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# INVITATION

International Multidisciplinary  
Symposium

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**13 November 2025**  
9 am – 5 pm

**Klinik Floridsdorf**  
Brünner Straße 68  
1210 Vienna  
Austria

## Multimodal Mesothelioma Therapy – after MARS2

**Local Chairs:** T. Klikovits • S. Watzka

**Program Committee:** M. Hochmair, T. Klikovits, I. Opitz, A. Rimner, S. Watzka

# Welcome Note

## Dear participants,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to our comprehensive one-day international mesothelioma symposium, bringing together leading experts from across Europe. This event offers a unique platform to discuss the latest advancements and challenges in the diagnosis and treatment of pleural mesothelioma — a complex and aggressive disease requiring coordinated, cross-specialty approaches.

During the symposium, we will explore state-of-the-art therapeutic strategies, with a particular focus on surgical interventions, systemic therapies, radiation and innovative multimodal treatments. Our international experts will share cutting-edge research, clinical experiences and perspectives that reflect the rapidly evolving landscape of mesothelioma care.



**Thomas Klikovits**



**Stefan Watzka**

By fostering collaboration between thoracic surgeons, oncologists, radiation-oncologists, pathologists and researchers, this meeting aims to enhance our understanding and to optimize outcomes for patients with pleural mesothelioma. We are confident that the exchange of ideas and knowledge will inspire new approaches and strengthen international cooperation.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vienna for a day of engaging scientific exchange, professional networking and shared dedication to advancing the care of pleural mesothelioma.

# Program

## **SESSION 1 (9 am – 10:30 am) – CET: Histopathology and systemic treatment**

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“Histopathology and molecular profiling”

(D. Krenbek, Vienna, Austria)

“The new era of immunotherapy”

(A. Scherpereel, Lille, France)

“Future developments in the systemic treatment”

(M. Hochmair, Vienna, Austria)

**BREAK (10:30 am – 11:00 am) – CET**

## **SESSION 2 (11 am – 12:30 pm) – CET: The value of multimodality treatment including surgery**

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Keynote Lecture “Is mesothelioma surgery after MARS2 still appropriate?”

(I. Opitz, Zurich, Switzerland)

“New concepts in radiation therapy of pleural mesothelioma”

(A. Rimner, Freiburg, Germany)

“Modern intracavitary treatment options”

(O. Theisen-Lauk, Zurich, Switzerland)

**LUNCH BREAK (12:30 pm – 1:30 pm) – CET**

**SESSION 3 (1:30 pm – 3 pm) – CET:  
Individualized treatment**

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**“Pro-Con discussion about routine pericardial and diaphragmatic resection in EPD”**

(Pro: C. Aigner, Vienna, Austria; Con: A. Bille, London, UK)

**“Therapeutic challenges in long-term survivors of pleural mesothelioma”**

(S. Watzka, Vienna, Austria)

**“How to select patients for optimal treatment strategies”**

(T. Klikovits, Vienna, Austria)

**BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:30 pm) – CET**

**SESSION 4 (3:30 pm – 5 pm) – CET:  
Staging and case discussion**

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**“The new TNM-9 staging for PM”**

(A. Bille, London, UK)

**Presentation/Discussion of two clinical cases**

(M. Benej, Vienna, Austria;

O. Theisen-Lauk, Zurich, Switzerland)

# Speakers

## **Univ.-Prof. Dr. Clemens Aigner, MBA**

MedUni Wien, Vienna, Austria

## **OA Dr. Michal Benej, PhD**

Klinik Floridsdorf, Vienna, Austria

## **Andrea Bille, MD PhD FRCS**

Guys Hospital, London, UK

## **OA Dr. Maximilian Hochmair**

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## **OA Priv.-Doz. Dr. Thomas Klikovits**

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## **Prim. Dr. Dagmar Krenbek**

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## **Prof. Dr. Isabelle Schmitt-Opitz**

University Hospital Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

## **OA Dr. Andreas Rimner**

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## **Pr Arnaud Scherpereel, M.D. Ph.D.**

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Participation  
is free  
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Registration  
required.

## Registration page:

<https://medahead-fortbildung.at/event/mesotheliomacongress2025/>



## Registration deadlines:

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, for in-person attendance

**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, for online attendance

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