

# Belgian Pneumology Days 2025

Preliminary program



## Friday 12 December 2025

MORNING

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| 08.00 | Welcome and registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 09.00 | <b>QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Opening ceremony</b><br><i>Prof. Florence Schleich (CHU Liège) – President of the BeRS</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 09.05 | <b>PARALLEL SESSION</b><br><b>QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)</b><br><b>Thoracic Oncology Session (Accreditation Ethics &amp; economics)</b><br><i>CHAIRS: K. Cuppens (Jessa Ziekenhuis) – Charlotte De Bondt (ZAS) – Dr. Charles Soutif (UCL)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Neutrophil diversity and patient-tailored treatment in lung cancer</b><br/><i>Dr. Frank Aboubakar Nana (ULC Saint-Luc)</i></li><li>• <b>Ethical Decision-Making in Oncology</b><br/><i>Prof. Philippe Meersseman - TBC</i></li><li>• <b>Mesothelioma: general treatment aspects &amp; role of surgery</b><br/><i>Prof. Veerle Surmont (UZ Gent)</i></li></ul> <b>CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Lung Pediatrics Award session</b><br><i>CHAIRS: Lore Van Bruwaene (CHU Saint-Pierre) – C. Kempeneers (CHU Liège)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Presentation of abstracts</b></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10.35 | Coffee-break – Break to visit the exhibition hall & posters (1st floor)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11.30 | <b>PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM</b><br><b>QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)</b> AstraZeneca <br><b>Integrative MDT care in severe asthma: latest therapeutic pathways for co-morbid patients with CRSwNP</b><br><b>CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor)</b> GSK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11.55 | <b>PARALLEL SESSION</b><br><b>QUEEN ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - Interstitial Lung Diseases Session</b><br><i>CHAIRS: Caroline Dalhqvist (CHU-UCL Mont-Godinne) – Julien Guiot (CHU Liège)</i><br><i>Dr. Marie Vermant (KULeuven)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>AI in Radiology: how can it help the clinician in the diagnosis and evaluation of ILD?</b><br/><i>Prof. Joe Jacob (University College London, UK)</i></li><li>• <b>Cystic lung diseases</b><br/><i>Prof. Antoine Froidure (UCL Saint-Luc)</i></li><li>• <b>New drugs and new trials in the ILD field</b><br/><i>Prof. Wim Wuyts (KULeuven)</i></li></ul> <b>CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor) - COPD Session</b><br><i>CHAIRS: Therese Lapperre (UZA) – Eric Marchand (CHU-UCL Saint-Luc)</i><br><i>Dr. Thor Hautekiet (UZ Gent)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>New hybrid approach for respiratory rehabilitation in Belgium</b><br/><i>Prof. Wim Janssens (KULeuven)</i></li><li>• <b>Do we need less or more spirometry in COPD</b><br/><i>Prof. Frits Franssen (Maastricht University)</i></li><li>• <b>Multimorbid aspects of COPD: the Belgian point of view</b><br/><i>Prof. Lies Lahousse</i></li></ul> |
| 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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# Saturday 13 December 2025

## MORNING

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)**  
*Dr. Cedric Bosteels (UZ Gent)*
- **An update on bronchiectasis for the clinician**  
*Dr. Pieter Goeminne (VITAZ)*

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

*CHAIRS: Céline Dewachter (HUB Bruxelles - 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**  
*Dr. Farah Shiham (Bristol, UK)*
- **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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