

Belgian Pneumology Days 2026

Preliminary program



Friday 11th December 2026

MORNING

07.30 Welcome & registration

08.30 **MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS**

09.40 **OPENING CEREMONY**

09.45 **PARALLEL AWARDS AUDITIONS SESSION**

AUDITORIUM 1 - PROF. J.C. YERNAULT AWARDS AUDITIONS

- **Audition of the candidates for the Yernault Awards 2026**
(10 candidates)

AUDITORIUM 2 - BASIC & CLINICAL SCIENCE AWARDS AUDITIONS

- **Audition of the young clinical researchers – Clinical Science Awards 2026**
(5 pre-selected candidates)
- **Audition of the young basic researchers – Basic Science Award 2026**
(5 pre-selected candidates)

10.45 Coffee-break

11.15 **PARALLEL SESSION**

ASTHMA & ALLERGY SESSION

- **Translational insights into airway smooth muscle and asthma remodelling**
Prof. Patrick Berger (CHU Bordeaux)
- **New developments in inhaler technology**
Prof. Job van Boven (University of Groningen)
- **Breathing pattern disorders including hyperventilation**
Mrs. Nathalie Pauwen (Belgian Health Care Knowledge Centre - Brussels)

THORACIC ONCOLOGY SESSION

- **Fibroblast Activation Protein Inhibitor PET: translational & clinical perspectives**
Dr. Anne-Leen Deleu (HUB Jules Bordet Institute)
- **Fitness for lung cancer surgery**
Prof. Alessandro Brunelli (Leeds University)
- **Pulmonary toxicity of lung cancer treatment**
Prof. Pierre Vanmol (UZ Leuven)

12.45 **PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM** **GSK** **sanofi**

13.05 Lunch

14.00

PARALLEL SESSION

INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES SESSION

- **New biomarkers for monitoring of fibrotic lung diseases**
Prof. Benjamin Bondue (HUB Hôpital Erasme)
- **The new ILD classification : a pathological, radiological & clinical perspective**
Dr. Birgit Weynand (Pathologist - UZ Leuven)
Dr. Adriana Dubbeldam (Radiologist - UZ Leuven)
Prof. Thomas Planté-Bordeneuve (Pneumologist – CHU UCL Namur)
- **Comprehensive supportive care for patients with ILD?**
Prof. Daisy J.A. Janssen (Maastricht University)

RESPIRATORY SOMNOLOGY SESSION

- **Non invasive ventilation : when to screen and start in restrictive lung diseases?**
- **Recommendations for the telemonitoring in chronic home non invasive ventilation**
- **Non-invasive ventilation in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis : when, why and for whom?**
Prof. Bertien Buyse (UZ Leuven)

15.30

PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

15.50

Coffee -break

16.15

PARALLEL SESSION

COPD SESSION

- **How can registries put COPD care forward?**
- **Is disease stability in COPD achievable?**
PRO: Prof. Wim Janssens (UZ Leuven)
CON: Prof. Didier Cataldo (ULiège)
- **COPD Immunity and Regeneration : fostering collaborations for precision prevention and therapies**
Prof. Ali Önder Yildirim (Helmholtz Munich)

THORACIC ENDOSCOPY SESSION

- **Management of severe hemoptysis : when the screen became red**
Dr. Thomas Malfait (UZ Gent)
- **Mediastinal endoscopy : is bigger better?**
Dr. Sara Tomassetti (Rimini and Riccione Hospitals – Italy)
- **Endoscopic treatment of lung cancer and metastasis : are we ready for the future?**
Prof. Benjamin Bondue (HUB Hôpital Erasme)

17.45

Awards Ceremony

18.15

Closing session

19.30

BeRS Evening at “De Halve Maan” brouwery

Saturday 12th December 2026

MORNING

08.00 Welcome & registration

09.00 General Assembly & results of the vote for the next BeRS Board 2027-2028

09.30 PARALLEL SESSION

RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS SESSION

- Emerging respiratory infections
- New diagnostic tests for TB/TBI
- Atypical primary ciliary dyskinesia

Dr. Doriane Calmès & Prof. Céline Kempeneers (ULiège)

RESPIRATORY FAILURE SESSION

- Comorbidities in selection of lung transplant recipients: the new frontiers
Prof. François Carlier (CHU-UCL Namur)
- When to consider ECMO in patients with respiratory failure?
- Artificial Lung: more than an ECMO at home

11.00 Coffee-break

11.30 PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM GSK

11.50 RESPIRATORY CARE AT A CROSSROADS: COSTS, CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES

- Breathing nanoplastics: an emerging threat to respiratory health?
Mr Baeza-Martinez (Alicante – Spain)
- Lung cancer screening in Belgium: is early detection worth the investment?
- Patient versus Planet: can greener prescribing deliver better respiratory care?
- When to suspect pulmonary hypertension: ethical and economic considerations?



13.20 Closing session - Light lunch

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