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Vienna International Thoracic Oncology Summit 2026

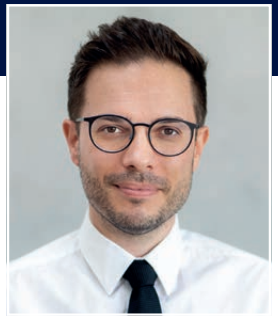
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Welcome Note

Dear Colleagues,

it is our distinct pleasure to invite you to the **Vienna International Thoracic Oncology Summit (VITOS)**, taking place in Vienna 20–21 November 2026.

This exclusive two-day scientific meeting will bring together an exceptional faculty of internationally renowned experts to discuss the latest developments in thoracic malignancies, including non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), small cell lung cancer (SCLC), mesothelioma and thymic malignancies. Through state-of-the-art lectures, expert panel discussions and interdisciplinary exchange, the Summit will highlight emerging scientific insights, innovative therapeutic strategies and future directions in thoracic oncology.



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Hosted in the historic and inspiring city of Vienna, a long-standing center of medical excellence and scientific innovation, **VITOS** aims to create a distinguished platform for collaboration among leading clinicians and researchers from across the globe.
We are honored to welcome you to this unique gathering and look forward to two days of outstanding science, stimulating discussion and meaningful international exchange.
We look forward to welcoming you to Vienna.



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SESSION 1 (9 am – 10:30 am) – CET: Screening & Early stage NSCLC

20 min. **"Do we really need lung cancer screening – and who benefits most in 2026"**
Helmut Prosch, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

20 min. **"Blood based early detection – where are we?"**
Rafael Rosell, Pangaea Oncology, Barcelona, Spain

20 min. **"Stage I NSCLC: Surgery in the era of sublobar resection and robotics"**
Stephen Cassivi, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, USA

20 min. **"Is stereotactic radiation treatment less invasive while more effective than surgery?"**
Andreas Rimner, University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany

10 min. **Discussion**

BREAK (10:30 am – 11:00 am) – CET

SESSION 2 (11 am – 12:30 pm) – CET: Locally Advanced NSCLC – Resectability Redefined

25 min. **"Immunotherapy or targeted treatment: how does it affect pathological diagnosis?"**
Luka Brcic, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

25 min. **"Perioperative Treatment and borderline resectable NSCLC: the surgeons perspective"**
Luca Bertolaccini, University of Milan & European Institute of Oncology IRCCS, Milan, Italy

25 min. **"(Neo)adjuvant or perioperative systemic treatment: the oncologists perspective"**
Patrick Forde, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

15 min. **Discussion**

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

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SESSION 3 (1:30 pm – 3 pm) – CET: Hot topics stage IV in 2026 – Precision, Resistance, and Beyond (including best of ASCO/ESMO/WCLC)

25 min. **"Immunotherapy – beyond PD-1: combinations, biomarkers, sequencing"**
Arnaud Scherpereel, Hospital of the University (CHU) of Lille, Lille, France

25 min. **"Targeted treatment and ADCs"**
Maximilian Hochmair, Klinik Floridsdorf, Vienna, Austria

25 min. **"Oligometastatic NSCLC – who benefits from aggressive local therapy?"**
Isabelle Opitz, University Hospital Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

15 min. **Discussion**

BREAK (3 pm – 3:30 pm) – CET

SESSION 4 (3:30 pm – 5 pm) – CET: Interdisciplinary case discussion – Real World Decision Making

Case presentation
Marko Jakopovic, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

Panel onsite experts
Lucian Beer
Luca Bertolaccini
Luka Brcic
Marko Jakopovic
Andreas Rimner
Arnaud Scherpereel

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REGISTRATION OPENS AT 8:30 am

SESSION 5 (9 am – 10:30 am) – CET: Multidisciplinary treatment of small cell lung cancer (SCLC) and Thymoma

15 min. **"Modern surgical concepts for Thymoma"**
Franca Melfi, University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy

45 min. **"Limited disease SCLC"**
Pernelle Lavaud, Gustave Roussy, Villejuif, France
Andrea Bille, Guy's Hospital, London, UK
Gerry Hanna, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

15 min. **"Extensive disease SCLC"**
Anne-Marie Dingemans, Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands

15 min. **Discussion**

BREAK (10:30 am – 11:00 am) – CET

SESSION 6 (11 am – 12:30 pm) – CET: State of the Art treatment for pleural mesothelioma – Is Multimodality Still Relevant?

25 min. **"Is surgery +/– intracavitary treatment still appropriate?"**
Thomas Klikovits, Klinik Floridsdorf, Vienna, Austria

25 min. **"Current strategies and future horizons of systemic treatment"**
Hedy Lee Kindler, University of Chicago, Chicago, USA

25 min. **"Radiation therapy for pleural mesothelioma"**
Charles B. Simone, New York Proton Center, New York, USA

"Palliative surgery for a rare and aggressive malignancy"
David Waller, NHS, London, UK

15 min. **Discussion**

FAREWELL (12:30 pm – 1:00 pm) – CET

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