

Belgian Pneumology Days 2025

Preliminary program



Friday 12 December 2025

MORNING

08.00	Welcome and registration
09.00	QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Opening ceremony <i>Prof. Florence Schleich (CHU Liège) – President of the BeRS</i>
09.05	PARALLEL SESSION QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) Thoracic Oncology Session (Accreditation Ethics & economics) <i>CHAIRS: K. Cuppens (Jessa Ziekenhuis) – Charlotte De Bondt (ZAS) – Dr. Charles Soutif (UCL)</i> • Neutrophil diversity and patient-tailored treatment in lung cancer <i>Dr. Frank Aboubakar Nana (ULC Saint-Luc)</i> • Ethical Decision-Making in Oncology <i>Prof. Philippe Meersseman - TBC</i> • Mesothelioma: general treatment aspects & role of surgery <i>Prof. Veerle Surmont (UZ Gent)</i> CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Lung Pediatrics Award session <i>CHAIRS: Lore Van Bruwaene (CHU Saint-Pierre) – C. Kempeneers (CHU Liège)</i> • Presentation of abstracts
10.35	Coffee-break – Break to visit the exhibition hall & posters (1st floor)
11.30	PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) AstraZeneca  Integrative MDT care in severe asthma: latest therapeutic pathways for co-morbid patients with CRSwNP CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) GSK 
11.55	PARALLEL SESSION QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Interstitial Lung Diseases Session <i>CHAIRS: Caroline Dalhqvist (CHU-UCL Mont-Godinne) – Julien Guiot (CHU Liège)</i> <i>Dr. Marie Vermant (KULeuven)</i> • AI in Radiology: how can it help the clinician in the diagnosis and evaluation of ILD? <i>Prof. Joe Jacob (University College London, UK)</i> • Cystic lung diseases <i>Prof. Antoine Froidure (UCL Saint-Luc)</i> • New drugs and new trials in the ILD field <i>Prof. Wim Wuyts (KULeuven)</i> CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - COPD Session <i>CHAIRS: Therese Lapperre (UZA) – Eric Marchand (CHU-UCL Saint-Luc)</i> <i>Dr. Thor Hautekiet (UZ Gent)</i> • New hybrid approach for respiratory rehabilitation in Belgium <i>Prof. Wim Janssens (KULeuven)</i> • Do we need less or more spirometry in COPD <i>Prof. Frits Franssen (Maastricht University)</i> • Multimorbid aspects of COPD: the Belgian point of view <i>Prof. Lies Lahousse</i>
13.15	Lunch – Break to visit the exhibition hall & posters (with the BeRS WG Nursing Ground floor)



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AFTERNOON

14.30

PARALLEL SESSION

QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)

Clinical Science Session - Jean-Claude Yernault Awards 2025

CHAIRS: Lieven Dupont – Antoine Froidure

- **Presentation of abstracts**

CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Lung Pediatrics Session

CHAIRS: J. Willekens (UZ Gent) – Thomas Malfait (UZ Gent)

Unveiling the pediatric lung: innovation in Chest imaging

- **Pediatric Lung Ultrasound**

Dr. Michael Aertsen (UZ Leuven)

- **Pediatric Chest MRI**

Dr. Jobst Roehmel (Charité Universitätsmedizin, Berlin)

- **Pediatric Chest CT**

Dr. Daan Caudri (Erasmus, Rotterdam)

16.00

PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)  **Chiesi**

CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor)  **insmed**

- **Bronchiectasis uncovered: addressing treatable traits, patient burden and the power of early diagnosis**

Prof Dr James Chalmers, University of Dundee

16.30

Break to visit the exhibition hall

17.00

PARALLEL SESSION

QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Lung Function Session

CHAIRS: Prof. Eric Derom (UZ Gent) – Prof. Florence Schleich (CHU Liège)

Dr. Madeleine Scrivener (CHU UCL Saint-Luc)

- **Does oscillometry provide added value in the diagnosis and monitoring of asthma?**

Prof. Rory Chan (Dundee UK)

- **Methods for measurement of static volumes in a time of He-depletion**

Prof. Giuseppe Liistro (UCL Saint-Luc, Brussels) - TBC

- **Should we measure and monitor physical activity in obstructive diseases: how and when?**

Prof. Heleen Demeyer (UZ Gent)

CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Respiratory Somnology session

CHAIRS: Gisèle Maury (CHU-UCL Mont-Godinne) – Dominique Butenda (CHU-UCL Namur)

Dr. Shauni Willekens (UZ Brussel)

- **Deprescribing benzodiazepine receptor agonists in hospitalised older adults: from current practices to the development of a targeted intervention**

Dr. François-Xavier Sibille (CHU-UCL Namur)

- **Ageing and sleep: chronic insomnia and circadian disorders**

Dr. Nigitha Van Doorn (neuropsychologist UZ Brussel)

- **Ageing and sleep: dementia and related sleep disorders**

Dr. Sofia Madonado Sloopjes (UZ Brussel)

18.30

Closing Session

19.30

✦ BeRS EVENING – LA BOVERIE

FIRST PART OF THE EVENING – THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED AWARDS CEREMONY

Chairs: Florence Schleich – Lieven Dupont

- **Lifetime Achievement Award 2025**

- **Awards Ceremony 2025**

SECOND PART OF THE EVENING - ROCK YOUR LUNGS

Time to let go, feel the beat, and show us your best moves... respiratory rhythm encouraged!



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08.00 Welcome and registration

09.00

PARALLEL SESSION

QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Respiratory Infections Session

CHAIRS: Maria Gabrovská (CHU UCL Saint-Luc) – Sophie Gohy (CHU UCL Saint-Luc)

Dr. Saskia Bos (KULeuven)

- **Genetic therapy for lung diseases**

Dr. Marianne Carlon (KULeuven)

- **Pulmonary infections in the immunocompromised (in light of increasing use of all sorts of immunotherapy for a wide range of indications; to raise awareness about the need to broaden the diagnostic work-up)**

Proposed speakers: Cedric Bosteels (UZ Gent) - TBC

- **An update on bronchiectasis for the clinician**

Dr. Pieter Goeminne (VITAZ)

CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) – Pulmonary Vascular Diseases session

CHAIRS: Céline Dewachter (HUBruxelles - Erasme) – Laurent Godinas (UZ Leuven) – Laura Hardy (UZ Leuven)

- **From bench to bedside: everything a pneumologist needs to know on pathology of pulmonary vascular disease (but is afraid to ask)**

Dr. Maria Rosa Ghigna (Anatomo-cyto-pathologiste - Institut Gustave Roussy Villejuif)

- **Doctor, I'm still short of breath: how to handle persisting breathlessness after acute PE**

Prof. Marion Delcroix (UZ Leuven)

- **Old, new, borrowed and blue: trends in therapy for PAH**

Prof. Jean-Luc Vachiéry (HUB Hôpital Erasme)

10.30

PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)  **MSD**

- **From disease to prevention: update in pneumococcal disease burden and presentation of the new PCV21 in the Belgian context.**

CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) **sanofi**

10.55

Break to visit the exhibition hall

11.45

PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)  **Pfizer**

12.10

PARALLEL SESSION

QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Asthma & Allergy Session

CHAIRS: Shane Hanon (UZ Brussel) – Guy Brusselle (UZ Gent) – Mare Sabbe (CHU Liège)

- **Early life exposure to environmental factors controls Th2 sensitization to inhaled allergens**

Prof. Hamida Hammad (UGent)

- **Burden of high dose ICS**

Prof. Camille Taillé (Paris, France)

- **Asthma and pregnancy: breathing for two**

Prof. Saar van Nedevee-Bendien (Deventer Ziekenhuis, The Netherlands)

CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Thoracic Endoscopy Session

CHAIRS: Reinier Wener (UZ Antwerpen) – Antoine Froidure (CHU UCL Saint-Luc)

Olivier Bonhomme (CHU Liège)

- **Management of Pneumothorax**

Prof. Nick Maskell (Bristol, UK) - TBC

- **Ultrasound of pleura**

Dr. Vincent Heinen (CHU Liège)

- **Semi-rigid thoracoscopy**

Dr. Ales Rozman (Golnik, Slovenia)



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AFTERNOON

13.40 Lunch to visit the exhibition hall

14.30 BeRS General Assembly

14.45 PLENARY SESSION (Accreditation Ethics & Economy)

- **Tobacco end-game: political strategies towards a smoke-free and nicotine-free future**
A discussion on the ethical and economic implications of tobacco control policies, exploring how legislation can drive public health forward while balancing personal freedoms and healthcare costs.
- **Remote lungs, real data: is home spirometry the future of respiratory care?**
A forward-looking session on telemedicine and the integration of home-based spirometry, addressing questions of access, reliability, and long-term cost-effectiveness.
- **History of the sleep apnea convention and the stakes involved**
Dr. Gisèle Maury (CHU UCL Mont-Godinne)
In the current politically fluid situation, how can we maintain a patient-centric approach with a viable model for healthcare?

16.15 Closing session
Prof. Florence Schleich – President of the BeRS

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