



Affiliation Agreement between the European Society for Cardiovascular and Endovascular Surgery (ESCVS) and the MDPI Journal *Hearts*

An Affiliation Agreement is a complimentary agreement between a scientific society or association and an MDPI open access journal with the intention of increasing the visibility and impact of both parties.

This is an agreement between the owner of the journal:

MDPI AG
Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland

in the following 'journal': *Hearts*

AND

the society / organization:

European Society for Cardiovascular and Endovascular Surgery (ESCVS)
Dufourstrasse 32
8008 Zurich, Switzerland

in the following 'society'.



Procedure

The MDPI journal will display on its website a text, logo, and link saying that the journal is affiliated with the society. A mention will also be added in the journal flyer (online and printed).

The society will display on its website a text, logo, and link saying that the society is affiliated with the journal.

Benefits for ESCVS:

1. A 10% discount* on the article processing charges (APCs) to all society members who submit to the journal;
2. A 15% discount on language editing services (Standard, Rapid, and Academic) from [MDPI Author Services](#) to all society members;
3. The possibility to set up dedicated [Special Issues](#) (online and reprint) which meet the scope of the journal at favorable APC conditions;
4. The possibility to set up dedicated [Topics](#) issues (online and reprint) that meet the scope of the selected journals at favorable APC conditions (single interdisciplinary Topic publication spread over several MDPI journals);
5. The possibility to publish original open access books with [MDPI Books](#) at discounted rates. Open access books encompass a wide range of long-form academic publications, including monographs, edited volumes, and textbooks across disciplines;
6. Publication of selected conference report for free in the journal;
7. Publication of full conference proceedings in the [MDPI Proceedings Journals](#) at favorable financial conditions;
8. Publication of society conference announcements on the journal website;
9. The journal may sponsor different activities for society conferences (e.g., keynote speakers, travel grants, best poster awards, coffee breaks, etc.), depending on the scale, theme, and location of the conference and the annual marketing budget of the journal;
10. The possibility to advertise relevant society news in the journal newsletter and on its social media channels.
11. Full waiver of publication fees for the winners of the Young Researchers' Awards in the Congress of ESCVS (<https://escvs.com/event/74th-congress-of-the-european-society-of-cardiovascular-and-endovascular-surgery-escvs/>)

* If several authors of the same paper are society members, the affiliation discount will be applied only once. It can be combined with up to one other type of discount (reviewer vouchers, etc.), and the highest discount will apply.

Benefits for Hearts:

1. The society will display on its website a text, logo, and link saying that the society is affiliated with the journal. The society will regularly update this information if necessary (e.g., updating any journal metrics as part of the journal description text);
2. The society will promote the APC discount of the journal and other benefits outlined above, either through a member portal or regularly sent member newsletter;
3. The society may also recommend the journal to its members as affiliated/preferred/official journal, with a blurb of the above-mentioned affiliation benefits, as part of the online society membership typologies and descriptions;
4. The society may promote the journal or its selected articles / Special Issues / Topics / awards, or any other journal activities or news, on its own social medial channels;
5. The possibility to promote the Special Issues / Topics of the journal at the society conferences;
6. The society will display the journal logo at the society conferences for free.

Neutrality and Editorial Independence

MDPI and the journal maintain a position of strict neutrality with respect to political, religious, and ideological matters. Editorial decisions shall be made exclusively on the basis of academic merit, scholarly rigor, and the outcomes of the peer review process. The editorial board of the journal operates with full independence and shall exercise their functions free from influence or interference by management, stakeholders, or external parties, in accordance with recognized ethical principles and established editorial standards.

Final Provisions

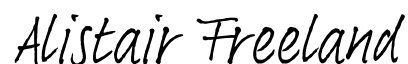
This agreement is valid for an unlimited period of time, unless an e-mail notification is given. Either party can cancel the agreement at any point in time.

On behalf of MDPI AG,

On behalf of ESCVS,

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