



## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

MORNING

07:30 Welcome and registration

08:30 **AUDITORIUM 1 - Opening ceremony**  
*Prof. Guy Brusselle (UZ Gent) - President of the BeRS*


08:40 **PLENARY SESSION**  **Accreditation Ethics & Economy**

**AUDITORIUM 1 - COPD session**

*Chairs: Eric Marchand - Thérèse Lapperre*

- 1 **Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency for the pneumologist: update**  
*Prof. Stephanie EVERAERTS (UZ Leuven)*
- 2 **Biologicals & mucus plugging in COPD: are we ready yet?**  
*Prof. Dave SINGH (Manchester University - UK)*
- 3 **Endobronchial valve treatment for severe emphysema: first report from the Belgian Registry**  
*Dr Olivier TATON (HUBruxelles - Hôpital Erasme)*

10:10 **Satellite Symposium**   
Targeting type 2 inflammation in COPD - *Prof. Therese Lapperre (UZ Antwerpen)*

**Satellite Symposium**   
Vaccination for adults and recommendations - *Prof. Eva Van Braeckel (UZ Gent)*

10:40 Coffee-break - Break to visit the exhibition hall & posters

11:15 **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**AUDITORIUM 1 - Respiratory Infections session**

*Chairs: Pieter Goeminne - Maria Gabrovska*

- 1 **Respiratory physiotherapy for the respiratory physician**  
*Prof. Bart Vrijsen (UZ Leuven)*
- 2 **Aspergillus and chronic lung disease: an innocent bystander or a pathogen?**  
*Prof. Eva Van Braeckel (UZ Gent)*
- 3 **Antimicrobial resistance for the pulmonologist**  
*Prof. Anand Shah (Imperial College/Royal Brompton Hospital London - UK)*

**AUDITORIUM 2 - Respiratory Somnology Session**

*Chairs: Gisèle Maury - Sonia De Weerd*

- 1 **Pregabalin: challenges & opportunities**  
*Dr. Lou Richelle (Unité de recherche en soins primaires - ULB)*
- 2 **Sleep in COPD patients: exploring complexities beyond overlap syndrome**  
*Dr. Dries Testelmans (UZ Leuven)*
- 3 **Innovative alternatives to CPAP for treating OSA**  
*Prof. Johan Verbraecken (UZ Antwerpen)*

12:45 Lunch - Break to visit the exhibition hall & posters

14:00

**PARALLEL SESSIONS****AUDITORIUM 1 - Science Session - Jean-Claude Yernault Awards 2024***Chairs: David Rutters - Lieven Dupont*

Presentation of abstracts (on-site/interaction/max 12 abstracts)

**AUDITORIUM 2 - Basic Science session - From cells to disease: a compartmental view***Chairs: Ken Bracke - Didier Cataldo*

- ➊ Vascular cells: In vivo and ex vivo 3D visualization of pulmonary vascular structures in experimental models - *Dr. Birger Tielemans (KULeuven)*
- ➋ Epithelial cells: Mucosal immunity in pulmonary fibrosis, further linking airways and alveoli - *Prof. Antoine Froidure (UCLouvain)*
- ➌ Immune cells: Translational approaches for resolving the effects of biologics in asthma; what do anti-IL-5 treatments really do? - *Prof. Christophe Desmet (ULiège)*

**AUDITORIUM 3 - Lung Peditary Award session***Chairs: Christophe Goubau - Heidi Schaballie*

Presentation of abstracts (on-site/interaction/max 8 abstracts)

15:30

**Satellite Symposium**  **Chiesi**

Unlocking the full potential of inhalation devices for everyday patient benefit

*Prof. Omar Usmani (Imperial College - London)***Satellite Symposium**  **MSD**

Sotatercept: a new paradigm for the treatment of pulmonary hypertension?

*Prof. Marion Delcroix (UZ Leuven)*

16:00

Break to visit the exhibition hall

16:30

**PARALLEL SESSIONS****AUDITORIUM 1 - Thoracic Oncology & Endoscopy joint session***Chairs: Charlotte De Bondt - Antoine Froidure*

- ➊ Management of trachea-broncho-oesophageal fistulas  
*Prof. Christophe Dooms (UZ Leuven)*
- ➋ Heredity factors in lung cancer  
*Dr. Daphné 't Kint van Roodenbeke (oncogeneticist - Institut Jules Bordet - Brussels)*
- ➌ TNM9 for lung cancer, thymic tumors and mesothelioma  
*Dr Apostolos AGRAFIOTIS (CHU Saint-Pierre Brussels)*

**AUDITORIUM 2 - Lung Peditary session***Chairs: Céline Kempeneers - Natalie Lorent*

Transition between childhood/adolescence &amp; adulthood

- ➊ Bronchopulmonary dysplasia: lung function trajectories & transition  
*Dr. Catheline Hocq (UCL)*
- ➋ Interstitial lung disease (ILD): CHILD: lung function trajectories & transition  
*Dr. Suzanne Terheggen-Lagro (Amsterdam UMC)*
- ➌ Primary Immune Deficiencies (PID) in childhood and adulthood  
*Dr. Filomeen Haerynck (UZ Gent) - Karlien Claes TBC*



18:00

Lifetime Achievement Award 2024

*Chair: Guy Brusselle**Awardee 2024: Prof. Marc Noppen (UZ Brussel)**Speaker: Prof. Eef Vanderhelst (UZ Brussel)*

18:15

Awards Ceremony 2024

*Chairs: Lieven Dupont & Florence Schleich*

18:45

**Closing Session**

19:45

**BeRS Evening**

# Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024

MORNING

07:30

Welcome and registration

08:30

BeRS General Assembly

Announcement of the results of the vote for the new BeRS Board 2025-2026

09:00

**PLENARY SESSION**  **Accreditation Ethics & Economy**

**AUDITORIUM 1 - Pulmonary Vascular Diseases session**

*Chairs: Laurent Godinas - Carole De Cock*

- 1** Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT): why, how and for whom?  
*Dr. Griet Vermeulen (UZ Antwerpen)*
- 2** Management of RV failure: what every pulmonologists should know  
*Prof. Vincent Labbé (HUBruxelles - Hôpital Erasme)*
- 3** Are we ready for treatment for PH in chronic lung diseases?  
*Prof. David Montani (CHU Bicêtre, Université Paris-Saclay)*

10:30

**SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**  AstraZeneca

New developments in EGPA treatment

*Prof. Florence Roufousse (HUBruxelles - Hôpital Erasme)*

**SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**  pulmonX

Bronchoscopic Lung Volume Reduction for COPD:  
expanding options for reducing breathlessness

*Prof. Stephanie Everaerts (UZ Leuven) & Dr. Olivier Taton (HUBruxelles - Hôpital Erasme)*

11:00

Break to visit the exhibition hall

11:30

**PARALLEL SESSIONS**

**AUDITORIUM 1 - Asthma & Allergy session**

*Chairs: Florence Schleich - Shane Hanon*

- 1** Allergic BronchoPulmonary Aspergillosis: its pathogenesis unraveled  
*Prof. Bart Lambrecht (UGent)*
- 2** The spectrum of Eosinophilic Granulomatosis and PolyAngiitis  
*Prof. Florence Roufousse (HUBruxelles - Hôpital Erasme)*
- 3** Phenotyping of sensitizer-induced occupational asthma  
*Prof. Olivier Vandenplas (CHU UCL Namur)*

**AUDITORIUM 2 - Interstitial Lung Diseases session**

*Chairs: Caroline Dahlqvist - Julien Guiot*

- 1** Radiotranscriptomics in ILD Management: reality & perspective  
*Dr Janine Gote-Schniering (Universität Bern, Switzerland)*
- 2** Genetics and ILD  
*Prof. Raphael Borie (Assistance publique - Hôpitaux de Paris, France)*
- 3** Lung cancer & ILD  
*Prof. Dr Els Wauters (UZ Leuven) & Dr. Valerie Adam (OLVZ Aalst)*

13:00

### Satellite Symposium **GSK**

Transforming severe asthma science

### Satellite Symposium **Boehringer Ingelheim**

**Lungs on fire : a multidisciplinary discussion on ILD cases**

*Prof. Vanessa Smith (rheumatologist UZ Gent)*

*Prof. Wim Wuyts (pulmonologist HUBruxelles - Hôpital Erasme)*

*Prof. Emmanuel Coche (radiologist UCL Saint-Luc)*

13:30

Lunch

14:30

### PLENARY SESSION **Accreditation Ethics & Economy**

*Chairs: Guy Brusselle - Carole De Cock*

#### **Empowering the next generation of pulmonologists : key areas and joint actions**

*The future of respiratory medicine specialists is shaped by several evolving trends and advancements in the medical field. It looks promising with technological advancements, personalized treatment approaches, and a greater focus on preventive care.*

*Pulmonologists will continue to play a crucial role in improving respiratory health and addressing the challenges posed by an evolving healthcare landscape.*

#### **1 The pulmonologist in 2030 : scope of practice. Actions in 2025 ?**

*Dr. Jan Lamont (Head of Pneumology - AZ Maria Middelaers / President of the VBS-GBS)*

#### **2 How can we reach the broader society ?**

*Prof. Didier Catalod (CHU Liège - President of the Belgian Lung Foundation)*

16:00

### AUDITORIUM 1 - Closing of the BPDays

*Prof. Guy Brusselle - President of the BeRS*

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