

# **The European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery**

## **Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements**

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### **Report of the Secretary General**

The role of Secretary General is accompanied by an enormous sense of responsibility: to ensure that our members' interests remain paramount in all that we do; a responsibility to ensure that our educational and information output remains the best in the world; and a responsibility to continue EACTS' role leading the progression and adaptation of our profession.

The year reported on within these pages, charts the growth and change of EACTS in the pursuit of these responsibilities. From the Annual Meeting in Milan in October 2022 – with delegate numbers and industry involvement back to pre-COVID levels – to our fast expanding Academy offering, our world-leading work in clinical practice guidelines, our renowned Europe-wide databases, pioneering publications and so much more. The economic landscape remains challenging but thanks to our previous financial performance, we have been able to continue to provide services at even greater levels.

It is my goal, and the shared ambition of all Council members, staff and our wider network of volunteers, to build on these foundations to make EACTS even more efficient and impactful. In the year ahead, this will include the adoption of EACTS' first five year organisational strategy; a new brand, vision, mission and value statements; a modern and accessible web site and digital offering; and a refreshed 'membership' proposition and system.

The world of cardiothoracic surgery continues to adapt and change to modern needs and technology. From the increasingly important role of the multi-disciplinary heart team, to the development of new diagnostic and treatment technologies, and the growth of minimally invasive, robotic and AI inspired interventions. It is our duty, as the leading international cardiothoracic membership association, to support and lead these changes. To continue to provide our members with the educational, networking and information opportunities they need to ensure ever improving outcomes for our patients.



**Professor Patrick Myers**  
**Secretary General & Trustee**

### **Introduction**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery ("EACTS") for the year ended 31 March 2023. The report has been prepared in accordance with Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 and constitutes a directors' report for the purpose of company legislation.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 29 to 32 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charitable company's memorandum and articles of association, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

### **About EACTS**

The charitable objects of EACTS are to advance education in the field of cardiac, thoracic and vascular interventions and to promote for the public benefit research into cardiovascular and thoracic physiology, pathology and therapy and to correlate and disseminate the useful results thereof.

It pursues these objects through four core sub-specialty Domains: Acquired Cardiac Disease, Congenital Heart Disease, Vascular Disease and Thoracic Disease.

**EACTS aims to achieve its charitable objects through its key areas of activity:**

#### **The EACTS Annual Meeting**

The largest cardiothoracic meeting in the world bringing together the cardiothoracic community to present and discuss the latest scientific developments across its four Domains.

#### **EACTS Education**

The education programme including:

- ◆ The EACTS Academy, a comprehensive high-quality structured curriculum for all levels from trainee through to experienced surgeons and delivering courses covering specialist areas of development and interest; and
- ◆ The European Board examinations.

To further support trainees through their career development, EACTS operates the Francis Fontan Fund grants programme for trainee placements.

#### **EACTS Publishing**

EACTS publishes two peer-reviewed journals for the dissemination of high-quality research:

- ◆ The European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS),
- ◆ Interactive Cardio Vascular and Thoracic Surgery (ICVTS).

As well as an online textbook of cardio-thoracic surgery video-based tutorials;

- ◆ The Multimedia Manual of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (MMCTS).

EACTS also produces clinical practice guidelines to support best practice in the field.

### **The Quality Improvement Programme (QUIP)**

To facilitate continuing improvement of clinical outcomes in adult cardiothoracic surgery through education and research initiatives, EACTS operates two international benchmarking databases for adult cardiac surgery (the Adult Cardiac Database – ACD) and for patients with mechanical circulatory support systems (EUROMACS). Through data collection, data sharing and regular reports, the QUIP allows units to assess their performance regularly by identifying areas of excellence and areas in need of improvement.

### **International Partnerships**

EACTS also supports advocacy of global health initiatives in the field of cardiothoracic surgery through partnership with other relevant organisations.

### **HQ and Subsidiaries**

All EACTS activities are coordinated through the Association's headquarters in Windsor.

The charity currently has four 100% owned subsidiaries registered in England and Wales:

- ◆ EACTS Trading Company Limited;
- ◆ EACTS Publishing Limited;
- ◆ The European Academy for Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery; and
- ◆ The European School for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery Limited (which is dormant).

The three active companies separate risk and financial management of different areas of activity around Events, Education and Publishing. Any surpluses arising in any of these subsidiaries are distributed to the charity via Gift Aid. EACTS Publishing Limited and the European Academy for Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery Limited are both in deficit. Both of these entities undertake largely charitable activities and the losses arising are supported by the parent charity. Further details of the subsidiary undertakings are included in note 17.

### **Public benefit statement**

In setting the objectives of EACTS and planning activities, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. EACTS' primary beneficiaries, including its members, are professionals practicing in the field of cardiothoracic surgery, and the patients that they provide surgical care to are the ultimate beneficiaries of the improvements in knowledge and skills resulting from EACTS activities.

### **Impact and Achievements 2022/23**

The total number of EACTS members reached **3,863** by the year end in March 2023. **285** new individuals joined EACTS during the year being reported upon. The membership numbers have gone down by **174**, due to a drop in industry members, which was anticipated given the temporary incentives offered to industry during the COVID years.

In the year to the end of March 2023 EACTS achieved the following towards its key objectives:

**Impact and Achievements 2022/23 (continued)**

**1. Publications**

In 2022, as part of the continuing modernisation of the Association's processes and structure, responsibility for the EACTS Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) Programme was assumed by the Publications Director. As a result of this change and the desire to develop new initiatives within the publications portfolio, the publications team has expanded with the appointment of a Managing Editor, Digital Projects Manager and Guidelines Programme Manager.

The EACTS journals continue to publish the latest, high-quality research within cardiothoracic surgery from across the globe. In January 2023, Interactive CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery was relaunched as *Interdisciplinary CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery (ICVTS)*. With this relaunch, the aims and scope have been refocused to give the journal a unique mission, one that allows EACTS to foster collaborative relationships across multi-disciplinary teams, publishing interdisciplinary research from thoracic and cardiovascular surgeons, clinical cardiologists and pulmonologists, anaesthetists, nurses, radiologists, pharmacists, and engineers to drive the development of cardiothoracic surgery in practice and education across the related fields.

The European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) maintained a high number of quality submissions in 2022, with 2,333 new submissions and a 29% acceptance rate (21% in 2020 and 29% in 2021). The journal continued to see high usage rates with over 1.1 million article views and over 600,000 PDF downloads. The journal turnaround times continue to be a focus for improvement within the publication development plans, with the average number of days from submission to first decision increasing to 40 days (35 days in 2021). Reviewer turnaround times remained stable at 8 days on average from acceptance of invitation to return of reviewer feedback.

ICVTS' conversion to open access in late 2021 continued to prove successful with actual open access income surpassing budgets by 45% in 2022. The journal received 522 new submissions and 195 transfers from EJCTS in 2022. The quality of submissions remained high with a 46% acceptance rate (43% in 2021), as did usage with over 550,000 article views and over 330,000 PDF downloads. Turnaround times remained stable with the number of days from submission to first decision taking 37 days on average (34 days in 2021) and no change in reviewer turnaround times at 6 days on average from acceptance of invitation to return of reviewer feedback.

In the last 12 months, significant process improvements have been made in the workflow of our self-published virtual textbook, The Multimedia Manual of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (MMCTS), to streamline, automate and improve both internal processes and the author's publishing experience. In 2022, MMCTS received 116 submissions (40% increase) and published 48 surgical tutorials and 25 case reports. In addition to PubMed indexing, Clarivate has confirmed that MMCTS has now been accepted for indexing within their BIOSIS index and this is in the process of being set up.



**Impact and Achievements 2022/23 (continued)**

**1. Publications (continued)**

In January 2023 the new EACTS podcast, A Cut Above was launched. Published monthly, episodes aim to keep listeners informed of the latest research findings and Guideline recommendations; inspire and educate with interviews from key opinion leaders and residents from the community; and encourage debate and discussion on key topics. Since its launch, we have published 3 episodes on a variety of topics including 'The war in Ukraine and the impacts on day-to-day practice of cardiothoracic surgery and residency', 'The future of mitral valve therapy' and an interview with a leading surgeon, Prof. Friedhelm Beyersdorf. There are many more exciting topics and speakers still to come for the remaining episodes scheduled to publish in 2023.

**2. Annual Meeting 2022**

In 2022 the Annual Meeting was able to emerge from the constraints of the previous two years and welcome back delegates and industry partners in greater numbers to a revitalised event in Milan, Italy. Building on the learnings of 2021, the hybrid offering was scaled down to enable efforts to be focused on the in-person element of the event. The extensive 4-day programme included the highly attractive and enhanced Techno-College programme focusing on innovation and technological breakthroughs in the field of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery as well as interventional cardiology.

An increased number of parallel sessions was on offer and participants also took advantage of an increased level of interactivity in re-designed meeting space and through collaborative activities provided via the Annual Meeting App and the launch of the EACTS TV Channel streaming 3 days of prime scientific content.

Delegate attendance was back to pre-pandemic levels and with a total of 4,768 registrants from 99 countries, 1,682 higher than in 2021. The Techno-College day additionally recorded an attendance of 892 delegates; 810 registering on the Cardiac stream and 82 on the Thoracic stream.

A total of 127 scientific sessions were held over 10 concurrent session rooms, 7 surgical training sessions were held offering both junior and senior surgeons tailored expert training within an EACTS 'learning lab' setting. 312 original abstracts from 52 countries were presented showcasing valuable new research and 70 exhibitors from 17 countries were represented in an extensive exhibition allowing attendees to keep up to date with new to market technology, state of the art products, innovations and developments in the cardiothoracic market. 17 industry symposia sessions were also presented.

To ensure international collaboration towards global health goals, EACTS continued to host colleagues from other key international Societies working in the field.

**3. EACTS Education Programme**

The EACTS Academy programme continues to adapt to ensure we deliver our continuing commitment to education in cardiothoracic surgery.

**Impact and Achievements 2022/23 (continued)**

**3. EACTS Education Programme (continued)**

In February 2023 the EACTS Education Committee held its first Education Planning meeting. In this meeting, all current Academy courses were accessed and found to have high educational value. Certain educational gaps were identified, and new proposals submitted. The Education Committee has a strategic plan in place to fill these gaps over the next 3 years.

A total of 27 courses were held this year in 3 different educational formats. We held 9 courses in-person, 13 webinars and 5 courses were held in a hybrid format (in Windsor and available online). These courses attracted over 1,000 attendees from 75 different countries. The overall satisfaction scores remain high at 98% and 97% said they would recommend the course to their colleagues.

**4. The European Board of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons (EBCTS)**

EACTS also administers The European Board of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons (EBCTS) which provides examinations to certify appropriate levels of theoretical knowledge for residents completing their training.

2022 was the first year that the Level 1 (MEBCTS) examination was administered using test centres across Europe and the Middle East, including London, Berlin, Madrid, Istanbul, Zurich and Riyadh.

28 new applications for the Level 1 (MEBCTS) were submitted and a total of 47 examinees (including re-sits) sat the Adult Cardiac & Congenital examination and 11 sat the Thoracic Surgery examination. 6 candidates sat the examination in both specialties. 2 candidates passed the Thoracic examination, and 10 candidates passed the Adult Cardiac & Congenital examination.

The Level 2 (FEBCTS) examinations took place in July 2022 in person at EACTS House in Windsor. There was a total of 12 new applications across the three specialties. Including re-sits and after some postponements the final number taking the exams were – Adult Cardiac 12, Thoracic 3 and Congenital 5. The results were: Adult Cardiac 12 passed, Thoracic 2 passed and Congenital 5 passed.

**5. The Francis Fontan Fund Fellowship programme**

The Francis Fontan Fund for Education offers EACTS members an unrivalled, unique and exciting opportunity to advance their surgical education and learn from very best cardiothoracic surgeons in the world in some of the most prestigious institutions. The Fellows are then able to take their experience and knowledge and implement it directly in their home institutions, where they can share new skills with their peers. The breadth of Fellowship programmes available fosters professional development throughout many areas of cardiothoracic education and the international reach strengthens the global cardiothoracic community through increased skills and knowledge share and learning.

**Impact and Achievements 2022/23 (continued)**

**5. The Francis Fontan Fund Fellowship programme (continued)**

As at 31 March 23, there are 14 Fellowship Schemes in total:

- ◆ Advanced Postoperative Care
- ◆ Aortic Root and Valve Repair
- ◆ Atrial Fibrillation
- ◆ TEVAR
- ◆ The TSF / FFF International Fellowship.
- ◆ The TSF / FFF / LACES International Fellowship
- ◆ Quality and Outcomes at MSTCVS
- ◆ MiCS CABG
- ◆ OPCAB
- ◆ OPCAB – Extended
- ◆ Robotic Surgery – Cardiac
- ◆ UCL Masters: Clinical Trials and Statistics
- ◆ VATS
- ◆ Ukrainian Support

Five new Fellowships were added to the Francis Fontan Fund Fellowship Programme this year, namely OPCAB-Extended, Robotic Surgery-Cardiac, UCL Masters: Clinical Trials and Statistics, VATS and the Ukrainian Support Fellowship.

The Fellowship scheme has been running since 2018, and recruitment for the 2022-23 Fellowships started on 1 July 2022. We received a total of 206 applications, which is a big increase from the 2021 application period where we had a total of 42 applications. 14 Fellowship Programmes are running in 2022-23 and 30 Fellows will have carried out their Fellowship by December 2023.

**6. Quality Improvement Programme**

Aiming to integrate quality monitoring and improvement into daily practice and to improve outcomes for patients, EACTS continues to develop its two database registries, the Adult Cardiac Database (ACD) and the European registry for patients with mechanical circulatory support (EUROMACS).

The Quality Improvement Programme temporarily de-activated the Adult Cardiac Database (ACD) in 2022 after the termination of the contract with the previous database host. EACTS is conducting a tender process to source an independent software supplier with the right credentials and capabilities as well as ISO compliant, who can support EACTS in the creation of a new and improved database environment. EACTS aims to commence the ACD redevelopment project in 2023 and launch the live registry for hospitals in 2024.

The EUROMACS Registry offers the tools to collect clinical procedural updates as well as scientific data for patients receiving mechanical circulatory support (MCS). March 2022-March 2023 activities were concentrated on the consolidation of data from participating centres through the actualization of follow-up and bringing the total of registered implantations from 6,100 to 7,650 (+25%). Reports with respect to the status of adult as well as paediatric patients in EUROMACS were submitted to the EJCTS. Studies with data from EUROMACS were published in the EJCTS as well as in other peer reviewed journals.

## Impact and Achievements 2022/23 (continued)

### 7. Governance and Management Review

EACTS aspires to the highest possible standards in all activities and outputs, including its governance and management processes. To this end the EACTS Council continues to improve the management and governance processes of the Association and to educate and support both existing and new Council members in the fulfilment of their important duties. In October 2022, Patrick Myers was appointed as Secretary General for a 3-year term 2022-2025 and Patrick Perier stepped into his role of President for 2022-2023. EACTS witnessed an important historical moment for the organisation with Franca Melfi, leading robotic thoracic surgeon from Italy, appointed as the Vice President and first woman to take office as VP in the history of EACTS. The Association also welcomed Filip Casselman as Acquired Cardiac Domain Chair and Nabil Hussein as Resident Representative. New Committees have been established, including the Allied Health Professionals Committee, led by Dr Richard Van Valen, and the QUIP Committee, chaired by Dr Edgar Daeter; and task forces continue to support the activities of the Association via the Acquired, Vascular and Thoracic Domains.

EACTS has further advanced the self-nomination process for domain, task force, and committee membership, opening up vacancies and providing an opportunity for EACTS members to apply to available roles on these highly active and dynamic working groups. The improved process provides a platform for members to submit their application, which in turn is reviewed by the relevant Chair(s) of the task force, domain, and Secretary General. Careful consideration is taken, reviewing skills and experience, breadth of geographic representation in Europe and globally, diversity, and enhancing opportunities for residents to contribute. This platform has proven successful.

### 8. Future Plans

1. **Publications.** The publications and Clinical Practice Guidelines team will continue to focus on process improvements in the year ahead to ensure that workflows are robust and efficient. This will allow us to support the delivery of the 3-year plan for the strategic development of the publication's portfolio and guidelines programme. We have an ambitious CPG pipeline, with 22 projects currently underway. In addition to focusing on ensuring the continued success of both the relaunch of the ICVTS mission and the new podcast series, with content planning meetings to develop the 2024 episode schedule, we will also explore other new initiatives such as potential new launch journals and webinar series related to the latest research and guidelines published in the EACTS journals.
2. **The EACTS Annual Meeting.** We will deliver another world-leading Annual Meeting: continuing our innovation in programming and expanding on key successful themes. The theme of the 2023 meeting, to be held in Vienna, Austria, is "Raising The Bar". We will gather our members and industry partners in-person to raise the bar in order to innovate, discover and educate, effectively supporting our global community and ultimately improve cardiothoracic surgery to achieve better patient outcomes. Those unable to attend due to health or travel restrictions will be encouraged to participate by tuning in online to the EACTS TV Channel and by taking advantage of our video on demand library. Free registration will once again be offered to our Ukrainian based members who are able to attend in-person or via the EACTS TV Channel.

**Impact and Achievements 2022/23 (continued)**

**8. Future Plans (continued)**

3. **The EACTS Education Programme.** The EACTS Academy will continue to increase the number of remote learning opportunities, as remaining accessible to our global members and colleagues is imperative. The new webinars will ensure education covering a wider breadth of our specialty is available to all of our members. With over 35 courses, webinars and meetings planned for the next year, the EACTS Academy continues its commitment to education in the cardiothoracic community.
4. **The European Board of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EBCTS).** Examinations are in the process of moving their question bank from Ripley Systems to Surpass which will mean a 'one-stop shop' in terms of question authoring and exam deliverance. The Surpass system is more User Friendly for all users – question writers, standard setters, and exam organisers.

The Level 1 exams will be held in September 2023, again in test centres across Europe.

The Level 2 exams will be held in November 2023 at EACTS House in Windsor.

A new sub-specialty examination is being introduced – 'Critical Care for the Cardiovascular Surgeon'. A syllabus has been produced and new examination questions written and it is hoped to hold both a Level 1 and Level 2 examination in December 2023. It is expected that candidates should have successfully completed the Level 1 exam in Adult Cardiac & Congenital Surgery before applying for this new sub-specialty.

5. **The Francis Fontan Fund Fellowship Programme.** The Programme will continue to offer unrivalled opportunities for EACTS members to advance their surgical education and learn from world-renowned surgeons at some of the most prestigious institutions globally. In 2023/24 the Fellowship Programme will focus particularly on ensuring there is access to training across the full breadth of leadership, research, and education in all of the Association's key areas of focus.
6. **The Quality Improvement Programme.** EACTS will continue to work closely with the QUIP Committee and Adult Cardiac Database task force to redevelop and publish the new improved EACTS Surgical Database as Europe's leading 'Registry of registries'. EACTS aims to launch the Registry in 2024, to ensure the continued participation of hospital members and supporting them in submitting data and accessing the tool for benchmarking purposes and reports. EACTS looks forward to welcoming new hospitals and national societies to the EACTS Database community.

**Structure, governance and management**

The European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery is a charitable company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association (charity number 1140274; company number 07401765).

## Structure, governance and management (continued)

### *Trustees and Induction*

The Council are Trustees of the Charity (as listed in the Articles of Association) for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011 and are company directors for the purposes of the Companies Act.

The business of EACTS is conducted by the Council under the leadership of the Secretary General. In any matters concerning interpretation of the rules, the decision shall rest with the Trustees, who will also decide any matters concerning the Association which are not covered by the rules. The full rules for the appointment of Trustees, and their obligations, are contained within the Memorandum & Articles of Association.

Members are entitled to become Trustees after being recommended by the Nominations Committee. As part of their induction process, Trustees spend time with the Secretary General and Chief Executive and attend a meeting at the Head Office in Windsor (or via video conference), with the chance to meet key staff members. They are provided with job descriptions, annual reports, minutes of previous meetings and provided with access to information about the history of EACTS and reference to the Charity Commission information on effective governance.

The Trustees serving during the year and their positions held at the financial year end were as follows:

Trustee	Appointed to new post	Resigned from post	Role
Elected by members:			
Patrick Myers	07/10/2022		Secretary General
Patrick Myers	15/10/2021	07/10/2022	Secretary General Elect
Patrick Perier	07/10/2022		President
Patrick Perier	15/10/2021	07/10/2022	Vice President
Franca Melfi	07/10/2022		Vice President
Friedhelm Beyersdorf	07/10/2022		Past President
Friedhelm Beyersdorf	15/10/2021	07/10/2022	President
Matthias Siepe	09/10/2020		Editor-in-Chief
Mark Whiteling	06/05/2021	10/02/2023	Treasurer
Joseph Bavaria	10/02/2023		Interim Treasurer
Joseph Bavaria	15/10/2021		International Councillor
Hendrik Jan Ankersmit	15/10/2021		Councillor
J. Rafael Sádaba	07/10/2022		Education Chair
J. Rafael Sádaba	15/10/2021	07/10/2022	Secretary General
Filip Casselman	07/10/2022		Acquired Cardiac Domain Chair
Jürgen Hörer	15/10/2021		Congenital Disease Domain Chair
A Zientara		07/10/2022	Resident Representative
Richard Milton	15/10/2021		Thoracic Disease Domain Chair
M Hazekamp		07/10/2022	Past President
Konstantinos Tsagakis	09/10/2020		Vascular Disease
Nabil Hussein	07/10/2022		Resident Representative

## **Structure, governance and management (continued)**

### ***Committees, Domains and Task Forces***

The work of the Council is supported by a number of committees and task forces. EACTS has 4 Domains which represent the principal areas of clinical activity; the Chairs of these important Domains are Council members (Trustees). The Domains manage key activities across the Association and oversee most task forces, which are set up to support the plethora of activities from the Scientific Programme at the Annual Meeting to Academy Courses and webinars, Guideline projects, fellowships and other activities which may be established and delegated by Council. As at March 2023, EACTS has 4 Domains, 8 active organisational committees, 2 standing committees and 17 task forces (excluding task forces set up for guidelines' purposes).

EACTS liaises with the Chairs to manage the governance, membership, terms of references and activities of the groups below. Members and official changes to terms of reference (including task force names, objectives and activities) are subject to approval by the relevant Domain Chair and EACTS Council.

### ***Updates in March 2022 – March 2023***

#### ***Committees***

As at March 2022, EACTS has 8 active organisational committees and 2 standing committees. The Finance and Operations Committee was established as a standing committee to ensure best processes and transparency in the financial management of the Association, ensuring the Council is well informed and budgets are in place. The Quality Improvement Programme (QUIP) Committee was set up, Chaired by Dr Edgar Daeter, to lead a new strategy on the Programme which oversees current and potential future Registries under EACTS' wing. The Allied Health Professionals Committee is a new committee that was established by Council, Chaired by Dr Richard Van Valen, to support the expanding heart team and their activities involved in cardiothoracic surgery, for the benefit of improving patient outcomes. All committees are governed by EACTS and play an active role in helping the Association meet its objectives across a broad range of areas.

As at March 2023, EACTS has 17 task forces. Task forces set up in 2022/2023 include the Thoracic Robotic Task Force, which was established alongside the Cardiac Robotic Task Force; both task forces manage parallel activities and are aligned, but with separate cardiac/thoracic foci. A second thoracic task force was set up, conveying the expanding activities of the thoracic domain, which is the Solitary Pulmonary Nodules Task Force, led by Dr Giuseppe Cardillo. The Adult Cardiac Database Task Force was revived for the purpose of redeveloping the Adult Cardiac Database and overseen by the new QUIP Committee.

The Imaging Task Force, previously under the Acquired Cardiac Disease Domain, was closed and the Research Methodology Task Force merged into the Translational Research and Surgical Science Task Force.

**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**Updates in March 2022 – March 2023 (continued)**

*Committees (continued)*

Domain	Task Forces	Committees
Acquired Cardiac Disease (A)	Adult Cardiac Database (QUIP)	<b>Allied Health Professionals</b>
Congenital Heart (C)	Aortic Dissection (V)	Clinical Practice Guidelines
Thoracic Disease (T)	Aortic Valve including AV Repair (A)	Education
Vascular Disease (V)	Acquired Robotic Surgery (A)	EUROMACS
	Arrhythmia (A)	<b>Finance and Operations (standing)</b>
	Aviation Medicine and Cardiac Surgery	Francis Fontan Fund Fellowships
	Cerebral and Visceral Protection (V)	<b>Quality Improvement Programme (QUIP)</b>
	Connective Tissue Disease (V)	Residents
	Coronary (A)	Nominations (Standing)
	Endovascular Aortic Repair (V)	Women in Cardio-Thoracic Surgery
	Heart Failure (A)	
	New Technology (A)	
	<b>Solitary Pulmonary Nodules (T)</b>	
	<b>Thoracic Robotic Surgery (T)</b>	
	Transcatheter Techniques (A)	
	Translational Research and Surgical Science (A)	

The above groups are the backbone of the organisation and play an important role in the EACTS mission, leadership, and activities. EACTS is continuously updating and monitoring governance processes of the above groups to better reflect the transparency and impartiality with which EACTS governs. Opportunities to join Domains, Committees and Task Forces are open to all EACTS membership. Members are selected via a self-nomination process, based on the relevant skill set, experience and/or requirements for the specific group's purpose. In some cases (e.g. for Committee Chair role), interviews may be held by an EACTS Panel. The selected candidates will require approval from the Secretary General and proposed at quarterly Council meetings. The new nomination process for the domains and task forces was successfully piloted in the 2022 year and achieved its aim to engage with members, recruit new skills and expertise, and ensure a fair and transparent selection process.

**Key management personnel and staffing**

At the end of March 2023, EACTS employed a total of 17 employees in the Windsor office, four of whom work part time, to support the delivery of the organisation's objectives.

During the year, six new staff members were employed, including the Association's first full-time Chief Executive.

The Association considers its key management personnel to comprise its Trustees: including Executive Committee (the Officers of the Association), the Secretary General, and the Chief Executive.



## Structure, governance and management (continued)

### ***Remuneration policy***

The Trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services as Trustees. EACTS reviews employee pay annually. The organisation considers an award to reflect inflation (considering national guidance for inflation and average earnings for the preceding year). The Council also reviews pay for the Chief Executive on behalf of the Trustees, and the Chief Executive oversees this process for the staff team. During the year, a comprehensive performance review, objective setting and appraisal process was introduced for all staff, including the Chief Executive. This step, an important part of the modernization programme for the Association, will support the delivery of key strategic objectives and will, over time, be extended to an appraisal process for key trustees and Council officers.

### ***Risk assessment***

The Board of Trustees maintains a risk assessment system which uses a numerical assessment of risk, based on likely impact on the organisation's ability to thrive, and likelihood. An accompanying management commentary details the steps taken (or to be taken) to ameliorate the risk and a resulting 'adjusted risk score' is recorded.

The Trustees can confirm therefore that the risks to which the Association is exposed have been reviewed and actions are in place to mitigate those risks.

Current risks of greatest concern include:

1. **Annual Meeting: Problem with Venue or 'act of God' impacts event.** There is little the Association can do to ameliorate the potential impact of either an international (e.g. the 2020 global COVID-19 pandemic), national (e.g. the Eyjafjallajökull volcano eruption that impacted European air travel) or local event. However, venues for the Annual Meeting are always chosen with surety and a proven track record in hosting similar events in mind, and comprehensive event insurance is always in place to ameliorate the impact of any late stage, unavoidable cancellation.
2. **Publications: Open access and the changes in funding mandates around OA impact on the management and success of our journals.** For EJCTS we currently meet most funding mandates around OA through 'Read and Publish' agreements with our Publisher, Oxford University Press. ICVTS is compliant with all mandates as a fully open access journal. We will also model future conversion of EJCTS to a fully open access model.
3. **Publications: Publishing ethical issues (including plagiarism, author disputes, fraudulent data etc).** Statistical reviews are provided for all original research by a team of statistical reviewers on the journals editorial boards. We also have an agreement in place with the UCL to support on meta-analysis where concerns are raised on specific papers. Our Publisher also provides plagiarism checking software for flagged papers.
4. **Office & Governance: Office – Cybersecurity and IT.** Doherty Associates, the Association's full service IT support provider, oversees and regularly tests EACTS' IT security issues. All appropriate measures are in place including multi-factor authentication and the full Microsoft security landscape.

## Financial review

### *Financial position*

The statement of financial activities on page 26 summarises income and expenditure for the year for the charity and its subsidiaries. The balance sheet, which shows the position of the charitable company at the year end and which the Trustees consider to be strong, is on page 27. The Trustees consider the level of current reserves of €21m is sufficient to meet future commitments. The organisation continues to hold high levels of reserves due to high-risk income streams and in order to provide for sustainable future funding.

### *Results for the year*

The Association has enjoyed another good financial year with income continuing to grow year on year (€5,723,976 in 2022/23 compared to €4,118,162 in the previous year – an increase of 39%). With more activity, expenditure inevitably increased (from €4,358,398 in 2021/22 to €6,540,423 in this year under report). Overall, the charity generated a modest deficit on its activities of €816,447 (2021/22 – €240,236).

We continue in our drive to address the major cost centres within the Association. After addressing our Publication activity in 2022, costs have significantly reduced while income has almost doubled (€723,796 compared to €416,579 in 2021/2022). This activity is now returning a profit. We continue to focus on our educational activities. Due to demand both in-person and virtual, courses are increasing however there is tighter cost control in place which will lead to positive results in future years. The Annual Meeting continues to make a profit (€1,361,284 compared to a profit of €642,964 in 2021/2022) thanks to increasing attendance.

### *Reserves policy*

Our reserves policy is to maintain sufficient cash reserves to cover the running costs of the Association – including all educational activity, membership services, publications, QUIP and Annual Meeting activities – for up to two years, assuming no income is achieved. This is currently the equivalent of approximately £10,000,000. These funds will be kept in short to medium term, accessible investments and cash deposits.

As at 31 March 2023 free reserves totalled €19,683,107 (2022: €20,447,020). Trustees note that reserves exceed the minimum required level and have agreed an investment strategy to utilise current free reserves in pursuit of the Association's charitable objectives. Further details are included within the Investment policy section below.

### *Investment policy*

The investment assets of EACTS are managed in accordance with the powers outlined in the Trustee Act 2000.

### Investment aims and objectives

EACTS Council has considered carefully how best to utilise current free reserves in pursuit of our charitable objects. To this end, Council has determined to establish a designated<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> As a designated fund, this 'investment' may be undesignated at any time by Trustees to meet the financial needs, or to be deployed to other priorities, as required.

**Financial review (continued)**

***Investment policy (continued)***

Investment aims and objectives (continued)

"Innovation Investment" of £10,000,000 to be invested in a long-term fund (with Sarasins LLP). Income from this investment will be 'designated' on receipt by the charity, into a "Research and Innovation Fund" within EACTS' accounts. At the end of each year, if the capital growth of the fund exceeds a net total of more than 4%, then up to 2% of the new capital value *may* also be transferred by Trustees into the "Research & innovation Fund". It is our intention that the total capital value will not fall below the starting value of the investment at the beginning of that year.

This designated fund may be used, at the discretion of Council, to support the Association's emerging agenda in research and innovation, which is a key component of the Association's emerging five-year strategy.

In addition to this investment, other reserves will be retained to meet the Association's reserves policy.

Investment spread

EACTS will therefore maintain three broad cash/investment tranches. These are;

1. The Innovation Investment - long-term reserves which are not required for the running of, or the reserves policy of, the Association. These funds will be placed in long term, less accessible investment funds so as to preserve the capital value ahead of inflation. The long-term return objective is CPI +4%.
2. Medium-term reserves - these are funds that may be required by the Association in 18-60 months. These funds will be invested in cash deposits albeit likely with longer terms and higher interest returns.
3. Short-term reserves – these are funds required in 12-18 months, representing the Association's short-term cash needs. These funds will be invested in readily realisable and low-risk assets (e.g. cash, certificates of deposit, liquidity funds) including the charity's day-to-day checking account.

Risk

The key risk to the long-term reserves is inflation, and the longer-term and medium-term assets should be invested to mitigate this risk, accepting that the portfolio may experience capital volatility to achieve this.

The investment objective for the Innovation Investment should be achieved by investing in a range of diversified assets, including equities, bonds, property, cash, and alternative investments.

The short-term reserves are held to provide financial security, and may be required at short notice. As such, capital volatility cannot be tolerated and investment of these assets should be focused on minimising this.

**Financial review (continued)**

***Investment policy (continued)***

Risk (continued)

Additionally, EACTS will seek to utilise a range of good quality banks and investment institutions in order to 'spread' the Association's assets across a range of holders in order to minimise risk should any one or more of those institutions face collapse (this includes utilising cash management platforms, such as Insignis).

Ethical Policy

The investments should be managed in a responsible manner, with environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues incorporated in the investment process.

Investments in companies with a material level of exposure to the below should be avoided:

- ◆ Alcohol
- ◆ Armaments
- ◆ Gambling
- Tobacco.

Management, reporting and monitoring

The Charity has appointed a professional investment management firm to manage the assets on a discretionary basis, in line with this investment policy. The Charity has nominated a list of authorised signatories, which are required to approve instructions to the investment manager.

The manager will provide the following information on a quarterly basis: valuation of investments, transaction report, cash reconciliation, performance analysis and commentary.

The Finance & Operations Committee (F&OC) have responsibility for advising Council (Board of Trustees) on investment strategy and for monitoring the investment assets.

The F&OC will review the information provided by the investment manager at each quarterly meeting.

Performance of the long term reserves will be measured against inflation and agreed market indices.

The return of the short term reserves will be monitored against benchmark cash rates.

***Fundraising statement***

EACTS does not engage in public fundraising and does not use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. It nevertheless observes relevant fundraising regulations and codes. During the year there was no non-compliance with these regulations and codes and no complaints were received around fundraising practice.

**Financial review (continued)**

***Volunteers***

EACTS relies on and is extremely grateful for the support of groups of members who commit their time voluntarily and without remuneration to support the work of committees and task forces in pursuit of the organisation's objects. Volunteers support all areas of the Association's work; creating and reviewing educational content and courses, supporting the Journal's Editorial process and delivering the highest quality Annual Meeting programme.

***Related party transactions***

Related party transactions are disclosed under note 16.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also directors of the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the Trustees confirms that:

- ◆ so far as the Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- ◆ the Trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

## Trustees' Report Year to 31 March 2023

### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.


The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

P Myers

Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on:

  
5.10.2023

**Independent auditor's report to the Trustees and members of The European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery ('the parent charity') and its subsidiaries (together known as 'the group') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the balance sheets, the consolidated statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the group's income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- ◆ have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- ◆ the information given in the Trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ◆ the Trustees' report, which is also the directors' report for the purposes of company law, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ◆ adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable parent company; or
- ◆ the charitable parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ◆ certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- ◆ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- ◆ the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.



### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- ◆ the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- ◆ we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework (Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006) and those that relate to data protection (General Data Protection Regulation).

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- ◆ making enquiries of management as to their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- ◆ considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)**

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- ◆ performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- ◆ tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- ◆ enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters that we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Katharine Patel (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP  
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Buzzacott LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

07 November 2023

**Consolidated statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)**  
Year to 31 March 2023

	Notes	Un-restricted funds €	Restricted funds €	Total funds 2023 €	Un-restricted funds €	Restricted funds €	Total funds 2022 €
<b>Income from:</b>							
Charitable activities	2						
. Member subscriptions		625,609	—	625,609	725,413	—	725,413
. Corporate and partnership		—	—	—	36,800	—	36,800
. Other		29,500	12,280	41,780	500	—	500
Other trading activities	2						
. Annual Conference		3,681,251	—	3,681,251	2,484,240	—	2,484,240
. Publications and journals		723,796	—	723,796	416,579	—	416,579
. Educational activities		500,154	—	500,154	281,047	—	281,047
Investments	1	151,386	—	151,386	15,500	—	15,500
Foreign exchange gain		—	—	—	158,083	—	158,083
<b>Total income</b>		<b>5,711,696</b>	<b>12,280</b>	<b>5,723,976</b>	<b>4,118,162</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,118,162</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Trading activities							
. Annual Conference		2,319,968	—	2,319,968	1,841,276	—	1,841,276
. Publications and journals		195,908	—	195,908	816,088	—	816,088
. Educational activities		842,604	—	842,604	442,806	—	442,806
Charitable activities		2,871,933	12,280	2,884,213	1,258,228	—	1,258,228
Foreign exchange loss		297,730	—	297,730	—	—	—
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<b>6,528,143</b>	<b>12,280</b>	<b>6,540,423</b>	<b>4,358,398</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,358,398</b>
<b>Net expenditure for the year and net movement in funds</b>	5	<b>(816,447)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(816,447)</b>	<b>(240,236)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(240,236)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total fund balances brought forward at 1 April	13	21,852,328	—	21,852,328	22,092,564	—	22,092,564
<b>Total fund balances carried forward at 31 March</b>		<b>21,035,881</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>21,035,881</b>	<b>21,852,328</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>21,852,328</b>

All of the group and charity's activities derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

All recognised gains or losses are included in the above statement of financial activities.

## Balance sheets 31 March 2023

	Notes	Group 2023 €	Group 2022 €	Charity 2023 €	Charity 2022 €
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Intangible fixed assets	8	—	25,013	—	—
Tangible fixed assets	9	<b>1,352,774</b>	1,380,295	<b>1,348,442</b>	1,375,213
Investments	10	—	—	3	3
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>1,352,774</b>	<b>1,405,308</b>	<b>1,348,445</b>	<b>1,375,216</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Debtors	11	<b>779,217</b>	966,845	<b>415,541</b>	1,570,266
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>20,236,093</b>	20,933,232	<b>19,141,867</b>	19,370,883
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>21,015,310</b>	<b>21,900,077</b>	<b>19,557,408</b>	<b>20,941,149</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<b>(1,332,203)</b>	(1,453,057)	<b>(468,149)</b>	(655,823)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>19,683,107</b>	<b>20,447,020</b>	<b>19,089,259</b>	<b>20,285,326</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>21,035,881</b>	<b>21,852,328</b>	<b>20,437,704</b>	<b>21,660,542</b>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>					
Unrestricted funds	13	<b>21,035,881</b>	21,852,328	<b>20,437,704</b>	21,660,542
		<b>21,035,881</b>	<b>21,852,328</b>	<b>20,437,704</b>	<b>21,660,542</b>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

P Myers



The European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, Company Limited by Guarantee  
Company Registration Number 07401765 (England and Wales)

Approved by the Trustees on:

5.10.2023

## Consolidated statement of cash flows Year to 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities	A	<u>(794,885)</u>	<u>(302,018)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Investment income		151,386	15,500
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(53,640)</u>	<u>(55,972)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>97,746</u>	<u>(40,472)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>(697,139)</b>	<b>(342,490)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April</b>	B	<b>20,933,232</b>	<b>21,275,722</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March</b>	B	<b><u>20,236,093</u></b>	<b><u>20,933,232</u></b>

### Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 31 March 2023:

#### A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash used in operating activities

	2023 €	2022 €
<b>Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	<b>(816,447)</b>	<b>(240,236)</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charge	81,170	48,272
Amortisation charge	25,013	66,700
Investment income	(151,386)	(15,500)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	187,628	(232,024)
(Decrease) increase in creditors	(120,863)	70,770
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b><u>(794,885)</u></b>	<b><u>(302,018)</u></b>

#### B Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 €	2022 €
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>20,236,093</u>	<u>20,933,232</u>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b><u>20,236,093</u></b>	<b><u>20,933,232</u></b>

#### C Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2022 €	Cash flows €	At 31 March 2023 €
Cash at bank and in hand	20,933,232	(697,139)	<b>20,236,093</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,933,232</b>	<b>(697,139)</b>	<b><u>20,236,093</u></b>

## Principal Accounting Policies 31 March 2023

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

### **Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 March 2023 and are presented in euros and are rounded to the nearest euro.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

### **Basis of consolidation**

The statement of financial activities and the balance sheet consolidate the assets, liabilities, income and expenditure of the charity and its wholly owned subsidiaries: EACTS Trading Company Limited, EACTS Publishing Limited and European Academy for Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery Limited. The results of the subsidiary undertakings are consolidated on a line-by-line basis.

No separate statement of financial activities has been presented for the charity alone as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The charity made a loss of €1,222,838 (2022 – €219,228) during the year.

### **Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees and management to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ♦ estimating the useful economic life of tangible and intangible fixed assets for the purposes of determining a depreciation and amortisation rate;
- ♦ estimating the allocation of staff and support costs to activities;
- ♦ estimating the value of the bad debt provision; and
- ♦ estimating future cashflows for the purpose of assessing going concern.

**Assessment of going concern**

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements. They have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are of the opinion that the group and the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The most significant areas of judgement that affect items in the financial statements are detailed above.

From March 2023, the activities of EACTS have continued to grow. The in-person education courses have increased in terms of both attendee numbers and the number of events. EACTS has kept some of the courses in virtual format due to demand, but the majority of the courses are now, once again, in person. The 2023 Annual Meeting is recovering after Covid and we see our attendance numbers recover year on year although we are not at pre-Covid level yet. The Association's reserves level continues to offer reassurance that we can continue our business long-term despite the global economic uncertainties.

**Income recognition**

Income is recognised in the period in which the group and the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises subscriptions, meeting registration fees, income from other trading activities and interest receivable.

Subscription income is accounted for in the period it is receivable. The income arising from meetings is recognised on a receivable basis. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor or funder has specified that the income is to be expended in a future accounting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the group and the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Income in relation to distributions received under Gift Aid are recognised at the time of the distribution.

**Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the group and the charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

**Expenditure recognition (continued)**

- ◆ Expenditure on raising funds which includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the group and the charity, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- ◆ Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the group and the charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include direct and support costs, including governance costs.

**Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the group and the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of personnel development, financial procedures, provision of office services and equipment and a suitable working environment.

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs and governance costs are apportioned on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

**Intangible fixed assets**

Intangible assets costing €1,000 or more are capitalised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost of value or the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision of impairment.

Amortisation is provided for at rates calculated to write off the cost of the asset, less its residual value, over its expected useful life on the following basis:

Rights to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	10% straight line
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**Tangible fixed assets**

All assets costing more than €1,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised. A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value and recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments through the statement of financial activities.

All tangible fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated at rates calculated in order to write off the cost less residual value over their estimated useful lives:

Long leasehold property	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Office equipment	33% straight line
Computer equipment	33% straight line



**Investments**

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are included at cost with provision being made for any permanent diminution in value.

**Fund accounting**

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, or their use is restricted to, a specific purpose, or contributions subject to donor imposed conditions.

General funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the charity's charitable objectives.

Designated funds represent monies which the Trustees have set aside for a specific purpose.

**Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the group and the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

**Pension costs**

The group and the charity operates a defined contribution scheme on behalf of its employees. The assets are held in separately administered funds. Contributions are charged to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they fall due.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the charity and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets – other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost.

## 1 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2023 Total funds €	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2022 Total funds €
Interest receivable	151,386	—	151,386	15,500	—	15,500

## 2 Charitable and other trading income

	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2023 Total funds €	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2022 Total funds €
<b>Charitable activities:</b>						
. Member subscriptions	625,609	—	625,609	725,413	—	725,413
. Corporate and partnership	—	—	—	36,800	—	36,800
. Other	29,500	12,280	41,780	500	—	500
<b>Other trading activities:</b>						
. Annual conference	3,681,251	—	3,681,251	2,484,240	—	2,484,240
. Publications and journals	723,796	—	723,796	416,579	—	416,579
. Educational activities	500,154	—	500,154	281,047	—	281,047
	5,560,310	12,280	5,572,590	3,944,579	—	3,944,579

## 3 Total expenditure

Allocation of support costs to charitable activities:

	Direct costs €	Support costs €	2023 Total funds €	Direct costs €	Support costs €	2022 Total funds €
<b>Charitable activities</b>	878,081	2,006,132	2,884,213	504,269	753,959	1,258,228
<b>Trading activities:</b>						
. Annual conference	1,689,585	630,383	2,319,968	1,408,894	432,382	1,841,276
. Publications and journals	394,131	(198,223)	195,908	659,029	157,059	816,088
. Educational activities	772,581	70,023	842,604	417,707	25,099	442,806
Foreign exchange loss	—	297,730	297,730	—	—	—
	3,734,378	2,806,045	6,540,423	2,989,899	1,368,499	4,358,398

Support costs are apportioned on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### 3 Total expenditure (continued)

Support costs comprise the following:

	2023 Total €	2022 Total €
Staff costs (note 7)	527,049	353,706
Other staff related costs	76,554	53,649
Council expenses	147,853	7,158
Office costs	109,774	42,161
Depreciation (note 9)	81,170	48,272
Amortisation (note 8)	25,013	66,700
Premises	41,300	98,367
EBTCS costs	52,748	17,416
Marketing	211,451	151,635
Software development	111,787	84,736
Consultancy	448,603	348,191
Governance costs (note 4)	146,019	74,376
Bank charges	67,094	49,715
Bad debt expense	461,900	(27,906)
Sundry expenses	—	323
Foreign exchange loss	297,730	—
	<b>2,806,045</b>	<b>1,368,499</b>

### 4 Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2023 Total funds €	Unrestricted funds €	Restricted funds €	2022 Total funds €
Legal and professional fees	109,149	—	109,149	17,877	—	17,877
Audit and accountancy fees	36,870	—	36,870	56,499	—	56,499
	<b>146,019</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>146,019</b>	<b>74,376</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>74,376</b>

### 5 Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2023 Total €	2022 Total €
Staff costs (note 7)	910,336	919,707
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
. Owned by the charitable group (note 9)	81,170	48,272
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets (note 8)	25,013	66,700
Auditors' remuneration:		
. Audit services – current year	30,223	27,857
. Audit services – prior year	6,647	227
. Non audit services	5,096	26,244

## 6 Trustees' remuneration

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or any benefits in kind (2022 – none). During the year ended 31 March 2023, EACTS reimbursed the employing trust of the Secretary General for his time, amounting to €nil. (2022 – £41,480).

During the year, 14 Trustees received reimbursement of travel expenses of €43,283 (2022 – €1,565 to four trustees).

## 7 Staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel

	2023 Total €	2022 Total €
Wages and salaries	789,353	606,491
Wages and salaries of staff employed by external organisations	—	249,067
Social security costs	92,034	49,353
Other pension costs	28,949	14,796
	<b>910,336</b>	<b>919,707</b>

Total staff costs have been allocated to direct staff costs and support costs based on an estimate of time spent in each area. These are allocated as follows:

	2023 Total €	2022 Total €
Direct staff costs	383,287	566,001
Support costs (note 3)	527,049	353,706
	<b>910,336</b>	<b>919,707</b>

The average number of persons employed by the group during the year was as follows:

	2023 Total No.	2022 Total No.
Administration staff	6	3
Operational staff	9	6
Other staff members employed by external organisations	—	4
	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>

Number of employees (excluding those employed by external organisations) whose total emoluments fall within the following ranges for the year:

	2023 Total No.	2022 Total No.
€60,001 - €70,000	1	2
€70,001 - €80,000	1	1
€80,001 - €90,000	1	—
€90,001 - €100,000	1	—

Pension contributions for these employees were €10,268 (2022: €4,761).

**7 Staff costs and remuneration of key management personnel (continued)**

The key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis comprise the Trustees, the CEO, the Events Director and Publishing Director. The total employment costs (including employers' national insurance and pension contributions) of the key management personnel for the year was €354,653 (2022: €209,993).

**8 Intangible fixed assets**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Journal title €</b>	<b>Total €</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	667,000	<b>667,000</b>
<b>Amortisation</b>		
At 1 April 2022	641,987	<b>641,987</b>
Charge for the year	25,013	<b>25,013</b>
At 31 March 2023	667,000	<b>667,000</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>		
At 31 March 2023	—	<b>—</b>
At 31 March 2022	25,013	<b>25,013</b>

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Long leasehold property €</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; fittings €</b>	<b>Office equipment €</b>	<b>Computer equipment €</b>	<b>Total €</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 2022	1,593,816	102,564	18,611	296,395	<b>2,011,386</b>
Additions	17,739	—	14,693	21,214	<b>53,646</b>
At 31 March 2023	1,611,555	102,564	33,304	317,609	<b>2,065,032</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 2022	319,364	97,133	15,063	199,531	<b>631,091</b>
Charge for the year	22,880	5,431	4,787	48,072	<b>81,170</b>
At 31 March 2023	342,244	102,564	19,850	247,603	<b>712,261</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 March 2023	1,269,311	—	13,454	70,006	<b>1,352,771</b>
At 31 March 2022	1,274,452	5,431	3,548	96,864	<b>1,380,295</b>

## 9 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Charity	Long leasehold property €	Fixtures & fittings €	Office equipment €	Computer equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 2022	1,593,816	101,928	13,220	240,603	<b>1,949,567</b>
Additions	17,739	—	14,693	16,109	<b>48,541</b>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,611,555</u>	<u>101,928</u>	<u>27,913</u>	<u>256,712</u>	<u><b>1,998,108</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 2022	319,364	96,527	9,944	148,519	<b>574,354</b>
Charge for the year	22,880	5,401	4,515	42,516	<b>75,312</b>
At 31 March 2023	<u>342,244</u>	<u>101,928</u>	<u>14,459</u>	<u>191,035</u>	<u><b>649,666</b></u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,269,311</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>13,454</u>	<u>65,677</u>	<u><b>1,348,442</b></u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,274,452</u>	<u>5,401</u>	<u>3,276</u>	<u>92,084</u>	<u><b>1,375,213</b></u>

## 10 Fixed asset investments

	2023 Total €	2022 Total €
<b>Charity: investment in group undertakings</b>		
<b>Market value</b>		
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u><b>3</b></u>	<u><b>3</b></u>

All the fixed asset investments are held within the UK. For further details, please see note 17.

## 11 Debtors

	Group 2023 €	Group 2022 €	Charity 2023 €	Charity 2022 €
Trade debtors	<b>111,204</b>	733,116	—	651,300
Amounts owed by group undertakings	—	—	<b>137,336</b>	709,707
VAT recoverable	—	—	<b>179,926</b>	209,259
Other debtors	—	50,571	—	—
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>668,013</b>	183,158	<b>98,279</b>	—
	<u><b>779,217</b></u>	<u>966,845</u>	<u><b>415,541</b></u>	<u>1,570,266</u>

## 12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2023 €	Group 2022 €	Charity 2023 €	Charity 2022 €
Trade creditors	<b>289,167</b>	123,243	<b>64,072</b>	142,702
Other taxation and social security	<b>82,784</b>	102,388	—	—
Other creditors	<b>78,235</b>	329,278	<b>883</b>	651
Accruals and deferred income	<b>882,008</b>	898,148	<b>403,194</b>	512,470
	<u><b>1,332,194</b></u>	<u>1,453,057</u>	<u><b>468,149</b></u>	<u>655,823</u>

**12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)**

Included with creditors is deferred income relating to members subscriptions received in advance and future meetings and publications as set out below:

	<b>2023 Total €</b>	<b>2022 Total €</b>
Deferred income at 1 April	<b>565,550</b>	584,597
Resources deferred in year	<b>696,371</b>	565,550
Amounts released in year	<b>(565,550)</b>	(584,597)
Deferred income at 31 March	<b>696,371</b>	565,550

**13 Statement of funds**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022 €</i>	<i>Income €</i>	<i>Expenditure €</i>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2023 €</b>
<b>Group: 2023</b>				
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	21,852,328	5,711,696	(6,528,143)	<b>21,035,881</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>	—	12,280	(12,280)	—
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>21,852,328</b>	<b>5,723,976</b>	<b>(6,540,423)</b>	<b>21,035,881</b>

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022 €</i>	<i>Income €</i>	<i>Expenditure €</i>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2023 €</b>
<b>Charity: 2023</b>				
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	21,660,542	568,427	(1,791,265)	<b>20,437,704</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>	—	12,280	(12,280)	—
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>21,660,542</b>	<b>580,707</b>	<b>(1,803,545)</b>	<b>20,437,704</b>

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 €</i>	<i>Income €</i>	<i>Expenditure €</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 €</i>
<b>Group: 2022</b>				
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	22,092,564	4,118,162	(4,358,398)	21,852,328
<b>Restricted funds</b>	—	—	—	—
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>22,092,564</b>	<b>4,118,162</b>	<b>(4,358,398)</b>	<b>21,852,328</b>

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 €</i>	<i>Income €</i>	<i>Expenditure €</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 €</i>
<b>Charity: 2022</b>				
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	21,879,770	1,039,003	(1,258,231)	21,660,542
<b>Restricted funds</b>	—	—	—	—
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>21,879,770</b>	<b>1,039,003</b>	<b>(1,258,231)</b>	<b>21,660,542</b>

**14 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 €	Restricted funds 2023 €	Total funds 2023 €	Unrestricted funds 2022 €	Restricted funds 2022 €	Total funds 2022 €
<b>Group:</b>						
Intangible fixed assets	—	—	—	25,013	—	25,013
Tangible fixed assets	1,352,774	—	1,352,774	1,380,295	—	1,380,295
Current assets	21,015,310	—	21,015,310	21,900,077	—	21,900,077
Creditors due within one year	(1,332,203)	—	(1,332,203)	(1,453,057)	—	(1,453,057)
	<u>21,035,881</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>21,035,881</u>	<u>21,852,328</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>21,852,328</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 €	Restricted funds 2023 €	Total funds 2023 €	Unrestricted funds 2022 €	Restricted funds 2022 €	Total funds 2022 €
<b>Charity:</b>						
Tangible fixed assets	1,348,442	—	1,348,442	1,375,213	—	1,375,213
Investments	3	—	3	3	—	3
Current assets	19,557,408	—	19,557,408	20,941,149	—	20,941,149
Creditors due within one year	(468,149)	—	(468,149)	(655,823)	—	(655,823)
	<u>20,437,704</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>20,437,704</u>	<u>21,660,542</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>21,660,542</u>

**15 Pension commitments**

The group operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to €28,949 (2022 – €14,796). Contributions totalling €nil (2022 – €nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

**16 Related party transactions**

Amounts owed to the charity by its subsidiary undertakings:

	2023 €	2022 €
EACTS Trading Company Limited	137,336	709,707
EACTS Publishing Limited	—	—
European Academy for Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery Limited	—	—
	<u>137,336</u>	<u>709,707</u>

In the prior year, as a result of our relationship with the University of Freiburg – which was providing editorial services for our journals – we recorded a related party transaction as Professor Beyersdorf and Dr Siepe were both Trustees of EACTS and employees of the University of Freiburg. The funds paid by EACTS to the University were €68,542. The relationship between the University and EACTS has since ended and in the current year no payment was made.



**16 Related party transactions (continued)**

Also in the prior year, €224,641 was paid by EACTS to the University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust in respect of services provided, over a number of years, in the hosting of and support for the EACTS Adult Cardiac Database. Professor Domenico Pagano was, at the time, both an employee of the NHS Foundation concerned and a Trustee of EACTS. This relationship with the hospital has since concluded and in the current year no payment was made and Professor Pagano stopped being a Trustee of EACTS hence, no related party transaction needs to be recorded.

**17 Subsidiaries****EACTS Trading Company Limited**

Company registration number	03987972
Basis of control	Equity Shareholding and member
Equity shareholding %	100%
Total assets as at 31 March 2023	7,039,504
Total liabilities as at 31 March 2023	(453,381)
Total equity as at 31 March 2023	6,586,123
Turnover for the year ended 31 March 2023	3,682,285
Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023	(2,866,519)
Profit for the year ended 31 March 2023	816,593

**EACTS Publishing Limited**

Company registration number	06396790
Basis of control	Equity Shareholding and member
Equity shareholding %	100%
Total assets as at 31 March 2023	372,942
Total liabilities as at 31 March 2023	(3,679,516)
Total equity as at 31 March 2023	(3,306,574)
Turnover for the year ended 31 March 2023	723,796
Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023	(195,909)
Profit for the year ended 31 March 2023	527,887

**European Academy for Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery Limited**

Company registration number	05047175
Basis of control	Voting rights
Total assets as at 31 March 2023	285,318
Total liabilities as at 31 March 2023	(2,966,680)
Total equity as at 31 March 2023	(2,681,362)
Turnover for the year ended 31 March 2023	500,154
Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023	(842,618)
Loss for the year ended 31 March 2023	(342,464)

**17 Subsidiaries (continued)**

**European School for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery Limited**

Company registration number	04795997
Basis of control	Equity shareholding and member
Equity shareholding %	100%
Total assets as at 30 June 2023	1
Total equity as at 30 June 2023	1
Trading status	Dormant

**18 Capital commitments**

At the year end, the charity was committed to capital expenditure totalling €26,168 (2022: €nil).