The AATS 90th Annual Meeting is shaping up to be a superb program and will feature a number of new additions.

Be sure to attend the AATS/STS Cardiothoracic Therapy Critical Care Symposium. This important symposium will be held on Sunday, May 2nd from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

“Critical care is an important component of cardiothoracic surgery,” noted Mark S. Allen, MD, of the Mayo Clinic. “The American Board of Thoracic Surgery is enhancing its efforts to ensure practicing cardiothoracic surgeons are competent in critical care. The recent examination class was less successful in the category of critical care than desired. A course sponsored by the AATS is an excellent method to improve knowledge of critical care and improve the care we give our patients,” Allen concluded, who also serves on the ABTS Board of Directors. The inaugural program is chaired by Nevin M. Katz, MD, of the Washington Institute of Thoracic and CV Surgery and Michael S. Mulligan, MD, of the University of Washington Medical Center.

Course topics and speakers include:

- Evolution of CTS Critical Care: Systems Based Management, Training and Certification Implications, Nevin M. Katz, MD
- Sedation in the ICU Patient, Brian J. Woodcock, MD
- ECMO Support for the Failing Heart/Lung, Jonathan Haft, MD
- Arrhythmia Management, Ralph Damiano, Jr, MD
- Advanced Ventilator Management (Low Stretch Ventilation and Permissive Hypercapnea), Leonard D. Hudson, MD
- LVAD and Mechanical Support Post-operative Care, Francis D. Pagani, MD
- Lung Transplant Perioperative Care, Michael S. Mulligan, MD
- Optimizing Hemodynamic Support: Are We Aiming for the Right Targets? Post-operative Monitoring/Related Complications, Nevin M. Katz, MD
- Infection Prophylaxis and Prevention, Marin H. Kollef, MD
- Clinical Use of the Artificial Lung, Joseph B. Zwislenberger, MD
- Support for Acute Renal Dysfunction/Failure, Andrew D. Shaw, MD
- Special Considerations for Aortic Surgery, Hybrid Procedures and TEVARs, Joseph E. Bavaria, MD
- Bleeding and Management of Coagulopathy, Jerrold Levy, MD
- Nutritional Support and its Impact, Aaron M. Cheng, MD
- Assessment and Management of Neurologic Complications After Cardiac and Aortic Surgery, Joseph S. Coselli, MD

Other unique learning offerings at the AATS 90th Annual Meeting include:

Saturday, May 1, 2010
- Focused and in-depth skills courses in all three sub-specialties:
  - Adult Cardiac Surgery
  - General Thoracic Surgery
  - Congenital Heart Disease
- Professionality and the Cardiothoracic Surgery Specialty Symposium
- Robotic Cardiothoracic Surgery Symposium

Sunday, May 2, 2010
- Five specialty-focused luncheon symposia sessions focusing on specific topics to enhance the overall educational experience

Wednesday, May 5, 2010
- Controversies in Cardiothoracic Surgery Session: Two leading cardiothoracic surgeons debate “Randomized Controlled Clinical Trials Are Necessary to Evaluate New Surgical Operations”
- Sessions in all three sub-specialties:
  - Adult Cardiac: Surgical Therapies for Congestive Heart Failure
  - General Thoracic: Controversies in the Utilization of New Technology
  - Congenital: New Technology in Congenital Heart Disease
- Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) Training Course, presented by the AATS in conjunction with the Division of Thoracic Surgery, Toronto General Hospital and University of Toronto will provide hands-on training for thoracic surgeons and respirologists interested in learning the technique of Endobronchial Ultrasound and Transbronchial Needle Aspiration Biopsy (EBU-TBNA).

Don’t miss these exciting opportunities to learn from the world’s leading scientists and practitioners in the specialty! Please be sure to check the AATS Web site (www.aats.org/annualmeeting) to view the entire scientific program for the Monday through Wednesday sessions.

Registration & Housing Information
Attendees may conveniently register and book housing for the AATS 90th Annual Meeting at www.aats.org/annualmeeting
Target Audience
The AATS Annual Meeting is specifically designed to meet the educational needs of:

- Cardiothoracic Surgeons
- Physicians in related specialties including Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Radiology, Gastroenterology, and Thoracic Oncology
- Fellows and Residents in Cardiothoracic and General Surgical training programs
- Nurses, Physician Assistants, and other Allied Health Professionals involved in the care of cardiothoracic surgical patients
- Critical Care Teams
- Medical students with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery

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Aortic Symposium 2010

April 29–30, 2010
Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers
New York, New York

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Program Overview
Aortic Symposium 2010 is a two-day symposium focused on the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and treatment of aortic aneurysms and dissections. The faculty consists of world leaders in this field who have been invited to share their experience regarding difficult problems in aortic disease.

Course Format
Aortic Symposium 2010 will primarily feature faculty presentations of original work or “state of the art reviews.” Manuscripts selected from submitted abstracts will comprise the balance of the program and be considered for publication in a supplement of the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery.

Accepted presentations will be available on the Presentation on Demand (POD) System, a network of computer stations distributed throughout the meeting area that permits attendees to review PowerPoint presentations on demand.

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Visit www.aats.org/aortic to learn more about Aortic Symposium 2010.

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May 1–5, 2010
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Metro Toronto Convention Centre
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