay Finalists
Salons A-B, Victoria CC

8:10 am **Scientific Session**

(10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)
Salons A-B, Victoria CC

Moderators: Steven W. Guyton
Robert C. Robbins

1. Influence of Etiology, Pathophysiology, and Morphology on Durability of Aortic Valve Repair
I. Deglurkar, C. R. Baeza, G. Pettersson, D. M. Cosgrove, L. G. Svensson, A. Gillinov, E. H. Blackstone, J. Rajeswaran
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
2. Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery: Is it a Superior Technique for the Division of Vascular Rings in Children?
Brian E. Kogan,¹ Joseph M. Forbess,¹ Mark L. Wulkan,² Paul M. Kirshbom,¹ Kirk Kanter¹
¹*Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA,*
²*Division of Pediatric Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA*
3. The Addition of Induction Chemotherapy to Preoperative Concurrent Chemoradiotherapy Improves Tumor Response in Patients with Esophageal Adenocarcinoma
S. C. Malaisrie,¹ W. L. Hofstetter,² A. M. Correa,² J. A. Ajani,² R. R. Komaki,² D. C. Rice,² A. A. Vaporciyan,² G. L. Walsh,² J. A. Roth,² S. G. Swisher²
¹*Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX,* ²*MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX*

9:10 am **Presidential Address**

Tough Questions, Tougher Answers

Steven W. Guyton

- 10:00 am Coffee Break
Visit Exhibits, Salon C

10:30 am **Scientific Session (cont.)**

(10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)

Salons A-B, Victoria CC

Moderators: R. Scott Mitchell
John A. Hawkins

4. †How Many Arterial Grafts Are Enough: A Population Based Study of Mid-term Outcomes
V. Guru, S. E. Fremes, J. V. Tu
Institute For Clinical Evaluative Sciences, Toronto, ON, Canada
5. †Thoracic Aortic Stent Grafting: Improving Results with Newer Generation Investigational Devices
J. J. Appoo, A. Pochettino, W. G. Moser, J. Carpenter, R. Fairman, E. Woo, J. Bavaria
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
6. Near-Infrared Spectroscopy Predicts Jugular Venous O₂ Saturation but not Cerebral O₂ Delivery in an Acute Model of Single Ventricle Physiology
M. Ricci, P. Lombardi, A. Galindo, E. Coscarella, A. Vasquez, E. Rosenkranz
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL
7. Outcomes of Pulmonary Endarterectomy for Treatment of Extreme Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension
P. A. Thistlethwaite*, A. Kemp, S. W. Jamieson*
University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA

11:50 am **Controversies in Thoracic Surgery**

Endoscopic Therapy for High Grade Dysplasia in Barrett's Esophagus Should Be Considered in Good Surgical Candidates

Moderators: John D. Mitchell
Invited Pro: Drew B. Schembre*
Con: Donald E. Low

12:30 pm **Adjourn**

7:00 pm *A Taste of British Columbia* Theme Dinner
Royal BC Museum

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

6:30 am **Simultaneous Breakfast Sessions**

- A) Adult Cardiac Session
Sidney Room
How to Organize a Thoracic Endovascular Program
Invited Speakers: R. Scott Mitchell
TBD

B) General Thoracic Session

Colwood Rooms

Optimal Management of the Small (<2cm) NSCLC:
Is Sub-Lobar Resection a Reasonable Option?

Speaker: Eric Vallieres

C) Congenital Heart Disease Session

Royal View Room

Minimally Invasive Congenital Cardiac Surgery

Speaker: Richard Ohye*

7:00 am Continental Breakfast

Exhibit Hall, Salon C

8:00 am **Postgraduate Course**

Sponsored by: White Memorial Medical Center and Foundation — Lyman A. Brewer, III Fund
Salons A-B

Introduced by: Steven W. Guyton

Progress Toward A Tissue Engineered Heart Valve

John E. Mayer, Jr.*

Boston, MA

8:50 a.m. **Scientific Session**

(10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)

Salons A-B

Moderators: John C. Chen
Patricia A. Thistlethwaite

8. †Ischemia-Inducible Gene Therapy for Myocardial Infarction

M. G. Whitten, R. Reiss, D. Choi, M. Lee, S. W. Kim, D. A. Bull*

University of Utah Health Sciences, Salt Lake City, UT

9. N1 Non-small Cell Lung Cancer: Factors Affecting Recurrence and Long-term Survival Following Resection

S. D. Cassivi, T. Fujimoto, P. Yang, C. Deschamps, F. C. Nichols, M. S. Allen, P. C. Pairolero

Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN

10. Bivalirudin is a Safe and Effective Anticoagulant for Off-Pump Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting

N. G. Smedira,¹ C. M. Dyke,² A. Koster,³ M. Jurmann,³ D. S. Bhatia,⁴ H. L. McCarthy,⁵
A. M. Lincoff,¹ B. D. Spiess⁵

¹Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, ²Sanger Clinic, Gastonia, SC, ³Deutsches Herzzentrum, Berlin, Germany, ⁴Houston North West Medical Center, Houston, TX, ⁵Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, Richmond, VA

11. †Impaired Baseline Cerebral Blood Flow of Patients Undergoing Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery

R. J. Moraca, S. W. Guyton,* E. C. Lin, D. L. Paull, M. E. Hill,* D. J. Fordyce,

W. G. Campbell, M. E. Ditkoff, R. A. Hall*

Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA

12. Determinants of Operative Mortality in Valvular Heart Surgery

J. S. Rankin¹, B. G. Hammill², S. M. O'Brien², F. H. Edwards³, E. D. Peterson²,
E. R. DeLong², D. D. Glower², T. B. Ferguson⁴

¹Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, ²Duke University, Durham, NC,

³University of Florida, Jacksonville, FL, ⁴LSU Medical Center, New Orleans, LA

10:30 am Coffee Break

Visit Exhibits, Salon C

11:00 am **Scientific Session (cont.)**

(10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)

Salons A-B

Moderators: James I. Fann
Ross M. Bremner

13. A Pilot Multi-Center Trial of the Intrabronchial Valve for Treatment of Severe Emphysema

D. E. Wood^{*1}, R. J. McKenna^{*2}, A. C. Mehta³, D. E. Ost⁴, D. H. Sterman⁵, X. Gonzalez⁶,
S. C. Springmeyer⁶

¹University of Washington, Seattle, WA, ²Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA,

³Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, ⁴North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, NY,

⁵University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, ⁶Spiration, Inc., Redmond, WA

14. †Beneficial effects of Minimized Extracorporeal Circulation (MECC) on Cerebral Perfusion in CABG Patients

A. Khosravi, C. Stamm, T. Birken, A. Alms, G. Steinhoff, A. Liebold
University of Rostock, Rostock, Germany

15. Integrated Coronary Revascularization Using Drug Eluting Stents

T. A. Vassiliades, J. S. Douglas, D. C. Morris, P. C. Block, Z. Ghazzal, T. Rab, C. U. Cates
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

12:00 pm Adjourn

Afternoon — Golf & Tennis Tournaments

Evening — **Free**

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

7:00 am Continental Breakfast

Exhibit Hall, Salon C

7:30 am **Concurrent Poster Forum Sessions**

(5 minutes presentation, 2 minutes discussion)

Adult Cardiac

Salons A-B

Moderator: David A. Fullerton

P1. Epicardial, Beating Heart Cryoablation Using a Novel Argon-Based Cryo-Clamp

F. Milla, N. J. Skubas, W. Ko, L. N. Girardi, L. Y. Lee, A. J. Tortolani, K. H. Krieger,
O. W. Isom, C. A. Mack

New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY

- P2. Myocardial Infarction (MI) Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgery Increases Intensive Care Unit Time, Hospital Stay, and Overall Costs
J. C. Chen,*¹ P. Kaul,² A. Haverich,³ S. K. Shernan,⁴ P. Menasché,⁵ P. K. Smith,⁶ M. Carrier,⁷ E. D. Verrier,*⁸ J. H. Levy,⁹ D. B. Mark.⁶
¹University of Hawaii — Kaiser, Honolulu, HI, ²University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, ³Klinik für Thorax Herz und Gefäßchirurgie, Hannover, Germany, ⁴Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, ⁵Hopital Europeen Georges Pompidou, Paris, France, ⁶Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, ⁷Montréal Heart Institute, Montreal, PQ, Canada, ⁸University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA, ⁹Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA
- P3. Utility of Fine Cut CT Angiograms after CABG Procedures
J. M. Kratz, J. B. Selby. *musc, Charleston, SC*
- P4. Endoscopic versus Conventional Radial Artery Harvest for Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting — Functional and Histological Assessment of the Conduit
O. M. Shapira, B. R. Eskenazi, E. Anter, C. V. Collura, L. Joseph, C. T. Hunter, H. L. Lazar, J. A. Vita, R. J. Shemin, J. F. Keaney
Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA
- P5. Aortic Traumatic Rupture: Long Term Results of the Emergency Endovascular Approach
P. Tozzi, B. Marty, P. Ruchat, L. K. von Segesser
CHUV, Lausanne, Switzerland
- P6. Complicated Acute Type B Dissection: Mid-Term Follow-Up after Emergency Endovascular Stent-Grafting
J. verhoye, S. Mitchell,* M. Dake,* C. Miller*
Stanford university, Stanford, CA
- P7. Comparison of Mechanical Prostheses and Bioprostheses in Aortic and Mitral Valve Replacement in Age Groups 61-65 and 66-70 Years
K. Prasongsukarn, W. Jamieson,* E. Germann, F. Chan, S. V. Lichtenstein
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- P8. Comparison of Coapsys™ Annuloplasty and Traditional Mitral Repair in the Randomized Treatment of Functional Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation: Impact on the LV
E. A. Grossi¹, J. Woo², D. M. Gangahar,³ V. A. Subramanian,⁴ N. Patel,⁴ J. Wudel⁵, C. Schwartz¹, A. Singh,⁶ R. D. Davis⁷
¹New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY, ²Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, ³University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, ⁴Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, NY, ⁵Nebraska Heart Institute, Lincoln, NE, ⁶Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI, ⁷Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC

General Thoracic

Colwood Rooms

Moderator: Douglas E. Wood

- P9. Long-Term Outcome after Modified Heller Myotomy for Esophageal Achalasia
H. A. Gaissert, N. Lin, J. C. Wain, G. Fankhauser, C. D. Wright, D. J. Mathisen*
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

- P10. Esophageal transient nuclear scintigraphy: A sensitive non-invasive preoperative motility assessment prior to fundoplication for patients with typical GERD symptoms
A. E. Elsherif.
UPMC, Pittsburgh, PA
- P11. Intercostal Muscle Flap Decreases the Pain of Thoracotomy: A Prospective Randomized Trial
R. J. Cerfolio,*¹ A. Bryant,¹ B. Patel,¹ A. Bartolucci²
¹*University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL,*
²*University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health, Birmingham, AL*
- P12. The Role of Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy in the Treatment of Stage IIIa Non-small cell Lung Cancer: A meta-analysis
S. S. Sonnad, J. E. Kurichi, D. P. Raymond,* J. B. Shrager*
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- P13. Peri-operative COX-2 inhibition reduces tumor cell adhesion and metastatic potential of circulating tumor cells in NSCLC
L. M. Backhus,¹ E. M. Sievers,¹ G. Y. Lin,¹ R. Castanos,¹ R. D. Bart,² V. A. Starnes,*¹
R. M. Bremner*¹
¹*University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA,* ²*Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA*
- P14. Location as an Important Prognostic Factor for Pulmonary Adenocarcinoma
A. Ketchedjian,¹ B. D. Daly,¹ H. C. Fernando,¹ L. Florin,² C. J. Hunter,¹ D. M. Morelli,¹
R. J. Shemin¹
¹*Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA,* ²*Georgetown University, Washington, DC*
- P15. VATS Management of HIV-Related Pneumothorax
L. Bertolaccini, L. Barberis, A. D'Urso, C. Zamproga, E. Manno, F. Massaglia
A.S.L. 3 — Maria Vittoria Hospital, Turin, Italy
- P16. Where Have All the Cardiothoracic Surgery Residents Gone? Placement of Graduating Residents by US Thoracic Surgery Training Programs 1998 – 2002
G. H. Wheatley,¹ R. Lee²
¹*Arizona Heart Institute, Phoenix, AZ,* ²*Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO*

Congenital

Sidney Room

Moderator: David R. Clarke

- P17. The Arterial Switch Operation for Transposition of the Great Arteries in Europe: A Multi-Institutional Study from the European Congenital Heart Surgeons Association
A. C. Chatzis,¹ N. M. Giannopoulos,¹ J. Rubay,² C. Panagiotou,¹ P. Zavaropoulos,¹
G. Kirvassilis,¹ G. E. Sarris¹
¹*Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center, Kallithea, Athens, Greece,* ²*Clinique Universitaires Saint-Luc, Bruxelles, Belgium*
- P18. The Fate of Truncal Valve in Truncus Arteriosus
R. Henaine, K. Azarnoush, E. Belli, A. Capderou, R. Roussin, C. Planché, A. Serraf
Centre chirurgical Marie lannelongue, Le plessis robinson, France

- P19. Contemporary Management of Right Atrial Isomerism: Impact of Evolving Therapeutic Strategies
T. Yun,¹ O. O. Al- Radi,² C. A. Caldarone,^{*2} J. G. Coles,^{*2} W. G. Williams,^{*2} G. S. Van Arsdell,^{*2}
¹Asan Medical Center, Seoul, Republic of Korea, ²The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada
- P20. Systemic Hypothermia for Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Bypass; Do we want it? Do we really need it?
R. N. Gates,^{*} M. S. Bleiweis, B. A. Palafox.
Children's Hospital of Orange County, Orange, CA
- P21. Current Risk Factors for the Norwood Procedure: Surmounting Traditional Challenges
C. N. Stasik, C. S. Goldberg, E. L. Bove, E. J. Devaney, R. G. Ohye.
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- P22. Early results of single-stage biventricular repair of severe aortic hypoplasia or atresia with ventricular septal defect and an adequate left ventricle
P. J. Gruber,¹ K. Cleaver,² I. Abdullah,¹ S. Fuller,¹ G. Wernovsky,¹ S. C. Nicolson,¹ J. W. Gaynor,¹ T. L. Spray¹
¹Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, ²Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN

8:30 am

Scientific Session

(10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)
Salons A-B

Moderators: Stuart W. Jamieson
W. R. Eric Jamieson

16. Esophageal Resection: Improved Outcomes Associated with Diversified Approach
D. E. Low.
Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA
17. †Assessment of Independent Predictors for Long-Term Mortality between Women and Men Following Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting: Are Women Different than Men?
I. K. Toumpoulis,¹ C. E. Anagnostopoulos,² S. Balaram,¹ C. Rokkas,² D. G. Swistel,¹ R. C. Ashton,¹ J. J. DeRose¹
¹St. Luke's — Roosevelt Hospital Center, Columbia University, New York, NY, ²University Hospital of Athens, Attikon Hospital Center, Athens, Greece
18. The impact of follow-up on the success rate of the cryosurgical maze procedure in patients with rheumatic heart disease and enlarged atria
N. Ad,¹ G. Merin,² A. Pollack,² D. Gilon,² S. Barnett,¹ E. A. Lefrak,¹ A. Elami²
¹Inova Heart and Vascular Institute, Annandale, VA, ²Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel
19. Similar Long-term Results of Mitral Valve Repair for Anterior Compared to Posterior Leaflet Prolapse
M. De Bonis,¹ R. Lorusso,² E. Lapenna,¹ S. Kassem,¹ G. De Cicco,² L. Torracca,¹ F. Maisano,¹ G. La Canna,¹ O. Alfieri¹
¹San Raffaele University Hospital, Milan, Italy, ²Civic Hospital, Brescia, Italy

9:50 am **Coffee Break**
Visit Exhibits, Salon C

10:10 am **Scientific Session (cont.)**

(10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes discussion)
Salons A-B

Moderators: John D. Mitchell
Robbin G. Cohen

20. **The Influence of Induction Chemotherapy in Surgical Resected pT4 Lung Cancer**
L. Spaggiari¹, M. D'Aiuto¹, G. Veronesi¹, F. Leo¹, D. Galetta¹, R. Gasparri¹, M. E. Leon²,
G. Pelosi³, T. M. De Pas⁴, F. De Braud⁴

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⁴*Division of Oncology, European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy*

21. **†Visible Light Spectroscopy Reflects Flow Related Changes in Brain Oxygenation During Continuous Regional Brain Perfusion and Deep Hypothermic Circulatory Arrest**
G. Amir, C. Ramamoorthy, R. K. Riemer, C. R. Davis, F. L. Hanley, V. M. Reddy
Lucile Packard Childrens Hospital, Stanford, CA

22. **Improved Outcomes in Destination Therapy LVAD Patients: A Single Center Experience**
A. H. Healy, K. Morley, D. M. Nelson, C. R. Wecker, K. E. Nelson, J. W. Long*
LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City, UT

11:10 am **C. Walton Lillehei Point/CounterPoint Session**

Salons A-B

Moderator: Donald B. Doty
Pro: Roxanne Newman*
Con: Vincent Gaudiani*

Minimally Invasive OPCAB Should Be the Standard of Care Within the Next Two Years

12:00 am **Annual Business Meeting (Members Only)**

Salons A-B

12:30 pm **Family Luncheon**

Outside Courtyard

7:00 pm **President's Reception and Banquet**

Palm Court and Ballroom, Empress Hotel

General Information

Social Program *(included in registration fee)*

Included in the registration fee for spouses/guests will be the New Members' Reception on Wednesday evening, the *Taste of British Columbia* Theme Dinner on Thursday evening, the Saturday Luncheon, the President's Reception and Banquet on Saturday evening and daily continental breakfasts (served in the Exhibit Hall for meeting attendees and in the Hospitality Suite for family members).

New Members' Reception

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Join us in welcoming our new members to the WTSA. The reception will be held in the elegant Tea Lounge of the Empress Hotel; rumor has it that the Queen, herself, might be attending, so come with your manners in place! Children ages 5-11 are invited to their own Kid's Reception, to be held in the Kensington Room. The Kid's Reception will include their own space with videos, Xbox games, free-standing games, great food and fun furniture. Additional cost of \$35 per young person.

Samson Fun Run

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 6:00 AM

This year's Fun Run will inspire and rejuvenate you as you take off from the hotel and travel through the beautiful Beacon Hill Park, where you may just want to stop and take in all the incredible flowers in bloom. But make your way back to the finish line where refreshments will be waiting for you. The 5K Run is open to all physician attendees, spouses, guests, family members and exhibitor representatives; pre-registration is requested. All participants will receive an official Samson Fun Run T-shirt at the finish line.

Prizes will be presented at the Saturday Barbecue.

Taste of British Columbia Theme Dinner

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

This year's theme dinner will be held Thursday night at the Royal British Columbia Museum just across the street from the hotel. At the Museum, guests will be greeted by several of the Royal

Canadian Mounted Police before getting a chance to take a look at the Canadian West Coast's natural, cultural and industrial heritage and experiencing British Columbia of "yesteryear". Guests can take a moment to pan for gold in the homestead area, walk through the streets of old Chinatown and be mystified by a Chinese Magician, listen to some previous era honky-tonk music or be astounded by the grace and agility of a Native Hoop Dancer from the First Nations tribe.

Saturday Barbecue

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

In the courtyard outside of the convention center we'll enjoy a family barbecue, Canadian-style, where awards for the golf and tennis tournaments and the Fun Run will be presented. Registered physicians, spouses, guests, family members and exhibitors are welcome.

President's Reception and Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 7:00 - 11:00 PM

The President's Reception and Banquet will be held this year in the Palm Court and Crystal Ballroom. Sign-up sheets for table assignment will be available in the registration area during registration hours. An incredible evening is planned with the exciting music and dance show of The Timebenders. With more than 20 costume changes and the music from the 40's to the 90's, The Timebenders will take us on a "Rock down Memory Lane" with an explosive and hilarious dance show that focuses on high energy, audience participation and lots of fun. Dress is black tie optional.

For the younger set, the traditional Kids' Banquet is planned to include great food and more fun activities under staff supervision. The Kid's Banquet (5-11 years) is charged at an additional cost of \$35 per young person.

For the teenagers aged 12-16, we've set aside a special room of their own with age-appropriate videos, X-box games and food only a teenager could love for the cost of \$55. If they prefer, teens aged 12 and above are welcome to join the adult banquet, also at a cost of \$55.

General *Information*

Golf/Tennis Tournaments

(separate subscription required)

GOLF

The Annual Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, June 24, 2005 at 1:00pm at the beautiful Bear Mountain Golf and Country Club. Pre-registration is required with indication of handicap. \$140 per person includes greens fees, box lunch, cart and prizes. Attendees should check in with the golf pro shop 15 minutes prior to scheduled tee time. The course is a short drive from the hotel; transportation will be provided.

TENNIS

The Annual Tennis Tournament will take place on Friday, June 24, 2005 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at courts close to the hotel. Pre-registration is required with indication of level of play. \$50 per person includes courts, refreshments and prizes.



For kids only!

There is a wealth of activities planned for kids aged 5-12 this year. Each morning (Thursday–Saturday), participating kids will be taken by our trained staff to nearby attractions. All attractions are within walking distance of the hotel.

On **Thursday** morning kids will have the opportunity to visit two of Victoria's most well loved children's attractions, the **Victoria Bug Zoo** and **Miniature World**. **Victoria Bug Zoo** — A visit to this *must see* zoo offers visitors an excellent opportunity to view and experience multi-legged creatures from around the world in a safe, fun and friendly atmosphere. Get up close and personal with LIVE giant walkingsticks, alien-eyed praying mantids, hairy tarantulas and glow-in-the-dark scorpions, to name a few. Discover over 40 fascinating species including Canada's largest ant farm. **Miniature World** — Miniature World is the greatest little show on earth! Over 85 great little attractions that include the world's smallest operational sawmill, two of the largest doll houses, and one of the longest model railways. See Circus World, Space 2201, Frontierland, Fantasyland and much more! Total time for this excursion is 3 hours and cost is \$43 per child (*minimum of 10 children required*).

Friday morning will give our *Western* kids the chance to take part in the spectacular **Tall Ships Festival** coming to Victoria. This 3-hour supervised tour will visit the kids' zone, where special programming for young sailors will take place all day, including pirate school, scrimshaw carving, model boat building, seamanship training, face painting and theatre. Cost is \$46 per child (*minimum of 10 children required*).

On **Saturday** morning, our kids will end their touring of Victoria with trips to the **Pacific Undersea Gardens** and the **Royal London Wax Museum**. **Pacific Undersea Gardens** — provides kids with an exciting and convenient way to view the marine life of the British Columbia coastal region. Visitors to the lower level display area of the vessel descend 5 meters (15 feet) beneath the ocean to watch a variety of marine plants and animals. More than 5,000 animals of different species inhabit the aquariums around the vessel in a natural but protected environment. Through the many viewing windows, visitors can look right into the underwater world of the Pacific Northwest. **Royal London Wax Museum** — Victoria's world of wax portrays over 300 pivotal personalities; from royalty and writers to leaders and legends. Illuminating Time since 1961, this wax museum is a "first" in North America as well as in Victoria. And after all the wax, souvenirs and snacks are available in the Penny Lane Sweet Shop. Total time for this supervised excursion is 3 hours and cost is \$38 per child (*minimum of 10 children required*).

Babysitting

Listed below is a hotel-recommended babysitting service for children under the age of 5. You may contact them directly:

Spoon Full of Sugar Nanny Service
Nancy Ball
250-598-6002
email: nancy@sponfullofsugarnannies.com
website: www.sponfullofsugarnannies.com

Optional Tours/Activities

To ensure tour availability, please register before Monday, June 6th

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 23

Whale Watching Excursion from a Zodiac or Covered Boat

\$82.00 Zodiac boats

12 person minimum for exclusive boat, no one under the age of 8 allowed, no price reduction for children

\$84.00 Covered Boats, \$57.00 children age 2-14, children under the age of 2 are free

(35 person minimum for exclusive boat, no age restriction)

Truly an adventure, this exhilarating 3-hour journey will give participants a chance to see the Orca Whales in their natural habitat as they roam the inside waters of British Columbia. Late June is prime season to view the resident killer whale pods ranging in size from 20-60 in number. Whale movements are tracked with the aid of a network of people and communication devices, and knowledgeable naturalist/ boat captains deliver whale watchers to the best viewing locations. WTSa guests are offered two choices of transportation: for the more adventurous, open-air zodiac boats come equipped with anti-exposure suits and offer a chance to see the whales from a closer viewpoint (not recommended for those who are prone to seasickness); enclosed boats with outdoor viewing decks are available for those who want a gentler journey. Both expeditions leave from docks just outside the hotel. Be sure to bring your camera; you may see Orca Whales, sea lions, porpoises, eagles, marine birds and lots of magnificent scenery!

Victoria Discovery Tour including Butchart Gardens

\$41.00 Adults, \$33.00 age 13-17,

\$24.00 age 5-12, \$22.00 under age 5

Cost is based on a minimum of 44 people and may increase if minimum is not met.

Fully escorted private tour of Victoria and surrounding areas with the ultimate goal of a visit to the world-renowned Butchart Gardens, which offer 50 acres of year-round beauty. The gardens began in 1904 with the desire of the Butchart family to beautify the site of a worked-out quarry on their 130-acre estate. The limestone quarry was eventually transformed into the Sunken Garden, the Rose Garden, Japanese and Italian Gardens and more. After the private tour, guests will have time to stroll the grounds on their own or spend some time in the delightful gift shop.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 24

Whale Watching Covered Boat Excursion (non-exclusive boat)

\$84.00 Adults, \$57.00 children age 2-14, children under the age of 2 are free

(Limited seating available for this trip)

We're offering WTSa attendees a second chance to participate in this never-to-be-forgotten adventure. This morning program is a repeat of the Thursday afternoon excursion on the covered boat. Seating is limited — don't wait to register!

Victoria Discovery Tour including Butchart Gardens and Lunch

\$74.00 Adults, \$33.00 age 13-17, \$16.00 age 12 and under
(cost is based on a minimum of 44 people and may increase if minimum is not met)

We've repeated Thursday's excursion and added a private lunch at the lovely Butchart Gardens to the package!

Friday afternoon is being left open to accommodate the annual golf and tennis tournaments and individual visits to the Tall Ships Festival.

Additional Activities

When visiting Victoria and Vancouver Island, you are more likely to run out of time than things to do. Victoria boasts the mildest climate in Canada and, as a result, offers outdoor activities year round. Golfing and gardening are a way of life on Vancouver Island, as are walking, hiking, cycling and birding. World-class attractions, museums, arts and entertainment, shopping, gourmet food and spas also delight visitors.

The ocean is integral to life on Vancouver Island and, to truly experience Victoria, getting out on the water is recommended. Boating, sailing, fishing, canoeing, diving and whale-watching adventures abound. Exploring on the island is also a must and numerous tours and educational vacations are available. Whether exploring on foot, bicycle, horseback, scooter, motorcycle, bus, rail, plane, ferry or specialty car tours, visitors to Victoria and the Islands experience scenic beauty and charm that are always in season. For a better idea of all the possibilities, visit the Meetings Page of the WTSa website (www.westernthoracic.org) and click on the link called "Victoria Activities."

General Information

Travel Information

By Sea, By Air, By Land

Located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, Victoria can be as much fun to get to as it is to explore, once you are there. A little planning will make your journey more interesting. During peak seasons (holidays and summer months), it is suggested that you allow extra time for travel. The easiest way to plan your trip is to go to the Meetings page of the WTSA website (www.westernthoracic.org) and look under the heading marked "Travel Information to Victoria." A wealth of information is located there for you.

Registration Information

The Annual Meeting is open to all duly qualified physicians and guests. It is the policy of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association that all physicians and guests pay the full registration fee for the meeting. To offset the rising costs of food and beverage, the Association is now requiring a \$50 fee for all children in addition to the separate social function tickets.

To pre-register for the meeting, please complete the enclosed pre-registration form and return with appropriate fees to the Association's Office by **Monday, June 6, 2005**. After June 6th, participants may register on site at the Victoria Conference Centre.

Early Bird Discount — Register by Friday, May 20, 2005 to receive \$50 off the standard fee. Tickets will be required for admittance to all social functions.

Scientific and Social Registration Fees:

	Standard Fee (As of 5/21/05)	Early Bird (5/20/05 or before)
WTSA Member	\$575.00	\$525.00
Non-Member Physician	\$675.00	\$625.00
Invited Guest Physician	\$575.00	\$525.00
Resident*	\$475.00	\$425.00
Resident* (Scientific Session Only)	\$50.00	no discount
Spouse/Guest	\$450.00	\$400.00
Children's Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00

*Must present letter from Chief of Service

Family Registration

Ages 17-21

New Members' Reception	\$50.00
Thursday Theme Dinner	\$85.00
Saturday Lunch	\$35.00
Saturday Night President's Banquet	\$55.00

Ages 12-16

New Members' Reception	\$50.00
Thursday Theme Dinner	\$85.00
Saturday Lunch	\$35.00
Saturday Night Teen's Banquet	\$55.00

Ages 5-11

Reception/Kids' Orientation	\$35.00
Thursday Theme Dinner	\$50.00
Saturday Lunch	\$20.00
Saturday Night Kids' Banquet	\$35.00

Ages 4 & Under

N/C

Registration Fee

The meeting attendee registration fee includes the New Members' Reception on Wednesday evening, *Taste of British Columbia* Theme Dinner on Thursday evening, Saturday barbecue, and President's Reception and Banquet on Saturday evening, plus daily continental breakfasts and coffee breaks.

Family registration fee is per person and offers the following optional events: Wednesday Evening Reception/Kids' Reception, Thursday Theme Dinner, Saturday barbecue, President's Reception and Banquet OR Teens and Kids Banquets on Saturday evening, and daily continental breakfast in the Hospitality Suite. **All children in attendance should be registered.**

Payment Information

Registration fees may be made by check, Visa, MasterCard or American Express only.

Check Payment: Checks should be made payable to the Western Thoracic Surgical Association and must be in U.S. dollars and drawn on a U.S. bank.

Credit Card Payment: Visa, MasterCard and American Express only. Please complete the credit card information including card number, expiration date, name on card and signature to authorize charges to your credit card.

Registration/Cancellation Deadline

*The deadline for pre-registration is **Monday, June 6, 2005.*** All requests for cancellations and refunds must be received in writing by June 8, 2005 and will be subject to a \$50.00 administrative fee. **No refunds will be made after June 8, 2005.**

Hotel Accommodations

At The Fairmont Empress Hotel

The Fairmont Empress
721 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1W5
Canada
Phone: 800-441-1414
Fax: 250-389-2747
www.fairmont.com/empress/

Rising regally on the banks of Victoria's spectacular Inner Harbor, The Fairmont Empress showcases the spirit and energy of Vancouver Island in grand style. Lovingly restored to her turn-of-the-century beauty, The Fairmont Empress captures the grandeur and elegance of a bygone era, while her facilities and services meet the needs of today's traveler.

The Fairmont Empress features many exclusive amenities; exquisite dining, Victorian-era architecture, executive business services and spa facilities. Enjoy the Afternoon Tea in the magnificent Tea Lobby surrounded by handcrafted tapestries, lovely moldings and polished, hard wood floors. Afternoon Tea is one of Victoria's greatest traditions, and one of the many services that sets The Fairmont Empress apart.

Room Reservations

On behalf of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Fairmont Empress. The special meeting rates are as follows:

Fairmont	\$273 CDN
Deluxe (<i>slightly larger, most have 2 beds</i>)	\$273 CDN
Harbourview	\$273 CDN

(All types are subject to availability)

* Third person in the room is an additional \$30.00. Children 18 years old and under that are sharing their parent's accommodation are complimentary. Rates are subject to 7% GST and 10% PST. **Requests for Fairmont Gold and Suites must be made directly with The Empress and are subject to availability.** The Empress will be happy to extend the above rates for pre & post conference activities three (3) days prior and three (3) days after. This rate is based on availability.

Reservations must be accompanied by a deposit equal to one night of stay in the form of check or major credit card. **Reservations must be received by the Empress no later than Wednesday, May 25, 2005, or until all rooms in the block have been sold, which may be before the cut-off date.** To ensure availability of accommodations at the special group rate we urge you to send in your reservation early. Reservations received after the May 25, 2005 deadline will be on a space available basis and may not necessarily be at the reduced rate.

Check-In Time: 4:00 pm

Check-Out Time: 11:00 am

Cancellations

Reservations must be cancelled more than 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid penalty.

Special Needs

If you require special accommodations or services, please indicate so by checking the line on the registration form, or contact the Association's Administrative Office at (978) 927-8330.

Pre-Registration *Form*

31st Annual Meeting
 June 22–25, 2005
 Fairmont Empress Hotel/
 Victoria Conference Centre
 Victoria, BC Canada

Western Thoracic Surgical Association

(Founded as The Samson Thoracic Surgical Society)

Pre-Registration Deadline is June 6, 2005 — Early Bird Deadline is May 20, 2005.

Written requests for cancellation and refunds must be received by June 8, 2005 and will be subject to a \$50 administrative fee. No refunds will be possible after this date.

(Please print or type)

NAME _____

INSTITUTION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

EMAIL _____

NAME OF SPOUSE/GUEST _____

NAMES OF FAMILY REGISTRANTS (LIST NAME AND AGE OF EACH CHILD WHO WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE) _____

Please note: All prices are quoted in US dollars unless otherwise indicated.

2005 WTSA Pre-Registration

	Standard (after 5/20)	Early Bird (on or before 5/20)	
A. WTSA Member	\$575	\$525	\$ _____
B. Non-Member Physician	\$675	\$625	\$ _____
C. Invited Guest Physician	\$575	\$525	\$ _____
D. Resident*	\$475	\$425	\$ _____
E. Resident* <i>(Scientific Session Only)</i>	\$50	\$50	\$ _____
F. Allied Health	\$475	\$425	\$ _____
1. Spouse/Guest	\$450	\$400	\$ _____
2. Child <i>(per child)</i>	\$50	\$50	\$ _____

*Must present letter from Chief of Service

Family Registration

Ages 17-21		
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10. Teen's Banquet	\$55	\$ _____
Ages 5-11		
11. Kid's Reception	\$35	\$ _____
12. Thursday Theme Dinner	\$50	\$ _____
13. Saturday Barbecue	\$20	\$ _____
14. Kid's Banquet	\$35	\$ _____
Ages 4 & Under		
	N/C	\$ 0

Please complete and return to:
 WTSA, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U
 Beverly, MA 01915
 (with check) or via Fax at 978-524-0498

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Pre-Registration *Form*

Deadline for Pre-Registration is June 6, 2005
Early Bird Deadline is May 20, 2005

Optional Activities/Tours

15. Adult Cardiac Breakfast Session \$45/person \$ _____
Friday, June 24
16. General Thoracic Breakfast Session \$45/person \$ _____
Friday, June 24
17. Congenital Heart Breakfast Session \$45/person \$ _____
Friday, June 24
18. Whale Watching Excursion
Thursday, June 23 – afternoon
Zodiac Boats (age 8 and above) \$82/person \$ _____
Covered Boats (all ages) \$84/Adult \$ _____
\$57/Children 2-14 \$ _____
(Children under 2 are free)
19. Victoria Discovery Tour/Butchart Gardens
Thursday, June 23 – afternoon
\$41/Adult \$ _____
\$33/Children 13-17 \$ _____
\$24/Children 5-12 \$ _____
\$22/Children under 5 \$ _____
20. Whale Watching Excursion
Friday, June 24 – morning
Covered Boats \$84/Adult \$ _____
\$57/Children 2-14 \$ _____
(Children under 2 are free)
21. Victoria Discovery Tour/Butchart Gardens incl. lunch
Friday, June 24 – morning
\$74/Adult \$ _____
\$33/Children 13-17 \$ _____
\$16/12 and under \$ _____
22. Kids Excursion to Victoria Bug Zoo and Miniature World
Thursday, June 23 – morning \$43/Children 5-12 \$ _____
Child's Name/Age: _____
Child's Name/Age: _____
23. Kids Excursion to Tall Ships Festival *Kids Zone*
Friday, June 24 – morning \$46/Children 5-12 \$ _____
Child's Name/Age: _____
Child's Name/Age: _____
24. Kids Excursion to Pacific Undersea Gardens and Royal London Wax Museum
Saturday, June 25 – morning \$38/Children 5-12 \$ _____
Child's Name/Age: _____
Child's Name/Age: _____
25. Golf Tournament — \$140 per person (Important — Sign up in advance)
Name of Participant/Handicap/Index: _____ \$ _____
Name of Participant/Handicap/Index: _____
26. Tennis Tournament — \$50 per person
Name of Participant/level of Play: _____ \$ _____
Name of Participant/level of Play: _____
- Total Amount Enclosed** \$ _____

Payment Information

- Check Made Payable to WTSA
- Credit Card: VISA MasterCard American Express

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Hotel *Registration*

The Fairmont Empress

Attention: Room Reservations
721 Government Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1W5
Canada

Telephone: 250-384-8111 or 800-441-1414
Fax: 250-389-2747
Email: emp.reservation@fairmont.com

Rates will be available until May 25, 2005 only. To ensure room availability, please make room reservations prior to this date. Confirmation of rooms after this date is subject to availability. A credit card is required to guarantee reservations. Reservations must be cancelled more than 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid penalty.

Please print or type)

NAME*

ADDRESS*

CITY*

STATE*

ZIP*

COUNTRY*

TELEPHONE (DAYTIME)*

FAX*

EMAIL*

Please contact me regarding special needs.

Arrival Date* _____ **Departure Date*** _____

Room Type† (*all room types based on availability*):

- Fairmont
 Deluxe (slightly larger/most have two beds)
 Harbourview

†Room rates (single or double occupancy) — \$273.00 CDN

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Number of Adults* _____

Non-Smoking Smoking

Number of Children* _____

King Queen Two Double Beds

Special Requirement: _____

While the hotel cannot guarantee room type or smoking preference, we will endeavour to accommodate your request.

Payment Information:

VISA MasterCard Discover American Express Diners Club

Credit Card Number* _____ Exp. Date* _____

Name on Card* _____ Signature* _____

*Indicates Required Fields





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