

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SPANISH SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGERY (SECT) AND THE TAIWAN SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGERY (TSTS)

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EXPOSE

That due to the coincidence in strategic objectives and means to achieve them (celebration of scientific events, publication of clinical guidelines, clinical research, consensus documents, etc.) and preserving both institutions their own statutes, structure, board and managing organs, as well as independent legal status

AGREE

1. Sign a framework document to collect the cooperation between the two national Societies.
2. The agreements in this document will be valid within a period of one year, renewable automatically at the end of this period, and may be partially or completely invalidated by each Society unilaterally. These agreements may be extended in the topics deemed appropriate by both Societies.
3. On the official website page of each Society, access links will be established for both Societies so that the members of each one can access the other's website and have access to the scientific information generated by each Society (contents to be developed by the experts of both Societies).
4. In general terms, members of both Societies will have priority registration in all the activities promoted by each Society, with access to reduced fees and other advantages set thanks to the membership of either one of the Societies. The organization of these events may conclude with the meetings and annual congresses of each Society in order to encourage greater attendance by members of both Societies.
5. Both Societies may launch multicentric international projects between them, in order to accomplish with their own purposes of clinical or translational research.
6. Thoracic Surgery activities carried out by both Societies may be coordinated and agreed between the two Societies by the corresponding scientific and teaching committees, in order to avoid duplication and reduce costs.
7. The Board of Directors of each Society will be able to invite members from the corresponding Board of Directors of the other Society to attend the Annual Congress.

8. The Board of Directors of both Societies may meet each one or two years in order to join resources and efforts, and to set new ways of cooperation.

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