Belgian Pneumology Days 2026

Preliminary program

BELGIAN RESPIRATORY SOCIETY

Thursday 10th December 2026

Ethics & Economics Session

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THE IMPOSSIBLE DECISIONS

- *Three real-life clinical dilemmas. No easy answers.*
- *Vote live, challenge the experts and explore the difficult balance between patient needs, access to innovative treatments and healthcare sustainability.*
- *Be part of the debate!*

EVENING

19.00	Welcome, registration & light dinner
20.00	**OPENING CEREMONY** - *AUDITORIUM 1*
20.05	**THE IMPOSSIBLE DECISIONS** **Introduction of the speakers, panellists and voting system** *Chair: Dr. Sarah-Taïssir Bencharif, Emergency Physician | Freelance Journalist* *Moderators: Prof. Lieven Dupont – Prof. Antoine Froidure* **PRESENTATION OF THREE CASES** **CASE 1 — THORACIC ONCOLOGY** *Clinical case presented by Dr. Anne Sibille (CHU Liège)* **How much is more time worth?** **When a costly treatment offers only a few additional months of life, where should we draw the line?** **CASE 2 — PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASES** *Clinical case presented by Prof. Marion Delcroix (UZ Leuven)* **When the treatment exists, but access Is denied** **Should reimbursement restrictions determine who receives a potentially life-changing treatment?** **CASE 3 — CFTR MODULATORS** *Clinical case presented by Prof. Sophie Gohy (UCL Saint-Luc)* **A life-changing treatment. At what cost?** **How do we reconcile extraordinary clinical benefits with the long-term sustainability of healthcare?**
21.20	Take-home messages
21.30	End of the meeting

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MORNING

08.00 Welcome & registration

08.45 **PARALLEL SESSION**

ASTHMA & ALLERGY SESSION - *AUDITORIUM 1*

- **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 (ULB - Faculty of Motor Sciences, Cardiorespiratory Physiology Laboratory)

THORACIC ONCOLOGY SESSION - *AUDITORIUM 2*

- **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)

10.15 **PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

GSK

sanofi **Biomarker-Driven precision medicine: matching patients to biologic therapies in T2-mediated airway disease**

Prof. Ian Pavord (University of Oxford, United Kingdom)

10.35 Coffee-break

11.10 **AWARDS AUDITIONS SESSION** - *AUDITORIUM 1*

PROF. J.C. YERNAULT AWARDS AUDITIONS

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

BASIC & CLINICAL SCIENCE AWARDS AUDITIONS

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

12.40 Lunch

Friday 11th December 2026

AFTERNOON

13.45 **PARALLEL SESSION**

INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES SESSION - *AUDITORIUM 1*

- **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)
- **Palliative care for patients with ILD**
  Prof. Daisy J.A. Janssen (Maastricht University)

RESPIRATORY SOMNOLOGY SESSION - *AUDITORIUM 2*

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

15.15 **PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

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MSD **Pneumococcal Prevention in motion:**
Update of the pneumococcal vaccination landscape in Belgium
Prof. Pascal Van Bleyenbergh (UZ Leuven)

15.35 Coffee-break

16.10 **PARALLEL SESSION**

COPD SESSION - *AUDITORIUM 1*

- **Cardiopulmonary risk in COPD: the Belgian consensus**
  Dr. Naomi Michotte (UZ Brussel)
- **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 - *AUDITORIUM 2*

- **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)

17.40 **PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

Chiesi **Uncontrolled Asthma in Belgium**
Prof. Lies Lahousse (U Gent)

Boehringer Ingelheim

18.00 Awards Ceremony

18.20 Closing session

18.30 **MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS**

20.00 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 - *AUDITORIUM 1*

09.30 **PARALLEL SESSION**

RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS SESSION - *AUDITORIUM 1*

- **Atypical primary ciliary dyskinesia**
  Dr. Doriane Calmès & Prof. Céline Kempeneers (ULiège)
- **Emerging respiratory infections**
  Prof. Erika Vlieghe (UZA)
- **New diagnostic tests for TB/TBI**
  Dr. Francesca Saluzzo (University Vita-Salute San Raffaele - Torino, Italy)

RESPIRATORY FAILURE SESSION - *AUDITORIUM 2*

- **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?**
  Prof. Christophe Vandenbriele (AZorg Aalst & Royal Brompton& Harefield Hospials London)
- **Artificial Lung: more than an ECMO at home**
  Dr. Tom Verbelen (UZ Leuven)

11.00 Coffee-break

11.30 **PARALLEL SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM** GSK

11.50 **THE PRICE OF PROGRESS** - *AUDITORIUM 1*

New Threats, New Technologies, New Responsibilities
How much should we invest in tomorrow's respiratory health?
Discover the scientific, ethical and economic challenges shaping the future of respiratory medicine

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- **Breathing nanoplastics: an emerging threat to respiratory health?**
  Mr Baeza-Martinez (Alicante – Spain)
- **Lung cancer screening in Belgium: is early detection worth the investment?**
  Dr. Charlotte Theuns (UZA)
- **Pulmonary vascular disease: an evolving landscape: how far should we go?**
  Prof. Laurent Godinas (UZ Leuven)

13.20 Closing session - Light lunch

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