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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 professionals operating in the following specialities:

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Infectious Diseases

Internal Medicine

Microbiology and Biology

Paediatrics

Physiotherapy

Radiology

Respiratory Medicine

Specialised Nurses

VENUE

HCC – Hannover Congress Centrum

Theodor-Heuss-Platz 1-3, 30175 Hannover



Website

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

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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

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Faculty

- Addrizzo-Harris Doreen (US)
Aksamit Timothy (US)
Aliberti Stefano (Italy)
Almagro Marta (Spain)
Asakura Takanori (Japan)
Blasi Francesco (Italy)
Börekçi Şermin (Türkiye)
Bradley Judy (UK)
Burgel Pierre-Régis (France)
Burr Lucy (Australia)
Buschulte Katharina (Germany)*
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)
Dettmer Sabine (Germany)*
Dhar Raja (India)
Dittrich Anna-Maria (Germany)
Duarte Rachel (Portugal)
Ewen Raphael (Germany)
Faner Rosa (Spain)
Fisser Christoph (Germany)*
Flowers William (UK)
Flume Patrick (US)
Frost Freddy (UK)
Garriga-Grimau Laura (Spain)
Goutaki Myrofora (Switzerland)
Graalman Theresa (Germany)*
Gramegna Andrea (Italy)
Groth Espen (Germany)*
Haworth Charles (UK)
Heilweil Donna (Switzerland)
Henkle Emily (US)
Hilfiker-Kleiner Denise (Germany)
Horani Amjad (US)
Hull Rebecca (UK)
Kantar Ahmad (Italy)
Kapellos Theodore S. (Germany)
Kreuter Michael (Germany)*
Lipman Marc (UK)
Loebinger Michael (UK)
Long Merete (UK)
Lorent Natalie (Belgium)
Lucas Jane (UK)
Maas Ellie (Australia)
Mac Aogáin Micheál (Ireland)
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Narayana Kumar (Singapore)*
Ng Dorothy (Singapore)
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Pachas Alfredo (Peru)
Perea Lidia (Spain)*
Pethe Kevin (Singapore)*
Pink Isabell (Germany)*
Poh Ernest (Malaysia)
Polverino Eva (Spain)
Rademacher Jessica (Germany)
Raidt Johanna (Germany)
Richards Christopher (US)
Ringshausen Felix C. (Germany)
Roehmel Jobst (Germany)
Seeliger Benjamin (Germany)*
Sehgal Inderpaul Singh (India)
Shapiro Adam (US)
Shearman Nicole (Germany)
Shoemark Amelia (UK)
Shteinberg Michal (Israel)
Sibila Oriol (Spain)
Sogkas Georgios (Germany)
Solomon George (US)
Spinou Arietta (UK)
Staar Ben Ole (Germany)
Suhling Hendrik (Germany)
Tan Shera (Singapore)
Taube Christian (Germany)
Thomson Rachel (Australia)
Thornton Christina (Canada)
Tino Gregory (US)
Tirouvanziam Rabindra (US)
Traversi Letizia (Italy)
Tümmeler 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)

** to be confirmed*



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

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Day 1 – Wednesday 24 June 2026

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

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**Limited Places
 First come first served**

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

Some participants will have a unique opportunity 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.

SEE YOUR OWN CILIA BEATING THE MUCUS AWAY!

Some participants will also have the 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									

Don't miss this unique chance to get an insider's look at where science is heading in the future.



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14.00 – 14.15

OPENING ADDRESS

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

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

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

14.15 – 15.15

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)

15:15 – 15:45

COFFEE BREAK

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- 15:45 – 17:15** **SESSION I – PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (UPDATES)**
Chairs: *Pontus Mertsch (Germany), Jin-Fu Xu (China)*
- 15:45 – 16:05 **Autoimmunity in Bronchiectasis**
Georgios Sogkas (Germany)
- 16:05 – 16:25 **Airway Inflammation: experimental insights from recent clinical trials**
Merete Long (UK)
- 16:25 – 16:45 **Mucus pathophysiology (and what it means for bronchiectasis)**
Takanori Asakura (Japan)
- 16:45 – 17:05 **Beyond the bug: bacterial virulence, interactions and resistance**
Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore)
- 17:05 – 17:25 Discussion
- 17:25 – 18:00** **KEYNOTE LECTURE I**
Chair: *Lucy Morgan (Australia)*
- 17.25 – 17.50 **To be announced soon**
Felix C. Ringshausen (Germany)
- 17.50 – 18.00 Discussion

18.00 – 19.00 **SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM**

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

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Deutsche Session / German Session

15:45 – 16.25

PODIUMSDISKUSSION I: 1. ÄTIOLOGISCHE DIAGNOSTIK – WAS IST MÖGLICH, WIE VIEL IST NÖTIG?

PANEL DISCUSSION I: ETIOLOGIC EVALUATION – WHAT IS FEASIBLE AND HOW MUCH IS NECESSARY?

Moderation/**Chairs:** Andrés de Roux, Berlin (P), Jessica Rademacher, Hamburg (P)

Diskussionsteilnehmer/-innen – Panelists:

Sabine Dettmer, Hannover (Radiologie, K)

Markus Gernold, Bielefeld (P)

Katja Höpker, Mainz (K)

Kathrin Kahnert, Germering (P)

Sivagurunathan Sutharsan, Essen (K)

Themen/Topics:

- Stufendiagnostik: Welche Diagnostik für wen?
Stepwise diagnostic work-up: which investigations for which patients?
- Intersektorale Zusammenarbeit
Cross-sector collaboration (hospital-outpatient interface)
- Kooperation und Netzwerkbildung
Cooperation and network development
- (Wie) Geht die zukünftige Versorgung von Menschen mit CF (in der pneumologischen Praxis)?
How will future care for people with cystic fibrosis (CF) be organized in pulmonary outpatient practice?



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16:25 – 16:40 **IMPULSVORTRAG: INITIATIVE DEUTSCHES BRONCHIEKTASEN-NETZWERK (DBN)**

KEYNOTE: GERMAN BRONCHIECTASIS NETWORK (DBN) INITIATIVE

Claus Vogelmeier (München)

16:40 – 17.20 **PODIUMSDISKUSSION II: ANTIBIOTIKATHERAPIE UND MIKROBIOLOGIE**

PANEL DISCUSSION II: ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY AND MICROBIOLOGY IN BRONCHIECTASIS

Moderation/**Chairs:** Heiko Knoop, Gelsenkirchen (P), Urte Sommerwerck, Köln (K)

Diskussionsteilnehmer/-innen / Panelists

Holger Flick, Graz, Austria (K)

Arthur Pranada, Dortmund (Labor)

Judith Smith, Aachen (K)

Hendrik Suhling, Hannover (P)

Sabine Wege from Heidelberg (K))

Themen/ Topics:

- Wann liegt eine Exazerbation vor?
When should a clinical deterioration be classified as a bronchiectasis exacerbation?
- Wann sollte eine Exazerbation antibiotisch behandelt werden?
When should exacerbations be treated with antibiotics?
- Welche Erreger sind relevant?
Which pathogens are clinically relevant in bronchiectasis?
- Sind Antibiotikaresistenz (bei chronischen Infektionen) bedeutsam?
What is the clinical relevance of antimicrobial resistance in chronic airway infection?

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17:20 – 18.00

PODIUMSDISKUSSION III: BEWÄHRTES UND NEUES IN DER LANGZEITTHERAPIE

PANEL DISCUSSION III: ESTABLISHED AND EMERGING APPROACHES IN LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT

Moderation/**Chairs:** Zulfiya Syunyaeva, Berlin (K), Gernot Rohde, Marburg (K)

Diskussionsteilnehmer/-innen / Panelists

Sven Philip Aries, Hamburg (P)
Jasmine Flock, Hannover (Physiotherapie, P)
Kathrin Fricke, Düsseldorf (K)
Thomas Hillmann, Essen (Physiotherapie, K)
Martin Kolditz, Dresden (K)

Themen:

- Qualifizierte atemtherapeutische Physiotherapie
Specialized respiratory physiotherapy and airway-clearance techniques
- Vernebelte Therapien, insbesondere Kochsalzlösungen
Nebulized therapies, particularly saline solutions (including hypertonic saline)
- Antiinflammatorische und antibiotische Langzeittherapien
Anti-inflammatory and long-term antibiotic therapies
- Stellenwert der Therapie mit DPP1-Inhibitoren
Clinical role of DPP-1 inhibitor therapy

Die Themen werden im Panel und gemeinsam mit dem Publikum diskutiert

Teilnehmende der German Session sind herzlich eingeladen, für die weiteren Sessions zu bleiben.

The German Session will be conducted in German

The topics will be discussed within the panel and together with the audience.

Participants of the German Session are warmly invited to remain for the subsequent sessions.

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08:00 – 09:00 **MEET THE EXPERT: Junior professionals meet senior experts – session I**
One-to-one meetings with experts – dedicated to the junior professional
Prebooking on congress website mandatory

08:30 – 09:10 **SESSION II – WHAT EVERYONE CARING FOR BRONCHIECTASIS NEEDS TO KNOW – PART I**

Chair: *T. Aksamit (US) – C. Taube (Germany)*

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 a person with bronchiectasis**
Annemarie Lee (Australia)

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)
Online 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?

Ernest Poh (Malaysia)

12.05 – 12.20

Vaccines

Pierre-Régis Burgel (France)

12.20 – 12.30

Discussion

12.30 – 13.00

SPONSORED LECTURE



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13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH, NETWORKING, EXHIBITION VISIT, POSTER SESSION

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JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL MENTORING PROGRAMME

13.00 – 14:00 **Burning cases in Bronchiectasis**
Live discussion of real-life clinical cases.
Mentors: Raphael Ewen (Germany), Kumar Narayana (Singapore), Isabell Pink (Germany)

13.00 – 14:00 **Tips from the Journal Editors**
Mentors: James D. Chalmers (UK), Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore)

Activities reserved for Junior Professionals

Pre-registration required. Limited places available on a first come first served basis.

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14.00 – 17.30 PARALLEL TRACKS

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<p>BASIC SCIENCE Chair: Marcus Mall (Germany)</p>	<p>PHYSIOTHERAPISTS & NURSES Chair: Nicole Shearman (Germany) Arietta Spinou (UK) Track developed in collaboration with</p>  <p>aJR ASSOCIAZIONE RIABILITATORI DELL'INSUFFICIENZA RESPIRATORIA Physiotherapy group of</p>  <p>Physiotherapy group of separ Sociedad Española de Neumología y Cirugía Torácica Physiotherapy group of the</p> 	<p>PCD Chair: Amelia Shoemark (UK) Track developed in collaboration with</p>  <p>European Reference Networks ERN-LUNG RARE RESPIRATORY DISEASES</p>
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Basic Science Track

Page 20	14.00 – 15.45	BASIC SCIENCE – PART I Chairs: <i>Marcus Mall (Germany), Rosa Faner (Spain)</i>
	14.00 – 14.25	Imprinting of microbial tolerance in the airways by immune memory <i>Rabindra Tirouvanziam (US)</i>
	14.25 – 14.50	Common mechanisms across respiratory diseases that could be leveraged in bronchiectasis <i>Theodore S. Kapellos (Germany)</i>
	14.50 – 15.15	Novel insights into airway dysbiosis and chronic infection <i>Burkhard Tümmler (Germany)</i>
	15.15 – 15.30	Oral presentation <i>Speaker tbd</i>
	15.30– 15.45	Discussion
	<i>15:45 – 16:15</i>	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>
	16.15 – 17.30	BASIC SCIENCE – PART II Chairs: <i>Marcus Mall (Germany), Sanjay Chotirmall (Singapore)</i>
	16.15 – 16.40	Novel therapeutic targets in bronchiectasis <i>Marcus Mall (Germany)</i>
	16.40 – 17.05	Multi-omics investigations of Host-Pathogen Interface. Insight in bronchiectasis <i>Christina Thornton (Canada)</i>
	17.05 – 17.20	Oral presentation <i>Speaker tbd</i>
	17.20 – 17.30	Discussion



Physiotherapists & Allied Healthcare Track

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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

Annika Bock (Germany)

14.20 – 15.10

ROUND TABLE: International experiences in clinical trials

Chairs: *Gerard Muñoz (Spain) - MARTIN Philippine (Belgium)*

Panelists (nurses and physiotherapists):

- *Nicole Shearman (Germany)*
- *Rebecca Keating (Australia)*
- *Arietta Spinou (UK)*
- *Patient Representative:*
 - o *M. Almagro (Spain)*
 - o *TBD*

15.10 – 15.45

AIRWAY CLEARANCE AND INHALED MUCOACTIVE DRUGS/AGENTS

Chairs: *A. Bellofiore (Italy), J. Bradley (UK)*

15.10 – 15.25

Evidence of effectiveness and sequence of practice in clinic exercise

S. Mooney (New Zeland)

15.25 – 15.40

ERS Guidelines 2025: nonpharmacological interventions

B. Herrero (Spain)

15.40 – 15.45

Discussion

15:45 – 16:15

COFFEE BREAK

16.15 – 17.25

AIRWAY CLEARANCE: CLINICAL CASES DISCUSSION

Facilitators: *G. Reychler (France), P. McCallion (UK), Nurse TBD (Italy), T. Buttner (Germany)*

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 (1 adult – 1 paediatric) alternatively so that each group will work only on one case. Plan to have hard copies of the cases

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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

Page 23	14.00 – 15.00	DIAGNOSIS Chairs: <i>Jane Lucas (UK), Adam Shapiro (US)</i>
	14.00 – 14.20	Update on clinical genetics for PCD <i>Deborah Morris-Rosendahl (UK)</i>
	14.20 – 14.30	Case presentations with learning points <i>Ben Ole Staar (Germany)</i>
	14.30 – 14.40	Diagnosis in resource limited setting <i>Diana Mwendwa Marangu (Kenya)</i>
	14.40 – 15.00	Collaborative Research in PCD: Insights from the International PCD Registry <i>Johanna Raidt (Germany)</i>
	15.00 – 15.45	MANAGEMENT Chairs: <i>Myrona Goutaki (Switzerland), Felix Ringhausen (Germany)</i>
	15.00 – 15.15	Bronchiectasis management – what should we do differently in PCD <i>Lucy Morgan (Australia)</i>
	15.15 – 15.25	Lung transplantation for PCD - The French experience <i>Nicolas Carlier (France)</i>
	15.25 – 15.45	Outcome measures and disease monitoring Laboratory based outcome measures and patient reported outcomes – <i>Amelia Shoemark (UK)</i> Imaging and Lung function outcome measures – <i>Kim Nielsen (Denmark)</i>
	15:45 – 16:15	COFFEE BREAK



PCD Track

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- 16.15 – 17.30** **WHAT'S NEW IN PCD AND FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTION**
Chairs: *Ellie Maas (Australia), Amelia Shoemark (UK)*
- 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 SPONSORED LECTURE

18.00 – 19.00 SESSION VI: JOURNAL SESSION
ERJ, AJRCCM, CHEST Journal

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

3 Journals, 3 articles

(detailed programme to be disclosed end of May)

19:00 – 20:00 POSTER SESSION I

19:00 – 20:00 MEET THE EXPERT: Junior professionals meet senior experts – Session II
One-to-one meetings with experts – dedicated to the junior professional
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08:00 – 09:00 **MEET THE EXPERT: Junior professionals meet senior experts – Session III**
One-to-one meetings with experts – dedicated to the 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 **What patients would like to say to their care team and what patients would like their care team to talk with them about**

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 insights, or chairs can come from big registries to provide their perspective.

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

Any abstracts not selected 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)*

Panellists

Doreen Addrizzo – Harris (US) – US perspective

Stefano Aliberti (Italy) – European perspective

Lucy Burr (Australia) – Australian perspective

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

11:30 – 11:35 **What can it mean for you and your career becoming a “Rising Star”**

Ellie Maas (Australia), Francesca Nicola (Italy) – Rising Star WBC 2025

11:35 – 11:48 **First lecture**

Rising Star

Presentation 10', question time 3'

11:48 – 12:01 **Second lecture**

Rising Star

Presentation 10', question time 3'

12:01 – 12:14 **Third lecture**

Rising Star

Presentation 10', question time 3'

12:14 – 12:27 **Forth lecture**

Rising Star

Presentation 10', question time 3'

12:27 – 12:30 *Voting by the public & scientific commission*

2 winner prizes (disclosed during the closing remarks).

12.30 – 13.30 SESSION XI: TBA



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13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH, NETWORKING, EXHIBITION VISIT, POSTER SESSION

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JUNIOR PROFESSIONALS MENTORING PROGRAMME

13.00 – 14:00

Burning cases in Bronchiectasis

Live discussion of real-life clinical cases.

Christoph Fisser (Germany), Espen Groth (Germany), Lidia Perea (Spain), Ben Ole Staar (Germany)

13.00 – 14:00

How to design a clinical trial in bronchiectasis

Mentors: Stefano Aliberti (Italy), Charles Daley (US), Mattia Nigro (Italy)

Activities reserved for Junior Professionals

Pre-registration required. Limited places available on a first come first served basis.

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<p>NTM-PD 360°: From Diagnostic Shadows to Therapeutic Precision</p> <p>Chair: Stefano Aliberti (Italy), Natalie Lorent (Belgium)</p> <p>Track developed in collaboration with</p> 	<p>PAEDIATRIC</p> <p>Refiloe Masekela (South Africa)</p> <p>Track developed in collaboration with</p>  	<p>PATIENTS</p> <p>Chair: Donna Heilweil (Switzerland)</p> <p>Track developed in collaboration with</p>  <p>Bronchiectasen e.v. Gemeinsam besser verstehen</p> 
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15:45 – 16:15 COFFEE BREAK

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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**
Kevin Winthrop (US)
- 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**
Sara Mariani (Italy)
- 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)*



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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

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*



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The track may have simultaneous translation German - English and will be broadcast with possibility for remote participants to submit questions and comments.

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17.30 – 18.30

SESSION XII: BRONCHIECTASIS & ILD

Chairs: *Raja Dhar (India), Theresa Graalmann (Germany)*

17.30 – 17.50

Bronchiectasis and ILD: Shared mechanisms and fundamental differences

Michael Kreuter (Germany) – for ILD

Michal Shteinberg (Israel) – for bronchiectasis

17.50 – 18.20

Panel discussion: Implications for clinical management and future research

Panellists

Sabine Dettmer (Germany)

Raja Dhar (India)

Theresa Graalmann (Germany)

Michael Kreuter (Germany)

Benjamin Seeliger (Germany)

Michal Shteinberg (Israel)

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

19:00 – 20:00

MEET THE EXPERT: Junior professionals meet senior experts – Session IV

One-to-one meetings with experts – dedicated to the junior professional

Prebooking on congress website mandatory



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08:00 – 09:00 MEET THE EXPERT: The junior professionals meet the senior experts – session V

One to one meeting with the expert – dedicated to junior professional
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08.30 – 09.00 ORAL PRESENTATIONS II

Chairs: *Letizia Traversi (Italy), Micheál Mac Aogáin (Ireland)*

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

**09.00 – 10.00 SESSION XIII: WHAT KEEPS US AWAKE AT NIGHT
END STAGE LUNG DISEASES**

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

09.00 – 09.15 **The patient on the transplant waiting list. Lung Transplant evaluation and complications**

Letizia Morlacchi (Italy)

09.15 – 09.30 **NTM advanced and refractory disease**

Raquel Duarte (Portugal)

09.30 – 09.45 **The patient with multiresistant bacterial infection**

Sehgal Inderpaul Singh (India)

09.45 – 10.00 Discussion

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10.00 – 11.00 **SESSION XIV – DISEASE MODIFICATION IN BRONCHIECTASIS: WHAT IS IT AND CAN WE ACHIEVE IT?**

Chairs: James D Chalmers (UK), Patrick Flume (US)

10.00 – 10.15 **What is Disease progression?**

Shoshana Zha (US)

10.15 – 10.30 **Preventing progression: what evidence do we have?**

Charles Haworth (UK)

10.30 – 11:00 **Panel discussion on disease modification**

Panellists

Charles Haworth (UK)

Marcus Mall (Germany)

Chris Richards (US)

Shoshana Zha (US)

Freddy Frost (UK)

11:00 – 11:30 *COFFEE BREAK*

11.30 – 12.30 **SESSION XV – ONGOING TRIALS / POTENTIAL NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK**

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

3 lectures + discussion

Programme to be disclosed a few weeks before the conference



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12.30 – 13.00

CLOSING LECTURE

Chair: *Gregory Tino (US)*

12.30 – 12.50

Bronchiectasis 2026 revisited - 4 days of personal exchange and exceptional science

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 Jessica Rademacher

Won-Jung Koh Award - presented by Felix C. Ringshausen

Tobias Welte Award – more details to follow

Posters Awards

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