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24-27 JUNE GERMANY



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Welcome

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Dear Colleagues & Friends,

A decade on from the inaugural World Bronchiectasis Conference in Hannover (2016), our community returns to the city where this global movement began. Over these ten years, bronchiectasis has moved from the margins to the mainstream: international registries have transformed understanding of disease burden and phenotypes; updated guidelines and consensus statements have clarified standards of care; new clinical trials have tested anti-inflammatory and anti-infective strategies; airway clearance science and physiotherapy have evolved; and digital health, imaging and microbiome research are reshaping how we monitor, personalise and prevent exacerbations. The patient voice is now firmly embedded in research priorities and service design.

WBC 2026 will gather clinicians, scientists, allied health professionals, patient leaders and industry to translate this progress into better outcomes. Expect cutting-edge sessions on treatable traits and endotypes, infection and NTM management, precision diagnostics, paediatrics and transition, physiotherapy and rehabilitation, real-world data and AI-enabled tools, as well as late-breaking trials and implementation science. Hannover provides not only a symbolic homecoming but also a watershed moment to set the agenda for the next decade—accelerating therapeutic development, harmonising outcome measures and ensuring equitable access to high-quality care worldwide.

We invite you to partner with us in Hannover, 24–27 June 2026, to advance the science, elevate clinical practice and improve the lives of people living with bronchiectasis.

Francesco Blasi, James Chalmers, Jessica Rademacher, Felix C. Ringshausen
WBC 2026 Organising Committee
Hannover, Germany

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Specialities

The Conference Programme has been designed to fulfill the educational and updating needs of the professionals operating in the following specialties:

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Infectious Diseases

Paediatrics

Respiratory Medicine

Internal Medicine

Physiotherapy

Specialised Nurses

Microbiology and Biology

Radiology

VENUE

HCC – Hannover Congress Centrum

Theodor-Heuss-Platz 1-3, 30175 Hannover



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Website: www.world-bronchiectasis-conference.org/2026/

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Track and special programmes' Chairs

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Stefano Aliberti (Italy)

NTM Track Chair

Nicole Shearman (Germany)

Arietta Spinou (UK)

Physiotherapy and Nurses Track Chair

Marcus Mall (Germany)

Basic Science Track Chair

Refiloe Masekela (South Africa)

Paediatric Track Chair

Amelia Shoemark (UK)

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Patient Programme

Local Committee

Raphael Ewen

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Topics

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Basic Science

(aetiology & pathophysiology)

Clinical Trials

Comorbidities

(AATD, Asthma, COPD, etc.)

Cystic Fibrosis and Bronchiectasis

Immunology & Inflammation

(including ABPA, inborn errors of immunity, primary immunodeficiency, neutrophil function/dysfunction)

Infections

(Pseudomonas, Haemophilus, etc.)

Management & Organisation of a clinical service

NTM – Nontuberculous Mycobacteria Pulmonary Disease

Nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals: Research lessons and experiences

Paediatric Bronchiectasis

Patient experience

PCD – Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia

Respiratory Physiotherapy & Airway Clearance

Registries

Treatments

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Invited Faculty (as for 27/10/2025)

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Addrizzo-Harris Doreen (US)
Aksamit Timothy (US)
Aliberti Stefano (Italy)
Almagro Marta (Spain)
Blasi Francesco (Italy)
Börekçi Şermin (Türkiye)
Bradley Judy (UK)
Burgel Pierre-Régis (France)
Burr Lucy (Australia)
Carlier Nicolas (France)
Chalmers James D. (UK)
Chang Anne (Australia)
Choi Hayoung (South Korea)
Chotirmall Sanjay H. (Singapore)
Daley Charles (US)
De Soyza Antony (UK)
Dhar Raja (India)
Dittrich Anna-Maria (Germany)
Duarte Rachel (Portugal)
Faner Rosa (Spain)
Flowers William (UK)
Flume Patrick (US)
Garriga-Grimau Laura (Spain)
Goutaki Myrofora (Switzerland)
Gramegna Andrea (Italy)
Heilweil Donna (Switzerland)
Henkle Emily (US)
Horani Amjad (US)
Hull Rebecca (UK)
Kantar Ahmad (Italy)
Lipman Marc (UK)
Loebinger Michael (UK)
Long Merete (UK)
Lorent Natalie (Belgium)
Lucas Jane (UK)
Maas Ellie (Australia)
Mac Aogáin Micheál (Ireland)
Mall Marcus (Germany)
Marangu Diana Mwendwa (Kenya)
Masekela Refiloe (South Africa)
McShane Pamela J. (US)
Mertsch Pontus (Germany)

Morgan Lucy (Australia)
Morimoto Kozo (Japan)
Morlacchi Letizia Corinna (Italy)
Morris-Rosendahl Deborah (UK)
Ng Dorothy (Singapore)
Nicola Francesca (Italy)
Theodoros Kapellos (Germany)
Nielsen Kim (Denmark)
Nigro Mattia (Italy)
Oh Yeon-Mok (South Korea)
Pachas Alfredo (Peru)
Pethe Kevin (Singapore)
Poh Ernest (Malaysia)
Polverino Eva (Spain)
Rademacher Jessica (Germany)
Raidt Johanna (Germany)
Ringshausen Felix C. (Germany)
Roehmel Jobst (Germany)
Shapiro Adam (US)
Shearman Nicole (Germany)
Shoemark Amelia (UK)
Shteinberg Michal (Israel)
Sibila Oriol (Spain)
Singh Inderpaul (India)
Solomon George (US)
Spinou Arietta (UK)
Staar Ben Ole (Germany)
Suhling Hendrik (Germany)
Tan Shera (Singapore)
Thomson Rachel (Australia)
Thornton Christina (Canada)
Tino Gregory (US)
Tirouvanziam Rabindra (US)
Traversi Letizia (Italy)
Tümmler Burkhard (Germany)
Von Hardenberg Sandra (Germany)
Wainwright Claire (Australia)
Wetzke Martin (Germany)
Winthrop Kevin (US)
Xu Jin-Fu (China)
Zacharasiewicz Angela (Austria)
Zha Shoshana (US)

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

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09.00 – 13.00 LABORATORY VISIT TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

Pre-Congress Programme coordinators:

Raphael Ewen, Ben Ole Staar, Rika Zimmer, Annegret Zurawski (Germany)

Faculty and participants are invited to attend laboratory visits within
MHH – Hannover Medical School

Every participant will visit 5 out of the following 9 laboratories (selection by the organizer)

1. **Bronchiectasis Clinic**
 - Sputum induction with HTS
 - Nasal brushing biopsy
 - Midline catheter placement
 - Lung function lab (MBW/LCI + nasal NO; + Ellen Behrens)
2. **CFTR Electrophysiology Laboratory**
3. **Stem Cell + Cilia Laboratory**
4. **Chest Radiology Multimedia Laboratory**
5. **Clinical Microbiology Laboratory**
6. **Human Genetic Laboratory**
7. **Chest physiotherapy**
8. **Airway Metagenome Laboratory**
9. **Macrophage Nursery**

ON-LINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Limited Places
First come first served**

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GET YOUR OWN AIRWAY METAGENEOME BY THE END OF THE CONFERENCE!

Some participants will have the unique chance to experience sputum induction (in the clinic and with the chest physios) and bring their samples to the Airway Metagenomes Lab for analysis. Reports will be provided at the closing ceremony, if participants are still present.

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SEE YOUR OWN CILIA BEATING THE MUCUS AWAY!

Some participants will have the also quite unique chance to get their nose brushed and carry their harvested nasal epithelial cells to the Stem Cell and Cilia Lab to see their cilia beating the mucus away.

WBC 2026 PreCongress Schedule										
Time	Activity / Site	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9
09:00	Welcome at Lecture Hall									
09:20	Change									
09:30	Site 1	Bronchiectasis Clinic	Macrophages Nursery	Metagenome Lab	Chest Physio	Genetics Lab	Microbiology Lab	Radiology Lab	Stem Cell + Cilia Lab	CFTR Lab
10:00	Change									
10:10	Site 2	CFTR Lab	Bronchiectasis Clinic	Macrophages Nursery	Metagenome Lab	Chest Physio	Genetics Lab	Microbiology Lab	Radiology Lab	Stem Cell + Cilia Lab
10:40	Change									
10:50	Site 3	Stem Cell + Cilia Lab	CFTR Lab	Bronchiectasis Clinic	Macrophages Nursery	Metagenome Lab	Chest Physio	Genetics Lab	Microbiology Lab	Radiology Lab
11:20	Change									
11:30	Site 4	Radiology Lab	Stem Cell + Cilia Lab	CFTR Lab	Bronchiectasis Clinic	Macrophages Nursery	Metagenome Lab	Chest Physio	Genetics Lab	Microbiology Lab
12:00	Change									
12:10	Site 5	Microbiology Lab	Radiology Lab	Stem Cell + Cilia Lab	CFTR Lab	Bronchiectasis Clinic	Macrophages Nursery	Metagenome Lab	Chest Physio	Genetics Lab
12:40	Proceed to meeting point for departure									
13:00	Departure									

Do not miss the chance to have an insight look on where science will be going in the next years.



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14.00 – 14.15

OPENING ADDRESS

Francesco Blasi (Italy), James D. Chalmers (UK), Jessica Rademacher (Germany), Felix C. Ringshausen (Germany)

Denise Hilfiker-Kleiner (Germany) - Dean of the Hannover Medical School

Christian Taube (Germany) - President of the German Respiratory Society – DGP

14.15 – 15.30

OPENING SESSION: In memory of Prof. Tobias Welte

Chairs: Jessica Rademacher (Germany), Felix C. Ringshausen (Germany)

14.15 – 14.25

In memory of Prof. Tobias Welte - video

14.25 – 14.55

Hannover 2016 – 2026: celebrating 10 years of science

Francesco Blasi (Italy)

14.55 – 15.15

Hannover 2016 – 2026: what has changed for patients

Marta Almagro (Spain)

15.25– 15.30

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00

COFFEE BREAK

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16.00 – 17.30	SESSION I – PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (UPDATES) Chairs: <i>Pontus Mertsch (Germany), Jin-Fu Xu (China)</i>
16.00 – 16.20	Autoimmunity in Bronchiectasis <i>Kevin Winthrop (US)</i>
16.20 – 16.40	Airway Inflammation: experimental insights from recent clinical trials <i>Merete Long (UK)</i>
16.40 – 17.00	Mucus pathophysiology (and what it means for bronchiectasis) <i>Takanori Asakura (Japan)</i>
17.00 – 17.20	Beyond the bug: bacterial virulence, interactions and resistance <i>Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore)</i>
17.20 – 17.30	Discussion
17.30 – 18.00	KEYNOTE LECTURE I Chair: <i>Lucy Morgan (Australia)</i>
17.30 – 17.50	Title to be defined <i>Felix C. Ringshausen (Germany)</i>
17.50 – 18.00	Discussion

18.00 – 19.00 SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM or LATE BREAKING SCIENCE LECTURE

19:00 – 20:45	OPENING CEREMONY AND NETWORKING Standing light dinner for effective networking
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German Session

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15.00 – 18.00 GERMAN SESSION

Chairs: *Chairs*

Focus on providing **outpatient care for patients with bronchiectasis in private practice** and eventually GPs (if we are able to reach out to them)

Under construction by Dr. Hendrik Suhling from Hannover and colleagues

The session will be in German.

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08:00 – 09:00 **The junior professionals meet the senior experts – session I**
One to one meeting with the expert – dedicated to junior professional
Prebooking on congress website mandatory

08.30 – 09.10 **SESSION II – WHAT EVERYONE CARING FOR BRONCHIECTASIS NEEDS TO KNOW – PART I**

Chair: *tbd*

08:30 – 08.50 **What should be known by the bronchiectasis community about PCD**
Michael Loebinger (UK)

08:50 – 09.10 **The need of pulmonary rehabilitation for person with bronchiectasis**
Speaker tbd

09.10 – 10.15 **SESSION III – DISEASE HETEROGENEITY**

Chairs: *George (Marty) Solomon (US), Stefano Aliberti (Italy)*

09.10 – 09.35 **Bronchiectasis battle: is aetiology the right term for Bronchiectasis?**
Pamela J. McShane (US) vs Michal Shteinberg (Israel)
On – line voting

09.35 – 09.50 **Geographic variation in bronchiectasis: what we know and what we need to find out?**
Hayoung Choi (South Korea)

09.50 – 10:05 **Heterogeneity of exacerbation**
Oriol Sibila (Spain)

10:05 - 10:15 Discussion



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10.15 – 11.05

SESSION IV ROUND TABLE - CF AND BRONCHIECTASIS: COMMUNALITIES AND DIFFERENCES

Chairs: *Patrick Flume (US), Eva Polverino (Spain)*

Panellists

Antony De Soyza (UK) Bronchiectasis

Lucy Morgan (Australia) - Bronchiectasis

Anna-Maria Dittrich (Germany) – CF paediatrician

Andrea Gramegna (Italy) – CF (chair standard of care) and bronchiectasis

Yeon Mok Oh (Korea)

11:05 – 11:35

COFFEE BREAK

11.35 – 12.30

SESSION V: DOING THE SIMPLE THINGS WELL (BASIC TREATMENT)

Chairs: *Raja Dhar (India), Arietta Spinou (UK)*

11.35 – 11.50

What now for mucoactive treatments

Judy Bradley (UK)

11.50 – 12.05

Managing Comorbidities: an interdisciplinary challenge? (including relationship with GP)

Ernest Poh (Malaysia)

12.05 – 12.20

Vaccines (exact contents to be defined later in the year)

Pierre-Régis Burgel (France)

12.20 – 12.30

Discussion

12.30 – 13.00

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13:00 – 14:00

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13:00 - 14:00

JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL MENTORING PROGRAMME

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Mentors: Mentor, Mentor

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14.00 – 17.30 PARALLEL TRACKS

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BASIC SCIENCE Chair: Marcus Mall (Germany)	PHYSIOTHERAPISTS & NURSES Chair: Nicole Shearman (Germany) Arietta Spinou (UK) Track developed in collaboration with ACPRC ArIR Physiotherapy group of DGP Physiotherapy group of SEPAR Physiotherapy group of the SPLF	PCD Chair: Amelia Shoemark (UK) Track developed in collaboration with BEAT-PCD ERN-LUNG
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Basic Science Track

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14.00 – 15.45

BASIC SCIENCE – PART I

Chairs: *Marcus Mall (Germany), Rosa Faner (Spain)*

14.00 – 14.25

Imprinting of microbial tolerance in the airways by immune memory

Rabindra Tirouvanziam (US)

14.25 – 14.50

Common mechanisms across respiratory diseases that could be leveraged in bronchiectasis

Theodoros Kapellos (Germany)

14.50 – 15.15

Novel insights into airway dysbiosis and chronic infection

Burkhard Tümmler (Germany)

15.15 – 15.30

Oral presentation

Speaker tbd

15.30– 15.45

Discussion

15:45 – 16:15

COFFEE BREAK

16.15 – 17.30

BASIC SCIENCE – PART II

Chairs: *Marcus Mall (Germany), Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore)*

16.15 – 16.40

Novel therapeutic targets in bronchiectasis

Marcus Mall (Germany)

16.40 – 17.05

Multi-omics investigations of Host-Pathogen Interface. Insight in bronchiectasis

Christina Thornton (Canada)

17.05 – 17.20

Oral presentation

Speaker tbd

17.20 – 17.30

Discussion

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14.00– 15.10

CLINICAL TRIALS CHALLENGES FOR NURSES AND PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

Chairs: *Nicole Shearman (Germany); Arietta Spinou (UK)*

14.00 – 14.20

Experience from Hannover Study Nurses

Speaker *tbd*

14.20 – 15.10

ROUND TABLE: International experiences in clinical trials

Chairs: *tbd, tbd*

Panelists (nurses and physiotherapists):

tbd from different countries – suggestion to be asked to the different associations for physio and to the Scientific Committee members for nurses

Include a patient to have their point of view (fear, resistance, advantages, etc.)

Include one nurse who is involved in clinical trial while also dealing daily with clinical duties

Possible Topics:

- *Tips and tricks. How to navigate in the research environment (including where to start from if you want to be involved in clinical trials)*
- *Ethics and patient safety*
- *Recruitment: identifying patients and communicating effectively with them*
- *Where to start from if you want to be involved in clinical trials*
- *Bureaucracy and Fundraising*

35' panel

15' question and answer from the public

15.10 – 15.45

AIRWAY CLEARANCE AND INHALED MUCOACTIVE DRUGS/AGENTS

Chairs: *Chair, Chair*

15.10 – 15.25

Evidence of effectiveness and sequence of practice

Speaker

15.25 – 15.40

ERS Guidelines 2025: nonpharmacological interventions

Speaker

15.40 – 15.45

Discussion

15:45 – 16:15

COFFEE BREAK



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16.15 – 17.25

AIRWAY CLEARANCE: CLINICAL CASES DISCUSSION

Chairs: *Chair, Chair*

Audience will split into groups according to a card provided at the entrance (ideally taking into account who is physiotherapist and who is nurse to balance the groups).

Groups of 6 participants each ideally

2 cases distributed alternatively so that each group will work only on one case. Plan to have hard copies of the cases

16.15 – 16.20

Creation of the groups and introduction

16.20 – 16.40

Discussion of the case within the group

16.40 – 17.25

Discussion of the cases with all participants and live demonstration of the techniques with patients

17.25 – 17.30

CLOSING REMARKS AND TAKE-HOME MESSAGES

Nicole Shearman (Germany); Arietta Spinou (UK)

The session will have simultaneous translation in German vs English and vice versa.

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PCD Track

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14.00 – 15.00

DIAGNOSIS

Chairs: *Jane Lucas (UK), Adam Shapiro (US)*

14.00 – 14.20

Update on clinical genetics for PCD

Deborah Morris-Rosendahl (UK)

14.20 – 14.30

Case presentations with learning points

Ben Ole Staar (Germany)

14.30 – 14.40

Diagnosis in resource limited setting

Diana Mwendwa Marangu (Kenya)

14.40 – 15.00

Collaborative Research in PCD: Insights from the International PCD Registry

Johanna Raidt (Germany)

15.00 – 15.45

MANAGEMENT

Chairs: *Myrona Goutaki (Switzerland), Felix Ringhausen (Germany)*

15.00 – 15.15

Bronchiectasis management – what should we do differently in PCD

Lucy Morgan (Australia)

15.15 – 15.25

Lung transplantation for PCD - The French experience

Nicolas Carlier (France)

15.25 – 15.45

Outcome measures and disease monitoring

Laboratory based outcome measures and patient reported outcomes – *Amelia Shoemark (UK)*

Imaging and Lung function outcome measures – *Kim Nielsen (Denmark)*

15:45 – 16:15

COFFEE BREAK



PCD Track

16.15 – 17.30

WHAT'S NEW IN PCD AND FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTION

Chairs: *Ellie Mass (Australia), Amelia Shoemark (UK)*

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16.15 – 16.30

Highlights of PCD research: epidemiology and clinical care

Myrona Goutaki (Switzerland)

16.30 – 16.45

Highlights of PCD research: translational science

Amjad Horani (US)

16.45 – 17.00

Patient Perspective on research priorities

Speaker tbd (Patient)

17.00 – 17.30

PANEL DISCUSSION: Future research Directions

Panellists

Myrona Goutaki (Switzerland)

Amjad Horani (US)

Patient tbd



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17.30 – 18.00 LATE BREAKING SCIENCE LECTURE

18.00 – 19.00 SESSION VI: JOURNAL SESSION

Chairs: *James D. Chalmers (UK), Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore)*

3 Journals, 3 articles

19.00 – 20.00 POSTER SESSION I

Beer and Pretzel

19.00 – 20.00 The junior professionals meet the senior experts – session II

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08:00 – 09:00 The junior professionals meet the senior experts – session III
One to one meeting with the expert – dedicated to junior professional
Prebooking on congress website mandatory

08.30 – 09:10 SESSION VII– WHAT EVERYONE CARING FOR BRONCHIECTASIS NEEDS TO KNOW – PART II

Chair: *tbd*

08:30 – 08.50 Paediatric Bronchiectasis: Unique Mechanisms, Modifiable Risks, and Lifelong Care Continuum

Anne Chang (Australia)

08:50 – 09.10 Bronchiectasis patient daily life

Speaker tbd

09.10 – 10.00 SESSION VIII : REGISTRIES

Chairs: *Tim Aksamit (US), Hayoung Choi (South Korea)*

There will be a call for abstracts on the topic "Registry".

The best 4 works, as evaluated by the Scientific Committee, will be presented here ideally by a junior professional working in the registry

The senior professional in the same registry will discuss the works and provide some further inside, or chairs can come from big registries to provide their perspective.

4 registries presentation (10' + 5' question time)

The not selected abstracts will be presented as posters in a dedicated session

All registries to be invited to present their recent works and to the registry marketplace.

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10.00 – 11.00 **SESSION IX: ROUND TABLE: HOW TO RUN A BRONCHIECTASIS SERVICE**

Chairs: *Felix C. Ringshausen (Germany), Pamela J. McShane (US)*

Possible topics: Exchange of best practices among different healthcare systems, Twinning programme, Definition of the "ideal" reference centre?

Panellists

Doreen Addrizzo – Harris (US) – US perspective

Stefano Aliberti (Italy) – European perspective

Lucy Burr (Australia) – Australian perspective

Jin-Fu Xu (China) – Asian perspective / Cina perspective

Alfredo Pachas (Peru) – South America / Peru perspective

11:00 – 11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.30 – 12.30 **SESSION X: RISING STARS' SCIENCE SLAM:**

Chairs: *Francesco Blasi (Italy), James D. Chalmers (UK), Jessica Rademacher (Germany), Felix C. Ringshausen (Germany)*

4 rising stars selected as best rising stars abstracts

The present their work in a competitive environment.

Presentation 10', question time 5' for each.

Voting by the public & scientific commission

2 Winner prizes

12.30 – 13.00 **SPONSORED LECTURE or LATE BREAKING SCIENCE LECTURE**

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14.00 – 17.30 **PARALLEL TRACKS**

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PAEDIATRIC	NTM	PATIENTS
Refiloe Masekela (South Africa) Track developed in collaboration with Child-BEAR-Net GPP	Chair: Stefano Aliberti (Italy) with Nathalie Lorent (Belgium)? Track developed in collaboration with NTM-Net	Chair: Donna Heilweil (Switzerland) Track developed in collaboration with Bronchiektasen e.V. European Lung Fundation

15:45 – 16:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

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Paediatric Track

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14.00 – 15.45

ADVANCES IN PAEDIATRIC BRONCHIECTASIS

Chairs: Ahmad Kantar (Italy), Refiloe Masekela (South Africa)

14.00 – 14.25

Update on data in the Child-BEAR-Net registry

Laura Garriga-Grimau (Spain)

14.25 – 14.50

Beyond PCD: genetic origin of early onset bronchiectasis

Sandra von Hardenberg (Germany)

14.50 – 15.15

Anti-inflammatory approaches in paediatric bronchiectasis

Martin Wetzke (Germany)

15.15 – 15.40

Reversibility: new frontiers in paediatric bronchiectasis

Ahmad Kantar (Italy)

15.40 – 15.45

Discussion

20' talk followed by 5' Q&A

15:45 – 16:15

COFFEE BREAK

16.15 – 17.30

PAEDIATRICS – A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT STORY? (in comparison with adult bronchiectasis)

Chairs: Anne Chang (Australia), Martin Wetzke (Germany)

16.15 – 16.40

The clinical spectrum of bronchiectasis in children

Refiloe Masekela (South Africa)

16.40 – 17.30

PROs - CONs debate: Different management options in childhood bronchiectasis?

Interview of adolescents regarding their daily routine

PRO - Angela Zacharasiewicz (Austria)

CONS - Jobst Roehmel (Germany)

Topics to be approached:

- Hypertonic saline solution
- Antibiotics
- Eradication

NTM Track

NTM-PD 360°: From Diagnostic Shadows to Therapeutic Precision

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- 14.00 – 14.45** **DIAGNOSING THE INVISIBLE – HOST, BUG AND BEYOND**
Chairs: *Stefano Aliberti (Italy), Shera Tan (Singapore)*
- 14.00 – 14.15 **NTM-PD and the Vulnerable Host: Who Deserves a Deeper Dive?**
Kozo Morimoto (Japan)
- 14.15 – 14.30 **No Culture? No Problem. Rethinking NTM Detection**
Speaker tbd
- 14.30– 14.45 **Homegrown infections? Environmental Clues to NTM Disease**
Rachel Thomson (Australia)
- 14.45 – 15.45** **MASTERING NTM MANAGEMENT: FROM FUNDAMENTALS TO FRONTIERS**
Chairs: *Natalie Lorent (Belgium), Claire Wainwright (Australia)*
- 14:45 – 15.00 **First Things First: Building a Solid Foundation in NTM Care**
Speaker tbd
- 15.00 – 15.15 **The Art of the Combo: Antimicrobial Stewardship in NTM Therapy**
Kevin Pethe (Singapore)
- 15:15 – 15.30 **The Pipeline & Beyond: What's New in NTM Therapeutics**
Charles Daley (US)
- 15:30 – 15.45 **Tracking the Journey: Monitoring NTM Patients Before, During, and After Treatment**
Emily Henkle (US)
- 15:45 – 16:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

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16.15 – 17.30 NTM MULTIDISCIPLINARY CLINICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Chairs: *Marc Lipman (UK), Francesca Nicola (Italy)*

3 clinical cases, 25' each (10' summary + 15' discussion)

Discussants: all the speakers of the previous sessions

Proposed cases:

NTM or CPA? – Diagnostic and therapeutic dilemma in chronic cavitary disease – *Mattia Nigro (Italy)*

Watch and Wait? – Managing indolent disease with borderline indications –
Presenter tbd

When the Bug Is Rare, and the Patient Sicker – Progressive disease due to uncommon NTM species – *Dorothy Ng (Singapore)*



Patient Track

Programme under development by Donna Heilweil and Franck Hennemann.

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The track may have simultaneous translation German - English (if we will have a good number of German patients attending on site) and will be broadcasted with possibility for remote participants to submit questions and comments.

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17.30 – 18.30 SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM or LATE BREAKING SCIENCE LECTURES

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18.30 – 19.00 ORAL PRESENTATIONS I

Chairs: *Merete Long (UK), Christina Thornton (Canada)*

3 Oral presentations (7' presentation, 3' questions each) selected from Abstracts

19.00 – 20.00 POSTER SESSION II

With light aperitive to foster networking

19.00 – 20.00 The junior professionals meet the senior experts – session IV

One to one meeting with the expert – dedicated to junior professional
Prebooking on congress website mandatory

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Day 4 – Saturday 27 June

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08:00 – 09:00 The junior professionals meet the senior experts – session V
One to one meeting with the expert – dedicated to junior professional
Prebooking on congress website mandatory

09.00 – 09.30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS II
Chairs: *Letizia Traversi (Italy), Micheál Mac Aogáin (Ireland)*
3 Oral presentations (7' presentation, 3' questions each) selected from abstracts

**09.30 – 10.40 SESSION XI: WHAT KEEPS US AWAKE AT NIGHT
END STAGE LUNG DISEASES**

Chairs: *William Flowers (UK), Shoshana Zha (US)*

09.30 – 09.50 **The patient on the transplant waiting list. Lung Transplant evaluation and complications**

Letizia Morlacchi (Italy)

09.50 – 10.10 **NTM advanced and refractory disease**

Raquel Duarte (Portugal)

10.10 – 10.30 **The patient with multiresistant bacterial infection**

Inderpaul Singh (India)

10.30– 10.40 Discussion

10:40 – 11:10 COFFEE BREAK

11.10 – 12.30 SESSION XII – ON GOING TRIALS / POTENTIAL NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Chairs: *Rebecca Hull (UK), Kozo Morimoto (Japan)*

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12.30 – 13.00

CLOSING LECTURE

Chair: Gregory Tino (US)

12.30 – 12.50

Title

Jessica Rademacher

12.50 – 13.00

Discussion

13.00 – 13.30

CLOSING ADDRESS

Francesco Blasi (Italy), James D. Chalmers (UK), Jessica Rademacher (Germany),
Felix C. Ringshausen (Germany)

Rising Stars Award

David Serisier Award - presented by tbd

Won-Jung Koh Award - presented by tbd

Posters Awards

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