

WORLD ASTHMA DAY 2026

National Respiratory Strategies in Action

Tuesday 5th
MAY 2026

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE

Galerie de la Reine 13 Koninginnegalerij
1000 Brussels

Asthma remains one of the most common chronic respiratory diseases, yet many patients are still insufficiently controlled despite the availability of effective treatments. To help bridge the gap between science, policy and clinical practice, this dedicated evening on asthma policy aims to foster meaningful dialogue and collaboration.

By partnering with the International Respiratory Coalition, the event benefits from a strong international and multidisciplinary platform, enhancing its visibility, credibility and impact while supporting coordinated action across countries.

The programme will bring together clinicians, researchers, policymakers and patient representatives to explore best practices and future policy directions. Through an interactive Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) update, expert presentations and a panel discussion, participants will reflect on how scientific evidence can be translated into concrete improvements in asthma care and prevention.

FINAL PROGRAMME

Co-hosted: Anita Simonds (IRC Chair) & Florence Schleich (BeRS president)

18:00 WALKING DINNER & NETWORKING

19:20 WELCOME

19:25 WORLD ASTHMA DAY: introduction

Mr. José Luis Castro (WHO Director-General Special Envoy for Chronic Respiratory Diseases)

19:35 GINA UPDATE: interactive quiz format

Prof. Arzu Yorgancioglu (ERS Vice President)

20:00 BEST PRACTICES IN ASTHMA POLICY

• **How an asthma population register informs and shapes policy? A Swedish example.**

Prof. Christer Janson (Uppsala University)

Ms. Helena Rosik (patient representative Astma- och Allergiförbundet)

• **Good use of Medicines in Asthma legislation. A Belgian example.**

Prof. Lies Lahousse (UGhent & BeRS Asthma and Allergy Working Group)

• **Can we control air pollution?**

Prof. Angelica Tiotiu (CHU UCL Saint-Luc & Chair BeRS Asthma & Allergy Working Group)

Prof. Didier Cataldo (ULiège, BeRS Advocacy Chair & president Belgian Lung Foundation)

20:35 NEXT STEPS FOR ASTHMA POLICY: panel discussion

Ms. Erika Colen (patient - Astma en Allergiekoepeel)

Dr. Inès Van Rossem (general practitioner - UZ Brussel)

Ms. Irina De Knop (member of parliament - Open VLD)

Prof. Christer Janson (pulmonologist - Uppsala University - Sweden)

20:55 Closing word

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