



The European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS), the premier cardiovascular and thoracic surgery society, is currently accepting expressions of interest from qualified applicants for the Chairman position of the *European Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery (EBCTS)*.

The EBCTS has greatly expanded its influence after a period of examination development and revision and is committed to raising standards through assessment. The examination now comprises two distinct and high-quality components. Several European countries have adopted the level 1 examination as their training exit exam, illustrating the importance and quality of the EBCTS examinations.

The EBCTS chairman oversees the running of the Board.

Responsibilities

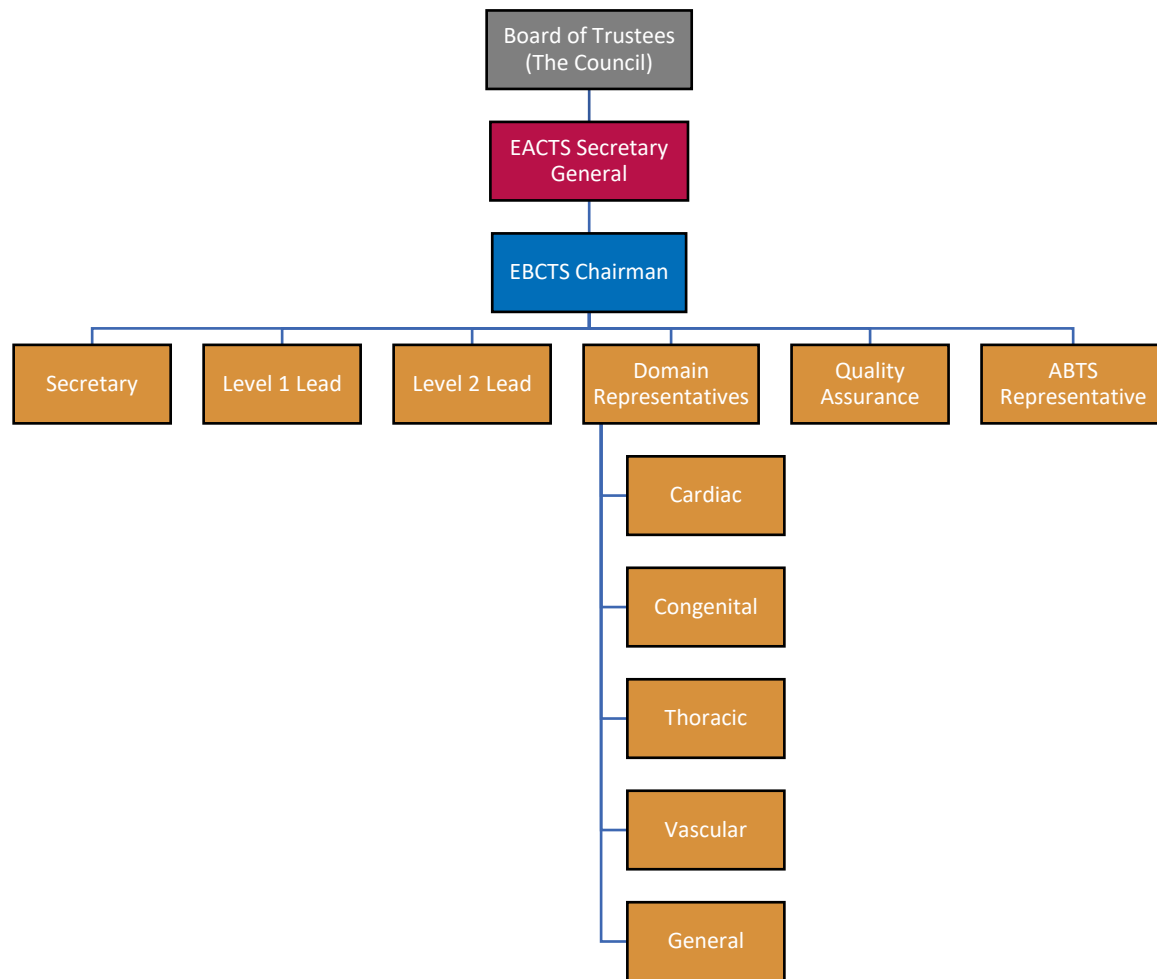
- Sets policies for the EBCTS in conjunction with EACTS Council and the executive committee of the EBCTS
- Works in conjunction with the EBCTS Board members and EACTS Council to develop and deliver the EBCTS examinations
- Works supportively and collaboratively with the EBCTS administrative team.
- Ensures transition of EBCTS to an even more professionalized body and contributes to developing regulations and defined processes
- Interfaces with candidates in all aspects of the examination and appeals
- Makes EBCTS candidate eligibility for examination and examination result decisions in a timely manner
- Maintains strong relationships with the cardiovascular and thoracic surgery communities worldwide
- Leads strategic initiatives and contributes to establishing succession planning to ensure appropriate continued function of the EBCTS
- Oversees Innovation and transition to computer-based examinations
- Available to travel; attends global conferences/meetings in the specialty and conferences on examination/assessment
- Helps disseminate the work done by the EBCTS and the outcomes of examinations
- Chairs EBCTS Board meetings
- Calls EBCTS Board meetings and other meetings/training activities in a timely fashion
- Works effectively with EACTS.
- Is spokesperson for the EBCTS
- Supervises examination appeal process
- Helps in managing the liability inherent to permissive examinations on behalf of EBCTS and EACTS, with the support from EBCTS Board, legal advisors and EACTS
- Holds regular phone or Zoom meetings with members of the Board

- Collaborates with the Director of the EACTS Academy and the Domains/Task forces to ensure appropriate delivery of training related to the EBCTS Syllabus
- He is responsible to the Secretary general and Accountable to the Council of EACTS.
- Provides regular Reports to the Secretary General and to Council (when required)
- Establishes and maintains communication and exchanges with equivalent international Boards
- Communicates with all stakeholders
- Reports to Council through the secretary general or in person when requested

Qualifications

- Significant experience in training, attested by a having reached a position of Fellowship program director or equivalent status in the Country of Origin
- Significant experience in standardized high-quality examinations at a national or international level
- Previously engaged in EBCTS examinations (desirable)
- Formal training in exam construction and delivery for both QA and oral examinations
- Experience of EACTS Academy involvement as a teacher (desirable)
- Strong reputation in the field of Cardiothoracic Surgery and maintains solid ethics
- Clear vision and contemporary understanding of the specialty with ability to adapt to ongoing specialty changes
- Relates to peers and staff in a positive, constructive and supportive manner
- Published, peer-reviewed journal author in the field of training, assessment and the wider generality of cardiothoracic practice
- Academic appointment and active cardiovascular or thoracic surgeon
- Able to complete a three-year term beginning in October 2019 (term is renewable for three years pending satisfactory completion of first two years)
- Able to commit a significant amount of time to the duties outlined above, to remain in regular contact with members of the Board and supervise ongoing work and development
- Must be an EACTS member in good standing

Structure



Please submit expressions of interest (CV and Letter of Motivation) to Amanda Cameron, ebcts@Eacts.co.uk and Dr Patrick Myers, EBCTS Secretary, academic@myers.ch by 31 August. Interviews will be held during the month of September 2019.