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Dear CTS Members:

As part of the growing collaboration between our societies, a special agreement was signed in May 2016 between the Canadian Thoracic Society (CTS) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS). This innovative agreement enables CTS members to become ERS members with all associated benefits and privileges at a special discounted rate. We are pleased to provide you with the details, as follows:

#### **'Opt In' Approach**

- Joining the ERS through this mechanism is completely voluntary
- The option to join ERS for 1 or 3 years will be included in the online CTS and CRHP membership forms
- CTS members will be able to join ERS at the special rate when they renew their annual CTS or CRHP membership

#### **Annual Membership fees via CTS**

- CTS member under 65 years of age: \$35 per year / \$105 for 3 years (plus applicable taxes) – this represents a savings of \$65-\$175 per year, depending on the ERS category of membership)
- CTS member aged over 65 years of age: *complimentary ERS annual membership*

#### **ERS Membership benefits**

- Electronic access to the following journals: the *European Respiratory Journal* (ERJ) including ERS Congress Abstracts and proceedings supplements of the ERJ, *European respiratory Review* (ERR), *Breathe and the Monograph*
- Receipt of the ERS Weekly newsletter
- Possibility to order printed copies of the ERS publications at a special discounted price
- Discounted registration fees to the ERS International congress
- Opportunity to participate at the scientific program of the annual congress of the ERS
- Preferred access to ERS Educational Services online and Events
- Opportunity to participate and vote in the constitutional meetings of the ERS
- Opportunity to become a candidate for elections of ERS Assemblies up to Assembly Head
- Opportunity to become a candidate for elections of the Executive Committee up to ERS Presidency
- Opportunity to apply for the prestigious academic distinction of "Fellow of the ERS" (FERS)

#### **Compensation for CTS members who are already members of the ERS**

CTS members who already hold an ERS membership and with membership fees paid to ERS still valid for more than 12 months will be compensated in the form of a voucher for the value of their remaining membership to be redeemed in exchange of ERS activities and services.

In order to make all ERS membership benefits available to CTS members, CTS must disclose some of your personal data (name and e-mail address) to ERS for the sole purpose of creating a database of CTS members to be used only under the terms of this agreement.

If you wish to take advantage of the membership agreement with ERS **before** your renewal date in order to get the Early Bird registration rate for the [ERS International Congress](#) this fall, you can opt in now by completing a brief form and paying a one-time introductory rate of \$20 at the following link: <https://cts.lung.ca/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=12>

We hope this agreement proves advantageous to CTS as well as of mutual individual and collective benefits for the members of our two societies.

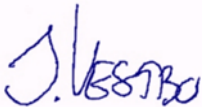
Kind regards,



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