

Belgian Pneumology Days 2025

Preliminary program



Friday 12 December 2025

MORNING

08.00	Welcome and registration
09.00	REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) OPENING CEREMONY <i>Prof. Florence Schleich (CHU Liège) - President of the BeRS</i>
09.05	PARALLEL SESSION REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) THORACIC ONCOLOGY SESSION (ACCREDITATION ETHICS & ECONOMICS) <i>CHAIRS: K. Cuppens (Jessa Ziekenhuis) - 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>Dr. Annelies Janssens (UZ Antwerpen)</i> • Mesothelioma: general treatment aspects & role of surgery <i>Prof. Veerle Surmont (UZ Gent)</i> SALLE SIMEON (Ground Floor 0) LUNG PEDIATRY AWARDS SESSION <i>CHAIRS: Lore Van Bruwaene (CHU Saint-Pierre) - Julie Willekens (UZ Gent)</i> • Presentation of abstracts
10.35	Coffee-break - Break to visit the exhibition hall & posters (1st floor)
11.20	PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)  AstraZeneca • Integrative MDT care in severe asthma: latest therapeutic pathways for co-morbid patients with CRSwNP <i>Prof. Guy Brusselle & Dr. Philippe Gevaert (UZ Gent)</i> CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor)  GSK • Disease stability and comparative effectiveness study in COPD <i>Prof. Louis Vanfleteren & Prof. Renaud Louis (CHU Liège)</i>
11.45	PARALLEL SESSION REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES SESSION <i>CHAIRS: Caroline Dalhqvist (CHU-UCL Mont-Godinne) - Julien Guiot (CHU Liège) - 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 Namur-Godinne) - 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 (UZ Gent)</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

SALLE SIMEON (Ground Floor 0) LUNG PEDIATRY SESSION

CHAIRS: Céline Kempeneers (CHU Liège) - Thomas Malfait (UZ Gent) - Toon Dominicus (UZ Leuven)

UNVEILING THE PEDIATRIC LUNG: INNOVATION IN CHEST IMAGING

- Pediatric Lung Ultrasound Dr. Michael Aertsen (UZ Leuven)
- Pediatric Chest CT Dr. Daan Caudri (Erasmus, Rotterdam)
- Pediatric Chest MRI Dr. Mirjam Stahl (Charité Universitätsmedizin, Berlin)

14.30

PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)

- COPD Redefined: Understanding Type 2 Inflammation for Better Patient Outcomes
Prof. Wim Janssens (UZ Leuven)

CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor)

- From data to vaccination in Belgium: understanding the need for PCV20 and how to improve the confidence and the communication to the public"
Dr. Julien De Greef (Service de médecine interne et Maladies infectieuses - CHU UCL Saint-Luc)

14.55

REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)

CLINICAL SCIENCE SESSION - Jean-Claude Yernault AWARDS 2025

CHAIRS: Lieven Dupont - Antoine Froidure

- Presentation of abstracts

16.00

PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)

- From curing patients to caring for our planet: the environmental impact of our healthcare system
Dr. Brecht De Tavernier (Head of department Emergency Medicine ZAS - Founder Net Zero Healthcare Impact)

CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor)

- Bronchiectasis uncovered: addressing treatable traits, patient burden and the power of early diagnosis
Prof Dr James Chalmers, University of Dundee

16.25

Break to visit the exhibition hall

17.00

PARALLEL SESSION

REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor) LUNG FUNCTION SESSION

CHAIRS: Eric Derom (UZ Gent) - Florence Schleich (CHU Liège)

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)
- 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)

Shauni Wellekens (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 (clinical psychologist UZ Brussel)
- Ageing and sleep: dementia and related sleep disorders
Dr. Sofia Maldonado Sootjes (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!

08.00

Welcome and registration

09.00

PARALLEL SESSION

REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)

RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS SESSION

CHAIRS: Maria Gabrovskva (CHU Saint-Pierre) - Sophie Gohy (CHU UCL Saint-Luc) - Saskia Bos (KULeuven)

- **Genetic therapy for lung diseases**
Prof. Marianne Carlon (KULeuven)
- **Pulmonary infections in the immunocompromised**
Dr. Cedric Bosteels (UZ Gent)
- **Bronchiectasis for the clinician: an update**
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

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

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

- **From disease to prevention: updates in pneumococcal disease burden and presentation of the new PCV21 in the Belgian context**
Prof. Eva Van Braeckel (UZ Gent)

10.55

Break to visit the exhibition hall

11.45

PARALLEL SESSION

REINE 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**
Dr. Saar van Nderveen-Bendien (Deventer Ziekenhuis, The Netherlands)

CHARLES ROGIER AUDITORIUM (1st floor)

THORACIC ENDOSCOPY SESSION

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

- **Management of Pneumothorax**
Dr. Farah Shiham (Bristol, UK)
- **Novelties in Thoracic Ultrasound**
Dr. Vincent Heinen (CHU Liège)
- **Semi-rigid thoracoscopy**
Dr. Ales Rozman (Golnik, Slovenia)

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AFTERNOON

13.15 Lunch to visit the exhibition hall

14.15 BeRS General Assembly

14.45 **PLENARY SESSION**

ETHICS & ECONOMICS SESSION

REINE ELISABETH AUDITORIUM (1st floor)

CHAIRS: Pieter Goeminne (VITAZ) & Katrien Eger (UZA)

- **Belgian Chronic Respiratory Diseases Plan: update & next steps**
Prof. Didier Cataldo (President of the BeLF - CHU Liège)
- **Tobacco end-game: strategies towards a smoke-free and nicotine-free future for Belgium**
Mrs. Danielle van Kalmthout (Alliantie Rookvrije Samenleving)
- **History of the sleep apnea convention and the stakes involved**
In the current politically fluid situation, how can we maintain a patient-centric approach with a viable model for healthcare?
Dr. Gisèle Maury (CHU UCL Mont-Godinne)

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

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