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**International Multidisciplinary
Symposium**

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13 November 2025
9 am – 5 pm

Klinik Floridsdorf
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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

“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

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

“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

“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

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November 8th, 2025, for in-person attendance

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